

#### A MESSAGE FROM RINA



Recently I received an email from an Art League member who shared a clip from the CBS Sunday Morning show with a note that said, "Thought

that said, "Thought you would enjoy seeing this." The video was from a segment with 87-year-old Jane Fonda where she shared the secret to aging well, including having a good attitude and finding community. And it can add 7.5 years to your life.

"Having a solid community is the most important component of aging well," she stated. "There are a million ways to do it, but one you can start now from anywhere is taking art classes." Fonda continued, "Art classes are a great way to build community" and add purpose to your life. She quotes a recent National Endowment of Arts study that found art classes increase mental engagemen and physical activity and build social engagement. And it is not just visual art that helps, but also singing, theater, dance, flower arranging, and more.

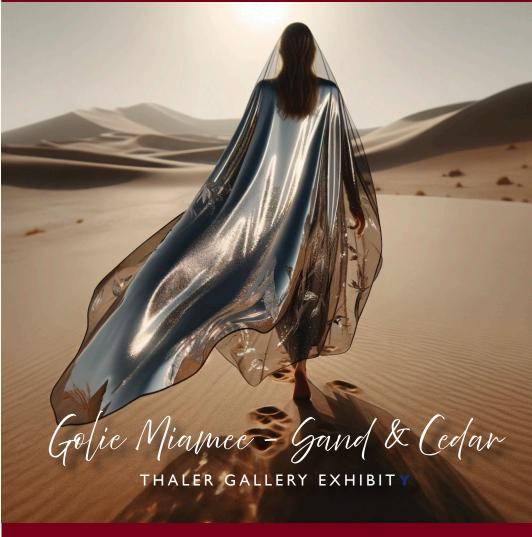
Community is something you can find at the Art League of Ocean City. Whether you are an exhibiting artist, art appreciator, volunteer, or student, lifelong friendships have blossomed here and brought joy to so many. Consider taking Jane Fonda's advice and signing up for an art class. You'll have fun, learn something new, meet people, find community, and you just might live longer too! Here's the link to Jane's story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQXAJRY6XYs

Rina Thaler Executive Director

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# FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER & CLASSES



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FREE FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FEBRUARY 7, 2025 5 TO 7 PM

Art for Golie Miamee, an American-born Iranian-American artist, is a passion and a primary form of expression. A world traveler who loves to photograph and capture her journeys, her background is in computer science and graphic design. Golie considers herself a visual artist, rather than a traditional photographer, who uses a photograph as her canvas and digital editing as the main medium. She strives to let her audience see the world as she sees it through her lens.

Locally, Golie's artwork is on display at Spain Wine Bar at the Cambria Hotel, owned and curated by her husband Peter Elias. The couple will soon be opening a second location in Ocean Pines, also called Sand & Cedar. Read more about it on page 8.



Golie Miamee golieart.com

# WELCOME TO OUR 9TH SEASON

#### KICK-OFF PARTY FEB 15, 6 - 8PM

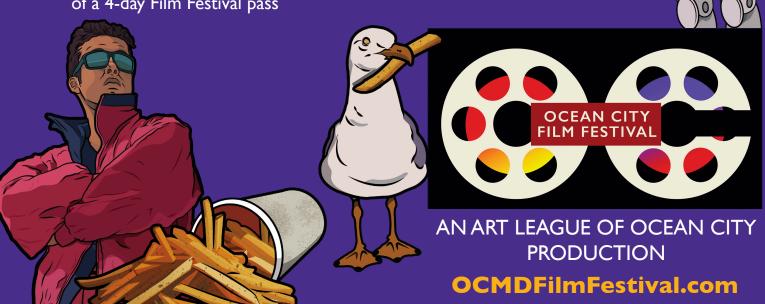
- FREE celebration for all at the Ocean City Center for the Arts
- Unveiling of official 2025 poster by artist lan Postley
- Sneak peak of films from this year's Film Festival
- Hors d'oeuvres and drinks

#### FREE SIGNED POSTER

Get a free official poster at the Kick-Off Party with purchase of a 4-day Film Festival pass

FILM FESTIVAL MARCH 6 - 9

- 93+ independentlyproduced local and international films
- Film Screenings at Flagship
   Cinemas, Gold Coast Theaters,
   Dough Roller 41st St.,
   Cambria Hotel, Ashore Hotel,
   and Seacrets,
- Mingle with the film creatives at cocktail parties, after-parties, morning coffee chats, and screenings.





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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED >





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## Complementary Colors

A group show featuring all media where artists used colors across from each other on the color wheel to create their art.

#### **STUDIO E**



## SALISBURY UNIV. STUDENTS FROM THE GLASS STUDIO

Salisbury University has a Bachelor of Fine Art Glass Program that is one of only 30 in the country.

Current students and recent graduates have gone on to earn MFA degrees, start their own glassmaking studios, and work in private studios and commercial factories. They show their work in top-tier galleries and museums around the world including the prestigious Corning Museum of Glass.

#### THALER GALLERY



**GOLIE MIAMEE** 

#### **ARTISAN SHOWCASE**

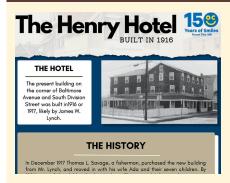




## PRINCESS ROYALE SUZY QUADER

Soft pastels of local landscapes by this Ocean Pines artist. 9110 Coastal Highway

#### **SPOTLIGHT**



PHOTOS FROM THE OCEAN CITY LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM ARCHIVES

#### BURBAGE STAIRCASE GALLERY



## COFFEE BEANERY ALEXIS McKENZIE

Colorful and abstract mixed media by the Rehoboth Beach artist.

94th & Coastal Hwy.



#### **FEBRUARY I**

Drawing for Better Watercolors with Leo Kahl 9:30am - 3:30pm \$95/\$115

Kids' Pottery Ages 7 - 13 with Sarah Halcott 12 - 1pm \$35/\$42



Pottery Wheel Class with Sarah Halcott 2 - 4pm \$65/\$78

Chair Yoga in Gallery with Sarah Halcott 4:15 - 5pm \$15/\$20

#### **FEBRUARY 2**

Intro to Cold Wax and Oil with Kathy Gibson
10am - 3pm \$125/\$150

Kid's Pop-Up Valentine Cards with Barbara Miller 1 - 3pm \$20/\$24

#### **FEBRUARY 4**

Mice are Nice Needle Felting with Alicia Rappold
10am - 2pm \$35/\$44

Essential Drawing Perspectives #4 with Jennifer Carter 5 - 7pm \$35/\$42

#### **FEBRUARY 5**

Home School Pottery with Sara Halcott
12 - 1:30pm \$35/\$42

Pottery Wheel Class with Sarah Halcott 2 - 4pm \$65/\$78

Online Interior Drawing with David Simpson 4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

#### **FEBRUARY 5**

Adult Pottery Hand Building with Sarah Halcott 5 - 6pm \$45/\$54

#### **FEBRUARY 6**

Fused Glass Jewelry with Pete Gibson 5 - 7:30pm \$80/\$90

Kids Paint After Van Gogh with Sinead O'Harte 10 - 11:30am \$30/\$36

#### **FEBRUARY 7**

Flower Arranging with Joan Guerriero
10am - 12pm \$32/38

From My Home to Yours Fused Glass Plates with Pete Gibson 10:30am - 1pm \$80/\$90

#### **FEBRUARY 8**

Geometric Glass Dish with Pete Gibson 10am - 12:30pm \$95/\$110

Cold-Press Soapmaking with Mithila Jegathesan 1 - 3pm \$50/\$60

iPhone/iPad Photography with Tom Kennedy 9:30am - 12:30pm \$35/\$44

#### **FEBRUARY 9**

Free Writers & Beyond
No Instructor
1 - 3pm Free

Beginner Crocheting
with Mary Anne Cooper
11am - 12:30pm \$20/\$24

#### **FEBRUARY 10**

Charcuterie Boards with Joan Guerriero 1 - 3pm \$32/\$38

Watercolor Open Studio No instructor, self-directed 1 - 3pm Free

#### **FEBRUARY 11**

Gouache/Acrylic Painting with Joanne Guilfoil 9:30am - 12pm \$30/\$38

Wet Soap Felting
with Alicia Rappold
10am - 2pm \$30/\$38

Essential Drawing Portraits #1 with Jennifer Carter 5 - 7pm \$35/\$42

#### **FEBRUARY 12**

Online Interior Drawing with David Simpson 4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

Online Watercolors
with Nancy Ellen Thompson
9:30am - 12:30pm \$30/\$38

Pottery Wheel Class with Robbie Johnson 2 - 4pm \$65/\$78

Adult Hand-Building Pottery with Robbie Johnson
5 - 6pm \$45/\$54

#### **FEBRUARY 13**

Local Colors Watercolors with Gerilyn Gaskill
10am - 1pm \$30/\$38



Pre-School Art Class Ages 4-6 with Sinead O'Harte 10 - 11am \$25/\$30

#### **FEBRUARY 14**

Silverplate Rings/Pendants with Neal Denion 9am - 12:30pm \$82/\$96

#### **FEBRUARY 14**

Copper Cuff Bracelets with Neal Denion
1 - 4pm \$82/\$96

#### **FEBRUARY 15**

Free Family Art Day - Hearts with Barbara Buford 10am - 12pm Free

Journaling + Drawing/Painting with Jacqueline Bruce-Yamin 1 - 3pm \$30/\$38

Kid's Pottery Ages 7-13 with Sarah Halcott 2 - 3:30pm \$35/\$42

Silverplate Rings/Pendants with Neal Denion
9:30am - 12:30pm \$82/\$96
1 - 4pm \$82/\$96

#### **FEBRUARY 18**

Essential Drawing Portraits #2 with Jennifer Carter 5 - 7pm \$35/\$42

#### FEBRUARY 19

Pottery Wheel Class with Sarah Halcott 2 - 4pm \$65/\$78

Home School Pottery with Sarah Halcott 12 - 1:30pm \$35/\$42

Online Interior Drawing with David Simpson
4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

Adult Pottery Hand Building with Sarah Halcott 5 - 6pm \$45/\$54

#### **FEBRUARY 20**

Local Colors Watercolors with Gerilyn Gaskill
10am - 1pm \$30/\$38



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#### **FEBRUARY 20**

Fused Glass Jewelry with Pete Gibson 5 - 7:30pm \$80/\$90

#### **FEBRUARY 21**

From My Home to Yours Fused Glass Plates with Pete Gibson 10:30am - 1pm \$80/\$90

Online Acrylic Flower Painting with Jacqueline Bruce-Yamin
10am - 12pm \$25/\$30

#### **FEBRUARY 22**

Geometric Glass Dish with Pete Gibson 10am - 12:30pm \$95/\$110

Kids Paint After George Seurat with Sinead O'Harte
1:30 - 3pm \$30/\$36

#### **FEBRUARY 25**

Essential Drawing Portraits #3 with Jennifer Carter 5 - 7pm \$35/\$42

#### **FEBRUARY 26**

Pottery Wheel Class with Robbie Johnson 2 - 4pm \$65/\$78

Online Interior Drawing with David Simpson 4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

#### **FEBRUARY 27**

Healing heART & Soul with Barbara Buford 5:30 - 7:30pm FREE

#### **MARCH I**

Pour Paint an Octopus with Cindy Strouse
10am - 12:30pm \$30/\$36

Chair Yoga in Gallery with Sarah Halcott 4:15 - 5pm \$15/\$20

#### **MARCH I**

Kids' Pottery Ages 7 - 13 with Sarah Halcott 12 - 1pm \$35/\$42

#### **MARCH 4**

2D Flower Needle Felting with Alicia Rappold
10am - 2pm \$35/\$44

Watercolor Washes #1 with Jennifer Carter 5 - 7pm \$35/\$42

#### MARCH 5

Pottery Wheel Class with Sarah Halcott 2 - 4pm \$65/\$78

Online Drawing Perspective 1
with David Simpson
4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

Adult Pottery Hand Building with Sarah Halcott 5 - 6pm \$45/\$54

#### MARCH 10

Hanging Sun Catchers with Joan Guerriero
10am - 12pm \$58/\$70

#### **MARCH II**

Gouache/Acrylic Painting with Joanne Guilfoil
9:30am - 12pm \$30/\$38

Watercolor Washes #2 with Jennifer Carter 5 - 7pm \$35/\$42

#### MARCH 12

Online Watercolors
with Nancy Ellen Thompson
9:30am - 12:30pm \$30/\$38

Online Drawing Perspective 2
with David Simpson
4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

Pottery Wheel Class with Robbie Johnson 2 - 4pm \$65/\$78

#### MARCH 12

Adult Hand-Building Pottery with Robbie Johnson 5 - 6pm \$45/\$54

#### MARCH 13

Local Colors Watercolors with Gerilyn Gaskill
10m - 1pm \$30/\$38

Fused Glass Jewelry with Pete Gibson 5 - 7:30pm \$80/\$90

Kids Paint After Picasso with Sinead O'Harte
10 - 11:30am \$30/\$36

#### MARCH 14

From My Home to Yours Fused Glass Plates with Pete Gibson 10:30am - 1pm \$80/\$90

Silverplate Rings/Pendants with Neal Denion
9am - 12:30pm \$82/\$96

Copper Cuff Bracelets with Neal Denion
1 - 4pm \$82/\$96

#### MARCH 15

Free Family Art Day - Kites with Barbara Buford 10am - 12pm FREE

Kid's Pottery Ages 7-13 with Sarah Halcott 2 - 4pm \$35/\$42



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Our website has all the information you'll need about class description, supplies, cancellations, etc.

#### FEBRUARY MULTI-DAY WORKSHOPS



2-Day Watercolors - Wild Animals & Furry Friends with Gerilyn Gaskill February 4 - 5 9:30am - 3pm \$100/\$125



3-Week Essential Drawing Skills - Portraits with Jennifer Carter February 11 • 18 • 25 5 - 7pm \$120/\$144



4-Week Winter Mosaics
with Carol Rydel
February 9 • 16 • 23 • March 2
9:30am - 3:30pm \$250/\$300



2-Day Sophisticated Simplicity in Watercolor with Mick McAndrews February 17 - 18 10am - 3:30pm \$360/\$432

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#### UPCOMING **MARCH** WORKSHOPS

2-Day Adventures in Watercolors with Gerilyn Gaskill March 4 & 5 9:30am - 3pm *\$100/\$125* 

2-Week Essential Watercolors - Transparent Washes with Jennifer Carter March 4 & 11 5 - 7pm *\$60/\$72* 

3-Day Watercolor Bootcamp with Robin Poteet March 17, 18 & 19

9:30am - 3:30pm \$460/\$575



#### FREE! WRITERS & BEYOND

With author Joanne Guilfoil February 9, 1 - 3 pm

The first session of a three-month workshop will feature a published local author who will discuss her work and provide writing prompts for sessions two and three. Free but please register at OCart.org/classes.

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COUNTRY DOWN

Attend one session or all four.

WINTER: Friday, Feb 21, 6 - 9pm, Saturday, Feb 22, 9am - 2pm

SPRING: - Friday, April 25, 6-9pm, Saturday, April 26, 9am - 2pm

SUMMER: Friday, July 18, 6 - 9pm, Saturday, July 19, 9am - 2pm

FALL: Friday, Nov 14, 6 - 9pm, Saturday, Nov 15, 9am - 2pm

This unique retreat is a year long event and collaboration between the Art League and Mariner's Country Down, a large preserved forest and farm in Berlin. This photographic retreat will culminate with a future exhibition of the created work at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

The master photographer and instructor Tom Kennedy will personalize the experience for the students attending the retreat. Each session includes hands-on instruction from Tom, shooting time, a light dinner on Friday, coffee/pastries on Saturday, and lunch on Saturday.

\$200 members/\$250 non-members per session Register at OCart.org/classes

#### MAYA BRATTEN LEADS THE ART LEAGUE'S AFTER-SCHOOL ART CLUB IN POCOMOKE

"Our after-school art club provides children with an enriching and creative outlet that nurtures their development in countless ways. Visual arts encourage self-expression, foster problem-solving skills, and build confidence as students learn to turn their ideas into tangible creations. Our art club also promotes collaboration and empathy, as children share their perspectives and appreciate the unique visions of others.

"I deeply enjoy teaching the art club because it allows me to guide children in exploring their creativity while teaching them to embrace challenges and think critically. Watching students grow as they master new techniques and discover their own artistic voices is incredibly rewarding. The arts play an essential roles in schools, offering a balance to academic subjects and providing children with the tools they need to communicate, connect, and thrive in a vibrant and diverse world."



Maya Bratten Pocomoke Elementary School

The After-School Art Clubs in Worcester County schools are funded by the Art League and a grant from Worcester County Arts Council. Your donations help support this worthy outreach.

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## Bus Trips

## BARNES FOUNDATION MUSEUM PHILADELPHIA

Thursday, Feb. 20, 8:30am - 7:30pm

Bus departs 8:30am from ACME parking lot, 94th Street, Ocean City, returns 7:30pm

\$95 members/\$115 non-members

The Art League's Robinson Fellow Jennifer Carter will lead our group through the Barnes Foundation where you'll fall in love again with works by Impressionist, Post Impressionist, and early Modernist artists. Join fellow art lovers on this wonderful excursion. Snacks and water provided on the bus. Seating is limited so please register early.









Scan here to register
- or go to OCart.org/classes

## GET A TASTE OF THE NEW SAND & CEDAR TAVERNA, OUR FIRST FRIDAY HORS D'OEUVRES SPONSOR

Sand & Cedar Taverna is a unique restaurant concept that takes guests on a captivating journey through the cuisines from Lebanon, Greece, Turkey, and Morocco. The restaurant's architecture is as immersive as its menu, featuring over 40 grand, old-world arches that soar 15 feet high. A stunning art installation by Golie Miamee serves as a powerful metaphor for resilience, growth, and transformation, values that align seamlessly with the spirit of the Taverna. Sand & Cedar Taverna offers more than just food, drink, and art. It provides a sensory journey.



Opening Spring 2025 in Ocean Pines at 11070 Cathell Road