



Art League of Ocean City

Monthly Newsletter — May 2026

Thank you for joining us for another month of creativity at the Art League of Ocean City! This new monthly digital newsletter highlights our latest exhibits, classes, events, and the community impact you help make possible. We're proud to share the art, artists, and programs that continue to enrich life here on the Shore.



Subscribe to our NEW Special Interest Newsletters

Creative Connections Newsletter is a monthly digest dedicated to our community members aged 60 and better. Rather than searching through a full calendar of events, this newsletter brings a curated selection of opportunities directly to your inbox.

What you'll find inside:

- **Health & Vitality:** Proactive wellness tips for healthy aging.
- **Creative Connections Club:** A first look at the social gatherings specifically designed for 60+.
- **Artistic Inspiration:** Classes, programs, & activities to spark your next creative project.

Young Artists Monthly is designed for busy parents and guardians, this is your "cheat sheet" for youth programming. It's the easiest way to keep track of registration dates and family-friendly activities without the clutter.

What you'll find inside:

- **First Access:** Register for camps, classes, and programs your kids will love.
- **Upcoming Calendar:** A list of events to mark which family member wants to create first.

- **Program Spotlights:** Be the first to know about special programs for the family.

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Featured Exhibitions

Showing through May 30

Thaler Gallery: Saltwater Taffy: Fiber Group

Sisson Galleria: Juried Photography Show: "Flora & Fauna"

Studio E: Joanne Guilfoil & Lynn Yockelson: Celebrating the Year of the Horse

Schwab Spotlight Gallery: William Camelio

Felber Artisan Showcase: Maureen Chandler

Offsite Galleries

Princess Royale: Jim Halvorsen

Coffee Beanery: Carly Whittington

Upcoming Events

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

Fri. May 1, 5-7pm

Free

Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and see the new exhibits by a variety of local and regional artists. FREE. All are welcome.

Plus, join us for the unveiling of our Free Little Art Gallery, Community Mural, and newly painted utility box!



CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Fri. May 8th, 11am-1pm

Free

Monthly Art Club designed for individuals aged 60+ who believe that creativity has no retirement date.

In this session: Filmmakers Joan Floyd and Doug Armstrong will talk about making a short film using an iPhone.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

WORLD COLLAGE DAY

with Barbara Buford

Sat. May 9, 10am-2pm

Free

All ages welcome! Drop in for World Collage Day and create your own collage while helping build a community artwork. Funded by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore Women's Leadership Fund.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

FREE ARTIST TALK WITH CARLY WHITTINGTON

Fri. May 15th, 2-4pm

FREE

Get to know Baltimore native and former Towson University art major Carly Whittington, the featured artist at our offsite gallery at The Coffee Beanery.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

ORIGINALS ONLY: NO COVERS, JUST CREATORS

Sat. May 16th, 6-8pm

FREE

Originals Only is a celebration of authentic, original expression across all creative mediums. Join us for a night of creativity, inspiration, and one-of-a-kind performances that are all about celebrating originality.

Lineup: Brad Allen, recess period, Mikel Campbell, The Papers

BAY DAY AT OCEAN PINES

Sun. May 17th, 10am-2pm

FREE

Hosted by Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Ocean Pines Association, this free community event celebrates our local bays with interactive exhibits, live music, food trucks, free boat rides, crafts, and more. Be sure to stop by the Art League of Ocean City booth where we'll be creating a fun kids craft that's easy for all ages and adults too.

GLOBAL PHOTO CONTEST

A chance to WIN up to \$1000! Enter by Jun 22, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET. Sponsored by the White Marlin Open. Proceeds support The Art League of Ocean City.

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER!](#)

[Click Here for All Upcoming Events](#)

Mother's Day



Celebrate Mom with something as creative as she is!

This Mother's Day, give the gift of inspiration with an Art League of Ocean City gift certificate—perfect for classes, workshops, or memberships.

Or stop by our Gift Shop to discover one-of-a-kind, handmade pieces by local and regional artists.

Visit us Monday-Friday 9am-4pm and Saturday-Sunday 11am-4pm or give us a call at 410-524-9433.

Thoughtful, unique, and made with love—just like Mom deserves.

New & Noteworthy Classes

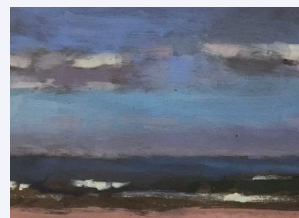
Oil Painting Workshop

Kevin Fitzgerald

May 18-20, 10am-3pm

\$330 Members, \$396 Non-Members

[Register Here](#)



2-Day Workshop - Watercolor Doors, Windows & Passage Ways

Gerilyn Gaskill

May 5-6, 9:30am-3pm

\$100 Members, \$125 Non-Members

[Register Here](#)



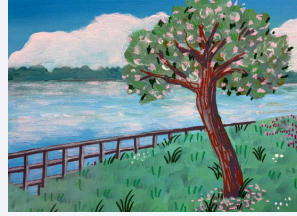
Spring Tree Paint & Sip

Rebecca Morgan

May 7, 5-7pm

\$30 Members, \$36 Non-Members

[Register Here](#)



Spring Garden Pour Painting

Cindy Strouse

May 11, 1-3:30pm

\$30 Members, \$36 Non-Members

[Register Here](#)



Photography

Tom Kennedy

May 16, 9:30am-12:30pm

\$35 Members, \$44 Non-Members

[Register Here](#)



Get Dirty in the Pottery Studio

Sarah Halcott & Robbie Johnson

Mondays & Wednesday for Adults and Children

[Register Here](#)



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[Printable Schedule Of May Classes](#)

Recent Highlights

The Night at the Colosseum Event crowned the 2026 Champion of the Arts!

At Night at the Colosseum on April 18, Courtney Blackford was crowned Champion of the Arts. All gladiators raised a combined total of \$32,000 for Art League outreach and programs. The inaugural Gladiator Games blended spectacle with generosity and launched a new season of Gladiator involvement. Hondo Handy announced a Mini Golf Tournament for Sept. 17, 6–9 p.m., at Old Pro Golf, with more details to come.



Manga & Anime Youth Exhibit

The Schwab Spotlight Gallery presented the work of UMES associate professors Elvin Hernandez, Brad Hudson, and Collin Byrd, alongside student artwork for the month of April 2026. Prizes were awarded to middle school, high school, and college anime artists on the basis of creativity, originality, and artistic merit.

[Click Here for Our Winners!](#)



Springfest Street Painting

During Springfest, the Street Painting Festival—produced by the Art League of Ocean City—delivered a burst of color in the Inlet Lot. Attendees visited the Art League area for make-and-take crafts and could paint a chalk art square for free.

[Click Here for Our Winners!](#)



Summer Starts Here: Camp Registration Is Open!

Young creatives can choose from two exciting sessions — June 29–July 2 (The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe) and August 3–6 (Lost Treasures in Egypt) — for four days of imagination, hands-on learning, and creative adventure.

[June 29-July 2: Visual Arts](#)

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[August 3-6: Visual Arts](#)

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Join/Renew Your Membership

Become part of our creative community or renew your support to enjoy exclusive benefits while helping the arts thrive year-round.

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Free Admission

Open Year Round

9am-4pm Mon-Fri, 11am-4pm Sat-Sun

(410) 524-9433

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