

# ART Matters

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY



Nov—Dec 2015

## A Message from your President...

We will soon celebrate Thanksgiving Day and it is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your continued support of the ALOC!

Once again the annual fundraiser – the Sand Castle Home Tour and the Black & Gold Cocktail Party - were an amazing success thanks to our hardworking committee and staff, hospitable homeowners, supportive docents, and generous sponsors, artists, and florists, as well as participation by the public.

I hope that you take the opportunity to review our recently released Annual Report with the theme of “Art Matters.” Your participation in our events, programs, and continued support are great indications that art matters to you!

Our board, committees and staff are actively working on 2016 programming and budgeting, including our Annual Fund Drive. I invite you to give thoughtful consideration about your contribution and hope that many of you will participate in our “Art Matters” mini poster display during the month of December. We thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity!

*Yours in service,*

**Marian Bickerstaff, Board President**  
410-208-2508

## Holiday Luncheon & Annual Meeting

Friday, December 11, 2015

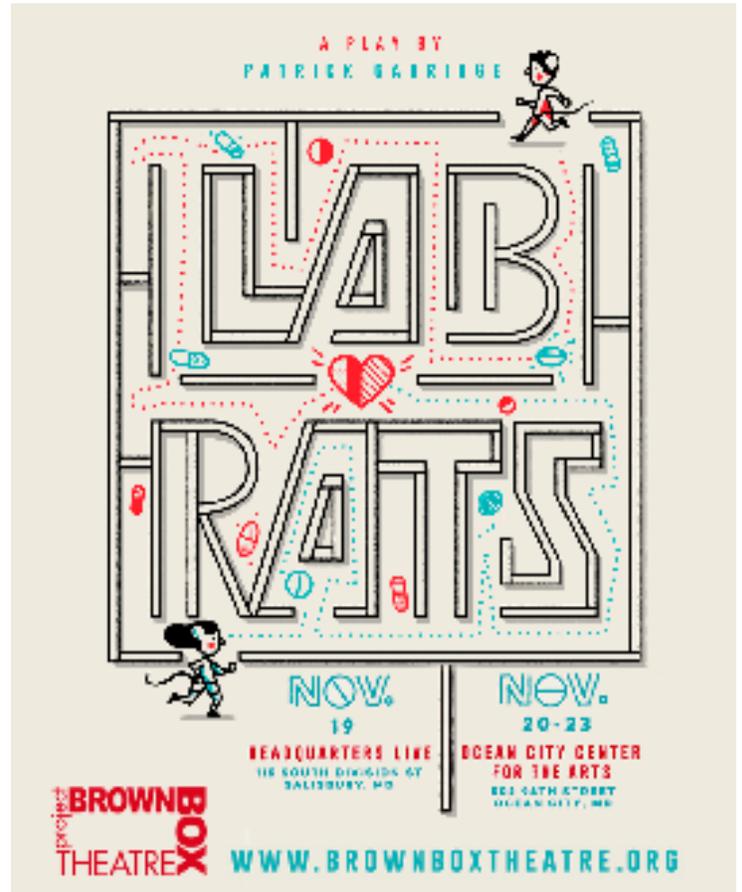
11:30 am — 1:30 pm

See inside for details!

## Holiday Artisan Fair

Friday, Dec. 4, 5:00—7:00 pm &  
Saturday, Dec. 5, 11:00 am—4:00 pm

Enjoy this special showcase of local artisans just in time for the holidays! The second annual Artisan Fair will feature handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, fiber arts, and more by Art League members. The fair will be open during December's First Friday reception and continue through Saturday. Festivities include live music, book signings, refreshments, and more. Free admission.



Mika and Jake earn a slim living as test subjects in medical experiments. When their waiting room banter deepens into a real relationship, these drifting twenty-somethings must navigate a treacherous maze of emotion, trust, and survival, as their carefully monitored and medicated lives bleed into their true selves. *Lab Rats*, a World Premiere production, is a sharply comic love story that poignantly examines the raw connection between two damaged humans as they struggle to redefine what it means to escape.

Show times are 7:30. Doors open at 6:30 for Gallery Strolling.  
**Tickets for “Lab Rats” on sale now! To order, go to [www.brownboxtheatre.org](http://www.brownboxtheatre.org)**

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[info@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:info@artleagueofoceancity.org); [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)  
Gallery Hours: Mon—Fri 9 am to 4 pm, Sat—Sun 11 am to 4 pm

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# Upcoming 2015 Classes

Please see our [complete](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org) list of classes online at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

Register for classes by calling 410-524-9433 or online at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

## Fused Glass Class

Instructor: Holden Becker



**Coral Glass Bowl**—Saturday, Nov. 14, Noon—2:00 pm or 2:00—4:00 pm  
*Cost: \$55 for members; \$70 for non-members plus \$20 material fee (material fee paid directly to instructor)*

**Winter season glass ornaments**—Children/Parent class (make 2 each) - Saturday, Dec. 12, 11:00 am — 1:00 pm  
*Cost for one adult and one child: \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members plus \$20 material fee (material fee paid directly to instructor). Additional children, \$10 each plus \$10 material fee.*

**Winter season glass ornaments** — Adults (make 2) Saturday, Dec. 12, 2:00 pm — 4:00 pm, \$25 for members, \$31 for non-members + \$20 material fee.

Make elegant fused glass objects, choosing from a wide range of colored glasses. The glass will be fired after the workshop, so allow at least one week before pick-up. No experience necessary!



## Develop Your Drawing

Instructor: David Simpson

Sundays: Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Noon—3:00 pm

*Cost per class: \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.*

These pencil drawing classes are designed for both beginners and more experienced artists! Each month will focus on a new and exciting topic!

## A Quiet Evening of Therapeutic Yoga

Instructor: Linda Hardman

Mondays: Nov. 30, Dec. 21, 5:45—7:15 pm  
Svaroopo Yoga is a gentle, easy, restorative style, different from exercise yoga taught in gyms. Blankets, chairs, and blocks will be provided. The 90-minute session includes guided awareness meditation, a breathing exercise, and a series of poses to open and release the core tension in your body. *Cost per class: \$25 for members; \$31 for non-members.*

## Mixed Media Self-Portraits

Instructor: Debbi Dean-Colley

Thursday, Nov. 19 6:30—8:30 pm  
How do we see ourselves? Where does the journey begin and end? Discover what's within as you create your own self portrait using paint, pen, ink, fabric, paper, and found objects. *Cost: \$35 for members; \$44 for non-members. Materials included.*



## Readers' Theatre Workshop

Instructor: Gwen Lehman

Friday, Nov. 13, 7:00—9:00 pm and Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 14-15, 1:00 — 4:00 pm  
*Cost: \$125 for members; \$156 for nonmembers*

Readers' theatre is a minimalist style of theatre designed for the dramatic presentation of forms of literature other than plays. Gwen's workshop will explore the history of readers' theatre and the classic style of its presentation and focus on American short story authors, including O. Henry, Eudora Welty, Dorothy Parker, and Shirley Jackson. Participants will be assigned roles to play and coached for projection, articulation, interpretation, and character development. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will give a performance open to family and friends. The workshop is designed for children ages 10 through adult.

## Family Clay Day ~ All Ages

Instructor: Nancy Barnas

Saturdays: Nov. 7, Dec. 12 from 1:30 - 3 p.m., All ages fun for kids, parents, grandparents, and everything in between! Spend the afternoon in our pottery studio and make a project out of clay. Each month will feature a new masterpiece. All ages are welcome to attend, although children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost includes all supplies and firing. *Cost per session: \$25 for Art League members, \$30 for non-members*

*Bring your friends, a snack, and an adult beverage, and enjoy a fun, stress-free evening of painting or pottery making! We supply everything you need, and an artist to guide you. No prior experience necessary.*

## Brushes and Bubbly

Instructor: Kathi Stevens

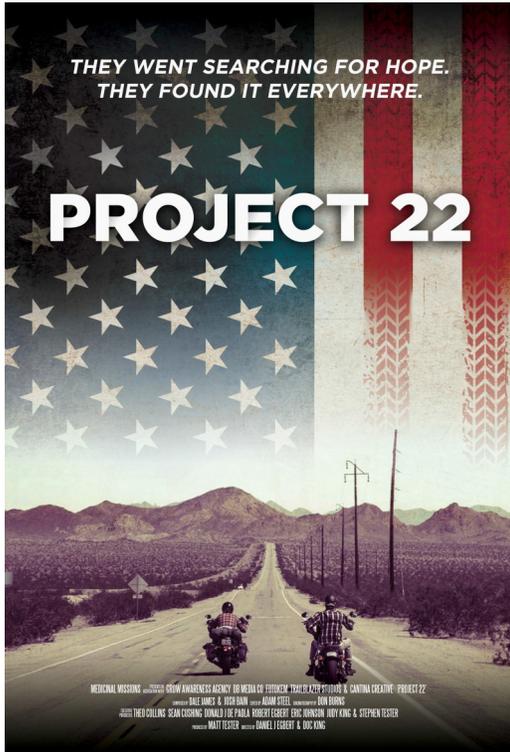
Wednesday, Nov. 11, Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30—9:00 pm  
Complete a work of art in one night. Perfect for a date night or a girls' night out! *Cost per session: \$32 for members, \$40 for non-members.*

## Sip and Ceramics

Instructor: Nancy Barnas

All classes 5:30—7:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 18—Make a holiday luminaria & enjoy treats. Wednesday, Dec. 2—Make a cheese board with wine/cheese tasting. Please allow 2-3 weeks for firing and glazing. *Cost: \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members.*



**22 AMERICAN VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS DIE EVERY DAY BY SUICIDE**

**THIS FILM CAN CHANGE THAT**

**Monday, November 16, 2015**

**Doors Open at 6:00 pm—Film Starts at 6:30 pm**

**Free to the Public**

**Following the showing of Project 22, artist and Marine Joe Merritt will discuss his art and his writing, which helped him overcome post-combat depression. Joe's show "The Things I Carry" is featured at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.**

**The Art League of Ocean City at the Ocean City Center for the Arts  
502 94th Street, Ocean City, MD**

**410-524-9433 [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org)**

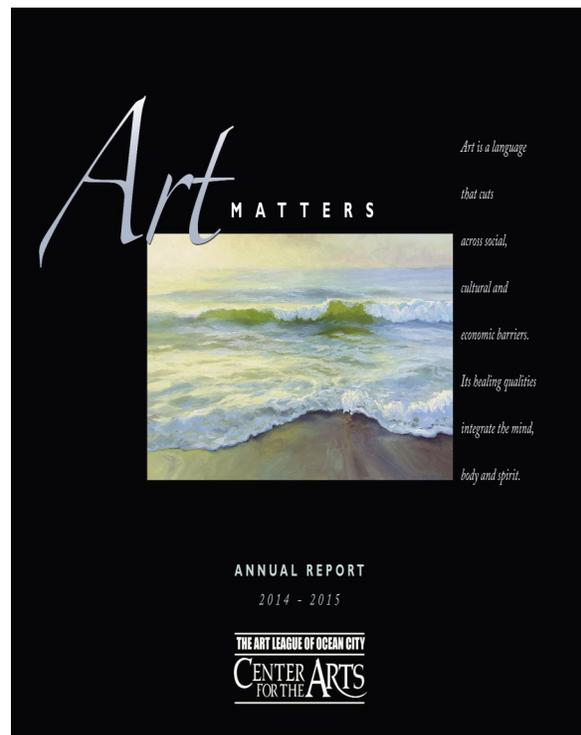
**Art League Endowment Fund**

The Art League of Ocean City (ALOC) has established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The fund has been established as part of the long-term planning efforts of the Board of Directors of the Art League. The first person to donate to the fund was Lyn Burr. A former longtime board member of the ALOC, Lyn recognized that the endowment fund is critical to impact the future of the Art League. Lyn said, "I have made this donation so that we know the Art League will continue into the future, long after we are all gone." Thank you, Lyn! To donate to the Art League Endowment Fund, call Executive Director Rina Thaler at 410-524-9433.

Check out our 2014-2015 annual report, "Art Matters" to see how much we have accomplished this past year and our goals for next year. As we begin our annual year-end appeal, we ask our members to consider a donation to the Art League, so that we may continue to grow and serve our community. Look for a post card in the mail that asks you to express why art matters to you. Return it with a gift to the Art League, then come see them all on display at the Art Center during the months of December and January. Thank you all for your support!



Rina Thaler, George Ellis, Ian Wildman, Carey Kamarat, Mae Ellis at October First Friday reception.



## ALOC Holiday Gift Guide 2015



- \* **Commemorative Glass Ornament** by Jeffrey Auxer
- \* **ALOC Apron**, perfect for the artists in your life!
- \* **Exhibition Catalogs** featuring works by Kevin Fitzgerald and Patrick Henry
- \* **Small Works** (paintings, photography, and mixed media), on display in Studio E for the month of December
- \* **Handmade jewelry, ceramics, fiber arts, glass,** and more during the Holiday Artisan Fair, Dec 4, 5—7 pm and Dec 5, 11am—4 pm
- \* **Art League Membership**, benefits include discounts on classes, purchases, and more!
- \* **Gift Certificate**, good for artwork purchases, workshops, membership, etc.

## Call to Artists

**Small Works Exhibit** (on display December in Studio E)

- \* 2D only
- \* 1/2 price entry fees
- \* Artwork must be less than 12 inches in both directions
- \* Drop-off dates: Nov. 29 from 2 — 4 pm and Nov. 30 from 10 am — 12 pm

**Holiday Artisan Fair** (Dec. 4 from 5 — 7 pm, Dec. 5 from 11 am — 4 pm)

- \* Art League members only
- \* No fee to participate
- \* Jewelry, ceramics, glass, fiber, etc. (no photography or 2D work accepted)
- \* Reserve your space by emailing 2 — 5 images of your work to Gallery Manager Katie Brown at [Katie@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:Katie@artleagueofoceancity.org) no later than Nov. 15

***For the full prospectus, visit [artleagueofoceancity.org](http://artleagueofoceancity.org) or contact Gallery Manager Katie Brown at [Katie@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:Katie@artleagueofoceancity.org).***

## Spotlight Volunteer of the Month: Bebe Antonini



Meet long-time volunteer with the Art League of Ocean City, Bebe Antonini. We feature Bebe as our Spotlight Volunteer of the Month, as we recognize and acknowledge her great efforts at the front desk every Monday, for her long standing participation as an Arts Alive booth sitter and Sand Castle Home Tour docent.

Visit the Ocean City Center for the Arts on any Monday afternoon and you will be greeted by Bebe, as she welcomes each visitor with open arms, barely containing her excitement to tell you all about the Art League. If you were not a member before you entered, she will have you joining before you leave the doors. Her enthusiasm is contagious.

Bebe is always willing to help in any way she can, from mailings, to answering the phones, calling artists, greeting visitors, and her most impressive trait is her ability to sell raffle tickets. Thank you Bebe for your dedication and time spent each week at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

We value and appreciate all of our volunteers, as they are all crucial to the function of our organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mallory:

[Mallory@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:Mallory@artleagueofoceancity.org) or call (410)-524-9433.

## Who's Who in the Art League ~

### Jan Bain



Jan Bain, artist in residence at the Art League of Ocean City, is embarking on a new project for families. "How does Your Garden Grow" is a series of free Saturday workshops, beginning October 17, from 10 to 12. With the help of grants from the PNC Foundation and the Gannett Foundation, the classes hope to inspire families to appreciate the environment, eat healthy things, and paint the beautiful flowers. The classes will feature experts in their fields, for example: a musician, a potter, a vegetarian gourmet cook, and a man who raises Monarch butterflies. The culminating project will be creating a butterfly garden and having a community celebration. In August the participants will release the butterflies they have raised.

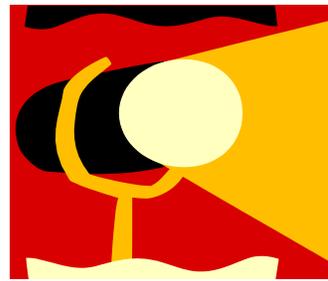
After retiring, from being a teacher, a principal, a school administrator, and a librarian, Jan began taking her art seriously. Although she still thinks of herself as a beginner, she has become a successful watercolor artist. She can be found several days a week in Studio B at the Center for the Arts, painting and greeting visitors. Her enthusiasm has led her to create programs at the Millsboro Art League and the Ward Museum. She also teaches English several days a week at Delaware Technical Community College. Jan paints every day and lives her message: "Love the earth; enjoy the art."

~ **Stasia Heubeck**



October 9 Opening Night Photos—Kee Lee, First Place Winner, and Erik White

We are seeking qualified art instructors in a variety of mediums to expand our schedule of classes for kids and adults. If you are interested in teaching, contact [katrin@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:katrin@artleagueofoceancity.org)



## Spot Light Gallery Artist

November

Marina Borovok

December

Mary Jane Hastings



While 2015 is rapidly coming to a close, there are many great programs still happening at the art center. Check out our comprehensive schedule of classes and events and delve into yoga, roll your own vegan sushi, make a glass ornament or bowl, bring your friends and a beverage to brushes and bubbly or your family to our free "drop in art"

Saturdays. Take a trip with us to the American Visionary art museum in Baltimore, or stay here and attend the world premiere theater performance of "Lab Rats"- a romantic comedy presented by Brown Box theatre project; performed in our beautiful and intimate gallery space. Join us for our artisan fair and get a jump on your holiday shopping. However you choose to participate, remember that we need you to make the Ocean City Center for the Arts a success. Whether you attend a class, performance or event, become a member, volunteer your time, or support the mission with a donation to our annual fund- this is your art center.

Our goal this year has been to show the many ways that "art matters" to people. With your enthusiasm and support, we have gotten off to a great start, but there are still many people who aren't aware of the wonderful things happening here.

If you are reading this message, you have been touched in some way by our mission. Please invite your friends to participate and become a member, so that we can continue to develop and nurture an arts community here.

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment. Together we can continue to do great things.

**Best regards,**

**Rina Thaler,  
Executive Director**

Private and Semi-private lessons available in a variety of media: oils, acrylics, pastel, watercolor, and more! Learn at your own pace and around your own schedule. Call for more info. 410-524-9433.



Members are cordially invited to the Art League of Ocean City's

# Holiday Luncheon & Annual Meeting

Friday, December 11, 2015, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.



9802 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, MD 21842

We're celebrating a successful year and holiday cheer!

\* Eat \* Drink \* Win Prizes

\$20 per person,

Includes meal, soft drinks/coffee, and gratuity

\* Invite a friend who is interested in becoming a future member  
and receive \$5 off your next class or purchase!

**Please RSVP by December 3 with payment.**

**Members may RSVP by phone ([410-524-9433](tel:410-524-9433))**

**or send a check to PO Box 3503, Ocean City MD 21843**

## Member News

**Sandra Grzybowski's** photography is being displayed for sale at Beachtime Distillery, Lewes, DE. Her work is also being displayed for sale at Yellowfins Restaurant and Sea La Vie and will be at Una Bella in Berlin, MD in November.

**John Schisler** was accepted into the Oil Painters of America's 2015 Salon Show at the Beverly McNeil Gallery in Birmingham, AL; the National Oil & Acrylic Painter's Society's Best of America exhibit at the Dunnegan Gallery in Bolivar, MO; and, the Maryland Federation of Art's Strokes of Genius exhibition at the Circle Gallery in Annapolis, MD.



Paintings by John Schisler (left) and Debra Howard (right).



**Debra Howard** won the "Artistic Divergence Award," with a \$600 prize, at the Solomons Plein Air event for her oil painting "Sea Nettles over an Oyster Bed."

**Annabelle Thurlow** won Honorable Mention in the watercolor category in Bel Air, MD at the Harford Artists Association Juried and Judged Art Show. The winning painting is titled "Pictures at an Exhibition."

**Marie Cavallaro** announced that the Cavallaro & Cleary Visual Art Foundation (CCART) will present an exhibition of the 2015 CCART Art Scholarship winners at "Gallery Under Glass" 218 Main Street Powell Building on the Salisbury Downtown Plaza. The Exhibition will run thru May 2016 to encourage 2016 Art applicants from the Eastern Shore.



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### Have your heard about our Member Artist Directory website link?

Have your name, image of your artwork, and website listed in the Member Artist Directory on the ALOC website and linked to other Ocean City attraction websites to maximize your exposure. Cost: \$25 per year. To purchase, please call 410-524-9433.

### AMAZON SMILE

The ALOC is now participating in the **Amazon Smile** program. Every time you shop on Amazon, use this link, <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1377610>, and all of your eligible shopping will benefit the Art League! There is no cost to the shopper, but the Art League will receive .5% of every purchase made.

### HAVE YOUR NEXT EVENT AT THE OCEAN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Looking for a space for a party, meeting, or wedding? The Ocean City Center for the Arts has multi-purpose meeting rooms available for group rentals, as well as the outside courtyard and the entire gallery for larger functions. Call the ALOC for details.

### Bus Trip & Guided Tour to Baltimore's Visionary Art Museum

Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Bus leaves Berlin at 7:30 am and returns at 8:30 pm. Sponsored in part by a grant from the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund. Explore the connection between artistic creativity and the challenges of mental illness at America's premier museum of outsider art. The guide is Dr. Mark Komrad, renown psychiatrist and author of "YOU NEED HELP! A Step-by-Step Guide to Convincing a Loved One to Get Counseling." Cost: \$50 includes transportation, snacks, beverages, and museum admission and tour.



The Ocean City Center for the Arts held its monthly opening night on October 9 with the "Artists' Exchange" and "Selfie" shows. Shown above are: Nancy Orme Mysak, Natalie Fenwick, Kathy Gibson, Kee Lee, Lee Wayne Mills (judge), Marian Bickerstaff, Elaine Bean, and Toby Jensen Perkins.

### Registration Now Open!

**April 4-6, 2016**, Powercolor Painting—Acrylic, Caroline Jasper  
**October 13-16, 2016**, Watercolor Workshop, Sterling Edwards

*"First Friday" Opening Receptions are always free and open to the public and are a wonderful opportunity to meet the artists. Complimentary refreshments are served.*

**Join us at the Opening Receptions  
for the September and October Exhibits  
at the Ocean City Center for the Arts**  
**Friday November 6 from 5-7 pm**  
**Friday December 4 from 5-7 pm**

**November  
In the Thaler Gallery**

**Members Juried Show, All Media, 2D and 3 D  
Juror: Denise Dumont**



Scott Broadfoot's artwork was the First Place winner in last year's show.

**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE — November  
Studio E  
Fred Peterson**



**ARTISAN IN RESIDENCE—November  
Jewelry Showcase  
Fay Kempton**



**November  
In the Galleria**

**"The Things I Carry"  
Artwork by U.S. Marine Joe Merritt**



"Art found its way into my life as a means of expression when dealing with post combat depression. As a combat veteran the process and storytelling of creating has been the saving factor in the reintegration after a deployment to Afghanistan. My work focuses on visual metaphors and tackles the themes of depression and frustration with personal and societal issues on a large scale."  
*Joe Merritt*

**December  
Studio E**

**Small Works**

Featuring small, priced-to-sell artwork — perfect for those looking for a one-of-a-kind gift or collectible. All artwork will be smaller than 12 inches in each direction.

**ARTISAN IN RESIDENCE—December  
"Just Tree Creations"  
Marisa Longo**

**December  
In the Thaler Gallery**

**Members Juried Show Continues**

**December  
In the Galleria**

**Best of 2015**

Exhibit will showcase artists who have won an award of either first, second, third, or honorable mention during the year at a judged show here at the Ocean City for the Arts.

## 2015 Board of Directors

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## Creative Fundraising

**Let the Art League of Ocean City make fundraising fun!**

Enjoy a stress-free art experience and unleash your inner artist all while raising money for your charity or organization. Our instructor will guide you step-by-step as you create a masterpiece—*no experience necessary!* Make up to \$500 for your charity and support the arts in the Ocean City area!

### Painting Party

Bring your own beverage & snacks. We will supply the rest! Paints, brushes, canvases, aprons, easels, and an artist to guide you!

### Pottery Party

Bring your own beverage & snacks. We will supply the rest! Clay, tools, aprons, and an artist to guide you!

Charity must be a registered nonprofit. Minimum 10 people, maximum 25. Schedule your **FUNDRAISER** today! Give us a call at 410-524-9433.

## Drop In and Paint!

10:00 am — 1:00 pm Bring your supplies and paint with others  
Watercolor — Tuesdays All Media — Thursdays  
No Instructor Cost: \$3.00

## Drop In for Pottery Open Studio!

During regular gallery hours: 11:00 am—4:00 pm  
Cost: \$50 monthly pass + \$2.50/lb. of clay (finished work)  
Perquisite: 4 previous classes or prior approval  
No Instructor

## Goodbye...

Best wishes to longtime ALOC office manager Jacquie Warden, as she is retiring this month. Jacquie has been a steady hand and a smiling face for the past 10 years, and we send her off with warmth and friendship.

## ...and Hello

Please welcome Nicole Maskell to our team, as she begins her position as office manager.

## Drop in for Family Art Days!

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

Saturdays, 10:00 am— Noon  
Space Limited, First Come, First Served

**Nov. 21 — Harvest Garden — A mixed media project with pumpkins and gourds**

**Dec. 19 — Winter Garden — Build a snowman out of clay**

Join us for an exciting new series that will integrate our love of nature, our precious Delmarva environment, and the arts. Once a month we will have this free fun art program for the whole family. Your family can drop-in to make fun art creations to take home. Children should be accompanied by an adult. **FREE**

*Made Possible by a Grant from the PNC Foundation*

## NEW! Third Thursday Photography Drop In Group

Thursdays—Nov. 19, Dec. 17, 6:00-8:00 pm

If you love photography, you are welcome to join a monthly drop-in photography discussion group. Enjoy lively presentations, participate in group critiques, and share ideas. Each night there will be a topic for discussion. We will discuss the work of the following photographers: Nov.—Sally Mann, Dec.—Arno Rafael Minkinen. Facilitator: Don Lehman Cost: \$5.00



Opening Night, Oct. 9—Barbara Doyle Schmid and Wayne & Ginny Outten

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