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Art, Inspiration & Celebration: Art League of Ocean City Welcomes the Public to November “First Friday” Opening

OCEAN CITY, MD — October 23, 2026 — Get ready for an evening filled with art, creativity, and community. The Art League of Ocean City invites the public to its popular monthly “First Friday” art opening and party on **November 6, 2026, from 5–7 p.m.** at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, [502 94th St.](#), bayside.

This free event gives art lovers, locals, and visitors a chance to explore exciting new exhibitions, meet artists, and enjoy an evening of community and creativity. Guests can mingle while enjoying complimentary hors d’oeuvres and refreshments.

November’s First Friday features a variety of exhibitions across the Arts Center, highlighting individual artists and themed group shows.

The **Sisson Galleria** will feature *Everyday Heroes*, a group exhibition showcasing work by local and regional artists celebrating the everyday people who make an extraordinary difference in our communities, including veterans, first responders, healthcare workers, and educators. The exhibit will also feature a book signing with author Jackie Kurtz, who will be signing copies of her book, *Everyday Heroes*.

The **Thaler Gallery** will feature painter **Sandy Strachan Buchanan**, known for carefully composed, realistic oil paintings that capture the beauty and detail of her subjects.

Studio E Gallery will feature painter **Rhonda Ford**, whose landscape paintings capture the interplay of light and shadow in nature. Inspired by scenes she encounters while driving, she seeks out moments of light that bring a landscape to life, painting both outdoors and in her studio.

The **Schwab Spotlight Gallery** will feature **Color & Shape: Jack Knight**, showcasing an artist who has explored free-form, marble-like surfaces since 1972. Based in southern Delaware, he experiments with color, form, and shape to create distinctive, contemporary compositions.

The **Artisan Showcase** in the Felber Gift Shop will feature **Debbi Dean**, a self-taught artist who experiments with metal, plaster, painted surfaces, and textured mixed media to create distinctive, one-of-a-kind works of art.

The **Burbage Staircase Gallery** continues with work from the Art League's permanent collection.

Enjoy a **Pop-up Exhibit** by **Maryland Coastal Bays** featuring artwork created by participants during the recent Plein Air painting event at Assateague Island. The exhibit also includes paintings by artist Rebecca Morgan, who led the class, and offers a chance to appreciate the coastal environment through the eyes of local artists.

Additional Highlights of November's First Friday include meeting Art League instructors Cindy Strouse and Carol Rydel to learn about their creative work and discover opportunities to explore your artistic talents through classes and workshops.

In the Art League's satellite galleries for the month of November features, Kathy Denk exhibits at the Coffee Beanery (94th Street and Coastal Highway), and Mason D'Aleo presents artwork in the lobby of the Princess Royale ([9100 Coastal Highway](#)).

Exhibits at the Arts Center and satellite galleries run through November 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 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 Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.