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DECEMBER'S FIRST FRIDAY FEATURES FREE ART OPENINGS AND ARTISAN FAIR AT OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

OCEAN CITY, MD — *Nov. 24, 2025* — First Friday, Dec. 5, 2025, celebrates the holidays at the Ocean City Center for the Arts with two group shows, a small works exhibit, an artisan fair, and special events. The First Friday reception is free and runs from 5-7 p.m. The Arts Center, home of the Art League of Ocean City, is located at 502 94th St. bayside.

Students from the culinary arts program at Worcester Technical High School - under the tutelage of Phil Cropper, the Worcester Co. Teacher of the Year – will provide complimentary holiday bites. PKS Investments is sponsoring complimentary beverages.

The Thaler Gallery at the Arts Center features the Annual Members Juried Group Show featuring artwork in all media by members of the Art League. Jinchul Kim, artist and Professor of Art at Salisbury University, juried the exhibition and selected the winners, who will be awarded cash prizes.

The Sisson Galleria features the Best of 2025, artwork that won awards during Arts Center exhibits during the past year. Studio E features Small Works, small in size and affordable in price for holiday giving.

Angela Pierce is showing her still life paintings in the Spotlight Gallery in December. Rich with influences gleaned from extensive travels and study of art history, Pierce's work bridges rigorous technique and contemporary sensibility.

Glass artist Penny Amici displays her creations in the Felber Artisan Showcase. She has been creating uniquely decorated crystal cocktail stemware under the name Vineyard Road since 2001 and also creates with beveled and stained glass.

The Burbage Staircase Gallery at the Arts Center continues a show by Aria Islam.

The annual Artisan Fair fills the Arts Center for two days with handcrafted items made by local and regional artists. The artists will display their creations during the First Friday art opening from 5-7 p.m. and also on Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Participating artisans include Savitri Khalsa who will be offering her pottery and mosaic jewelry; Theresa Alo, handmade pottery and painted wood; Lisa Guerriero, bottle stoppers, friendship bracelets, and holiday ornaments; and Tia and Tuve Tuve, small metal sculptures.

Also, Joyce Rose, Christmas wreaths and centerpieces; Steven Siorta, hand-crafted wire art; Svetlana McCoy-Rusanova, handmade jewelry; Jason Giusti, blown glass vessels and paperweights; Charlene Wilner, handmade pottery; and Edward Kelleher, handmade ceramics.

On Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., the fair continues with the artisans, and adds a homemade bake sale, a make-your-own holiday card craft, and a raffle for an artistically-filled gift basket. The Octaphouse Sweet Eats With a Twist food truck from Twisted Taphouse will be outside. Ocean City Christmas parade-goers are invited to stop by the Arts Center for a free cup of hot cocoa from a cocoa bar donated by Happy Jack Pancake House.

The art exhibits continue at two Art League satellite galleries in North Ocean City. The main lobby at the Princess Royale Oceanfront, 9110 Coastal Hwy. continues an exhibit by Anabela Ferguson. A second satellite gallery on 94th St. at the Coffee Beanery continues a show of artwork by Gail Stern.

All shows will be on display until Dec. 27. More information is available at www.OCart.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Funding for this event is in part provided 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.