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FREE FIRST FRIDAY OPENING ON NOV. 1

AT OC ARTS CENTER FEATURES FIVE NEW ART SHOWS

OCEAN CITY, MD — Oct. 25, 2024 — The Art League of Ocean City announces their free First Friday art opening on Nov. 1, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. bayside. All are welcome, and admission is free with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Montgomery Financial is sponsoring the beverages.

The Thaler Gallery opens a new show entitled “Modern Allegories” featuring a trio of artists — Susanna Eisenman, Felisa Federman, and David Hollander.

Eisenman, formerly a resident of Berlin, Md. who relocated to Easton, Md., majored in textile design at the Rhode Island School of Design and also studied at the Maryland Institute College of Art. She is interested in art as storytelling and the recording and commemoration of events. “As some of our history is told from a single viewpoint, I want to call attention to the untold stories as a way of starting a dialogue and appreciation for others' experiences,” Eisenman said. “And so much history is abridged or even deliberately misrepresented that I want to ensure the Asian American experience in America is told.”

Federman of Potomac, Md. is presenting a series of fiber art about women and migrations. “The series provides an open-end view of contemporary and global social-economical and cultural issues,” she said. “It will encourage

conversations to an intergenerational community at large about the techniques I used and the meaning of each artwork.” Her fiber mixed media work depicts movement of communities through nature.

Hollander of Millville, De. is exhibiting artwork that revolves around universal Humanist themes, as opposed to specific cultural or political topics. Some of his paintings are meant to inspire, others to disrupt. “The Weather Report Suite is a collection of allegorical paintings that explores the relationship of weather patterns to psychic states,” Hollander said. “Images often derive from literature, poetry and music. *You Don't Miss Your Water* and *Looks Like Rain* both tie love song lyrics to climate conditions.”

The Sisson Galleria features an all-media group show entitled "The Art of Gratitude." As the Thanksgiving season approaches, this exhibit reminds viewers of what they have to be grateful for. The show artists celebrate their expression with artwork created to express thanks, including abstract interpretations or capturing a moment of beauty or a meaningful object. Susan Holt of Salisbury, Md. is the judge for the show.

Plein air painters Nancy Fine and Rhonda Ford share Studio E in November. Fine, who lives in northern Baltimore County, said, “The love of nature holds my heart. It is spiritual. It is my studio.” Fine is noted for her interpretation of surroundings, her use of lush colors, and the freedom of brushwork and palette knife.

Ford lives in Easton, Md. where she is active in the Working Artists Forum and the Plein Air Painters of the Chesapeake Bay. “Plein air painting has given me the opportunity to combine a love of outdoors and painting,” she said. Ford has been participating in many local events as well as being juried into Plein Air Easton the last two years.

Greg Cannizzaro of Selbyville, De. is the exhibiting watercolor painter in the Schwab Spotlight Gallery in November. A native of Baltimore, he attended the Maryland Institute College of Arts for a degree in graphic design, from which he is now retired. “I have a passion for landscapes, old barns, nature, old cars, locals scenes, and the beach,” Cannizzaro said.

The Artisan Showcase features work by Felicia Belair-Rigdon of Lewes, De. in November. A collage and assemblage artist, she is best known for works that address memory and ideas of the past. “By combining the fragments of my own memory and other-worldly themes through the employment of classical imagery and treasured objects, I see the work as a synergy of spirituality versus attraction while reaching into the future at the same time.”

Elizabeth Grey continues her exhibit, “Different Imagination,” in the Staircase Galley, through December.

In the satellite galleries, Lisa Guerriero of Ocean City presents her photography at the Princess Royale, 9110 Coastal Hwy. Theresa Alo of Indian Head, Md. exhibits her acrylic paintings, mixed media, and ceramics at the Coffee Beanery on 94th St.

Exhibits at the Arts Center run through Nov. 30; satellite galleries through Dec. 28. More information is available at OCart.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to artistic expression and appreciation for the creative arts in our community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs, and community art projects. Funding is provided in part by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council, and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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