

A MESSAGE FROM RINA



Welcome to 2025!
We warmly welcome Crystal Collins as our new board president. Crystal brings a wealth of experience and a fresh vision to

our organization, and we are eager to see her leadership guide us to a new chapter of creativity. We would also like to thank our outgoing president John Sisson for his dedicated service and unwavering commitment. John's leadership has paved the way for many of our successes.

We give our thanks to longtime board members Emily Schwab, Laura Jenkins, and Don Lehman who have given so much to us and are stepping down as their terms expire. And we welcome our new board members Eric Stewart, Susan Deller, and Joceyln Briddell.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting line up of events as we partner with the Town of Ocean City on their campaign "150 Years of Smiles" that marks the 150th anniversary since the founding of OC. Look for special events throughout this year including our OC Historical Film Challenge, limited edition artwork, and other fun experiences.

You will see all the upcoming workshops, classes, and events in this new combined newsletter and classes publication that you are reading right now. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and creative new year!

Rina Thaler
Executive Director



JOAN JUDGE

"Light Ship" by
Katherine Ruskey

**FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION
JANUARY 3, 2025 5-7 PM**

THALER GALLERY

SHARED VISIONS: ARTISTS & WRITERS COLLABORATE

First Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, celebrates a unique collaboration between visual art and the literary word during the 12th annual "Shared Visions" exhibit. The exhibition features 19 local writers and 25 artists. This year began with the artists submitting works to be considered by the writers as inspiration. The writers picked from paintings, photos, fiber art, and mixed media and composed poems and short writings to go with them.

"This is the 12th year for the collaboration," Rina Thaler said. "It is an inspired coming-together of words and images and wonderfully demonstrates the different forms of self-expression."

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 6-8 p.m., the writers will read their poetry and prose next to the artwork on display during a free event at the Arts Center, and the public is invited. Guests will enjoy complimentary refreshments.

No rest for the weary light ship.
Under watch, no rest to be seen.

In calm waters she sways
Politely informing of obstacles ahead
A breeze wafts by, a gull flies near

In gales with force as harsh that stings
Thrashing and tossing it's light
Unnerving and wreckless waters toss
Spray and salt and shivers she feels

No rest for the weary light ship
Under watch, no rest to be seen
She sees the light of heavens above
And feels the hell that oceans bring
No rest for the weary light ship.

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Welcome

Free Events



MEET OUR NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Art Enthusiasts,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy of the season. As we reflect on the year past, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and dedication to our vibrant artistic

community. Your unwavering commitment to the mission of the Art League has made a profound impact, and together, we have achieved remarkable things.

It is with great honor and excitement that I accept the role of President of the Board of Directors. I am thrilled to step into this leadership position and continue working alongside such a talented and passionate group of individuals. The past year has been a testament to the strength of our community, and I am eager to build on that momentum.

As we look to the future, I am deeply committed to honoring the mission of the Art League and ensuring that it remains a space where creativity, education, and community thrive. Together, we will continue to foster an environment that celebrates the arts and supports both emerging and established artists.

Thank you once again for your trust, your contributions, and your enthusiasm. I am excited to embark on this journey with all of you, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

Warm regards,
Crystal Collins, *Board President*



FREE! WRITERS & BEYOND

With author Joanne Guilfoil
January 12, 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.



FREE! ORIGINALS ONLY

January 18, 6 pm

Join us for a vibrant showcase where artists present their original music, share captivating poetry, and deliver wit and humor. January's performers are bands eScape hAtch, Sympaticocious, Allie Donovan, and Greg Marsh and poet Sherri Bale.



SHARED VISIONS

FREE! SHARED VISIONS READINGS

January 21, 6 pm

A free evening of readings and art from the 12th annual "Shared Visions" exhibit, a collaboration of the literary word and visual art. This year, the artists presented work to be considered, and the writers chose a piece for inspiration. Complimentary refreshments.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome our new board of directors members. Eric Stewart is Deputy Chief of Staff to the President of Salisbury University, serving as the senior communications official for the President and the Cabinet. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Maryland College Park. "I am drawn to the Art League because I value creativity as a vital aspect of community, connection, and growth," Eric said.

Susan Deller is a pottery studio owner from Selbyville who retired to creating and teaching art after a career in sales and marketing. She volunteers extensively including teaching art classes at Brandywine Living in Fenwick. "I would love to help support and promote art appreciation in our community, and I would hope that my career experiences could help within a board position for the Art League in numerous ways," she said.

Joceyln Briddell has more than 40 years of academic and fundraising experience as Development Officer at Salisbury University, Assistant Director of the Richard A. Henson Honors Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Dean of Students at Rutgers University, Douglas College. "I have long admired the impactful work that the Art League has done, and I aspire to contribute to this vibrant community," she said.

Exhibits

SISSON GALLERIA

Mix & Mingle

A group show featuring mixed media and collage, combining materials, techniques and the creative visions of artists working together. Mary Bode Byrd is the exhibit judge.

STUDIO E



COLLIN BYRD

Collin Byrd is the Art League's 2024 Fellow for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Collin is assistant professor of art at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore where he teaches graphic illustration and animation. He was formerly professor of animation of the Savannah School of Art and Design, his alma mater, where he received his Master's Degree. He also works as a cartoonist for Skipperwing Productions. Collin constantly experiments with the limits of digital creation tools from 3D printing to interactive comic art.

SCHWAB SPOTLIGHT GALLERY



BERNADETTE TUCKER

A retired Therapeutic Recreation Therapist, Bernadette's art comes from a place of healing and gratitude. After a health scare, she challenged herself to depict water onto a two-dimensional space with the theme of "Tropical Paradise." The artist holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Savannah College of Art and Design.

ARTISAN SHOWCASE



JESSICA BECK

Jessica is an architecture and civil engineering student at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and an Art League scholarship recipient. Growing up in Ocean City instilled in her a profound love for the vast. Her art business, OC-Shellscapes, aims to connect people to places and memories through a small touch of the ocean.

PRINCESS ROYALE SUZY QUADER

Soft pastels of local landscapes by this Ocean Pines artist.

9110 Coastal Highway



COFFEE BEANERY ALEXIS MCKENZIE

Colorful and abstract mixed media by the Rehoboth Beach artist.

94th & Coastal Hwy.



Art Classes *

JANUARY 2

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

JANUARY 4

Pottery for Kids
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

JANUARY 6

New Perspective Watercolors
with Jacki Yamin
10am - 12pm \$25/\$30

JANUARY 7

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

Epoxy/Glass Mixed Media
with Joan Guerriero
10am - 12pm \$65/\$78

JANUARY 8

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



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

JANUARY 8

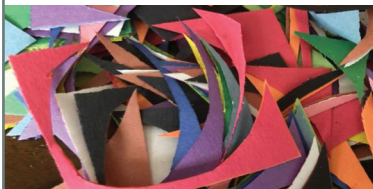
Adult Pottery Hand Building
with Sarah Halcott
5 - 6pm \$45/\$54

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

On-Line Expressive Drawing
with David Simpson
4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

JANUARY 9

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



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

JANUARY 10

From My House to Yours
Fused Glass Plates
with Pete Gibson
10:30am - 1pm \$65/\$75

JANUARY 11

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

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

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

The Art of Photography
with Tom Kennedy
9:30am - 12:30pm \$35/\$44

JANUARY 12

Free Writers & Beyond
with Joanne Guilfoil
1 - 3pm Free

JANUARY 13

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

JANUARY 14

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

JANUARY 15

Online Interior Drawing
with David Simpson
10am - 12pm \$25/\$30

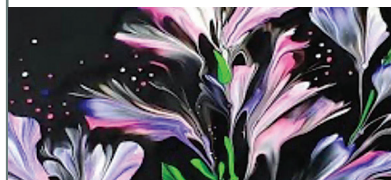
Charcuterie Boards
with Joan Guerriero
10am - 12pm \$32/\$38

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

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

JANUARY 16

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



Saran Wrap Painting
with Joan Guerriero
1 - 2:30pm \$48/\$58

JANUARY 17

Watercolor Open Studio
No instructor, members only
1 - 3pm Free

JANUARY 18

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



Pour Painting Dolphins
with Cindy Strouse
10am - 12:30pm \$30/\$36

JANUARY 19

Knot a Pearl Necklace
with Yvonne Page-Magnus
12 - 3pm \$55/\$66

JANUARY 21

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

JANUARY 22

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

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

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

Online Gallery Creative Walk
with David Simpson
4 - 6pm \$25/\$30



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JANUARY 23

Free HeART & Soul
with Barbara Buford
5:30 - 7:30pm Free

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

JANUARY 24

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

JANUARY 25



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

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

JANUARY 27

Printmaking for Kids
with Carol Rydel
4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

JANUARY 28

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

JANUARY 29

Online Gallery Creative Walk
with David Simpson
4 - 6pm \$25/\$30

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

FEBRUARY 1

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

Kids' Pottery Ages 7 - 13
with Sarah Halcott
2 - 3:30pm \$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

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 \$80/\$90

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



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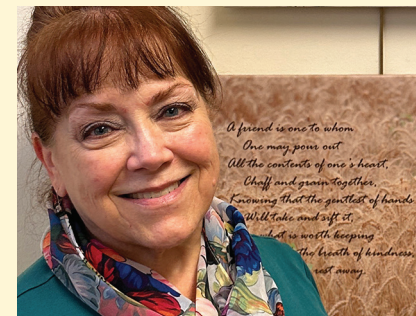
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JANUARY MULTI-DAY WORKSHOPS



2-Day Adventures
in Watercolor
with Gerylyn Gaskill
January 7 - 8 and February 4
9:30am - 3pm \$100/\$125



4-Week Essential Skills
Drawing Perspective
with Jennifer Carter
January 14 • 21 • 28 • February 4
5 - 7pm \$120/\$144



3-Day Loose & Romantic
Watercolors
with Leo Kahl
January 24 - 26 9:30am - 3:30pm
\$295/\$355

Art Classes*



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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

FEBRUARY 8

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

FEBRUARY 9

Free Writers & Beyond
No Instructor
1 - 3pm Free

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

FEBRUARY 11



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

FEBRUARY 13

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

FEBRUARY 13

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



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

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MEET PETE GIBSON. HE'LL TEACH YOU ALL ABOUT FUSED GLASS

The brilliant colors make working with glass so much fun. Pete Gibson has been teaching how to fuse glass into jewelry, bowls, and other creative shapes for more than 8 years at the Arts Center, and he can teach you, too, step-by-step and hands-on. Create a special glass gift you made yourself or keep your creation. Pete is one of our studio artists, and you can see and buy his glass creations in Studio C at the Arts Center.



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Barbara Patrick

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WHY I'M A LEGACY PARTNER

Being a Legacy Partner of the Art League means I remembered the organization in my will and estate planning. I wanted to ensure the organization could be sustained long after I'm gone and continue their mission to educate and inspire, as I was inspired by my grandfather and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

My grandfather was an immigrant from Odessa who graduated from the Pratt Institute in New York in 1913 and became a jewelry designer. He was also a founding member of MOMA, where he would often bring me as a child. He would talk to me about the arts – and all of the arts: opera, ballet, music – and what it meant to him. He always said that if he ever stopped learning or experimenting, it would be time for him to go. That inspired me, and I became a textile and graphic designer with a dedicated love for the arts.

When I retired and moved to the Shore, I walked into the Art League – and instantly fell in love. I became a member and have served on the board of directors for 12 years. Because I want to pass on to others what my grandfather passed on to me, I donate generously and am a Legacy Partner. I encourage you to donate and leave a legacy for the future as well.

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