

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

**February 3, 9:30-11:30**

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

**February 4, 1:00-4:00 PM**

Juried Member Show Opening

**February 5, 5:00-6:00 PM**

Exec Board Meeting

**February 7, 7:30-8:30**

Free Zoom Lecture  
on Composition (OCAG139)

**February 10, 10:00-6:00 PM**

Ocean County Mall Expo

**February 14, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Photography Monthly meeting

**February 16, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Acoustic Concert-  
Basement Musicians

**February 17, 10:00-4:00 PM**

Workshop Intro to Digital Art  
& Procreate (OCAG167)

**February 18, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Song Circle

**February 23, 1:00-3:00 PM**

Sweetwaters Drop off

**February 28 & 28, 1:00-3:00 PM**

Dropoff March show

### MARCH

**March 3, 1:00-4:00 PM**

Gallery Opening Reception  
Members theme: Childhood  
Youth Art Month in studio  
Galleries 1 & 2 Cheryl Godley

**March 4, 5:00-6:00 PM**

Exec Board Meeting

**March 6, 7:30-8:30**

OCAG142 Free Zoom Lecture on  
Atmospheric Perspective

**March 15, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Acoustic Concert-members  
of Acoustic Musicians Group  
performing

**March 17, 7:00-9:00 PM**

Song Circle

**March 23 (rain date 24th)**

Easter Egg Hunt (tentative)

**March 27 & 28, 1:00-3:00 PM**

Receiving for April/pick up March

**"Open Drop-in Groups"  
are listed on last page  
of newsletter**



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**Feb/Mar  
2024**

## *A Message from the President*

### Love is in the Air!



Dear Members and Friends of the Ocean County Artists' Guild,

Happy Valentine's Day! As we celebrate this month of love, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for all of you who make the Ocean County Artists' Guild a vibrant and creative community. You are the heart and soul of our organization, and I am honored to serve as your president.

I am especially thankful for all of our volunteers who have given their time, money, resources, blood, sweat, and tears to our organization. I hope to see you all at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, which has been rescheduled for February 3rd.

As you know, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Ocean County Artists Guild at 22 Chestnut Avenue. We have many exciting events and activities planned to commemorate this milestone. You can find more details on our website and ongoing via email as event dates and details are finalized.

As we look back on our history, we also look forward to our future. The Ocean County Artists Guild is a non-profit organization that relies on the support of our members, sponsors, and donors to fulfill our mission of promoting the arts in Ocean County and beyond. We need your help to continue to provide exhibition space, education, outreach, and advocacy for our artists, patrons, and the community. There are many ways you can **get involved and show your love for the Ocean County Artists Guild:**

● **Become a member or renew your membership.** Membership benefits include:

- access to free, members-only, demos, lectures, events and content
- discounts on classes, workshops, and events
- opportunities to exhibit and sell your artwork
- opportunities to share your work and accomplishments on our social and printed media



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- a subscription to our newsletter, and
- any new benefits that may be added in the next year!
- You can **join or renew online** at <https://www.ocartistsguild.org/shop/> or by mail or in person at:  
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● **Become a sponsor or donor.** Sponsorship and donation benefits include:

- recognition on our website, newsletter, and social media
- invitations to special events, and
- tax deductions.
- You can **sponsor or donate online** at <https://www.ocartistsguild.org/donate/> or by mail or in person at:  
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● **Become a volunteer.** Volunteering benefits include:

- meeting new friends
- learning new skills, and
- having fun!
- You can volunteer for various tasks such as gallery sitting, event planning, fundraising, marketing, house and grounds, and more. You can sign up to volunteer online at <https://www.ocartistsguild.org/volunteers>, by email at [info@ocartistsguild.org](mailto:info@ocartistsguild.org) or by contacting our office at 732-270-3111.

● **Become a Board Member!** We have a couple of Board positions that immediately need to be filled - **Treasurer and Recording Secretary.**

- In Spring 2024, we will be taking nominations for the 2024-25 Election Year and will be seeking a new candidate for President and other Board positions.
- Contact Kim Cesaretti at 732-814-2018 (Mobile/Text) for more information or to let us know if you are interested in joining us!

Thank you for your love and support of the Ocean County Artists' Guild. Together, we can make this year a golden one for our organization and our community. I hope to see you soon at one of our events or classes, or just stop by to say hello and enjoy our beautiful building and galleries.

With love and appreciation,

**Kim Cesaretti**

*Your OCAG 2023-24 President*

**Kris Kringle Kraft Fair, Chair, Terry Konn**, wanted to thank all the volunteers who helped make the day a success for our many small and adult visitors. The bake goods were delicious, the music sweet and the excitement was joyous!

**The gift basket winners were as follows:**

Simone Sheppard  
Kathy Landmesser  
Valerie Boyle  
Angela Kim

## 2024 Acoustic Concert Series presents

### TONY PILEGGI & JOE STAMBONI

(aka Basement Musicians)

February 16, 2024 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm

*Performing country,  
pop and rock classics*

Galleries open for viewing at 6:30 pm



*Intermission with refreshments available*  
**Please consider a donation to this non-profit  
for enjoying the concert.**



### MEMBERS OF THE ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS GUILD

March 17, 2023 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Galleries open for viewing at 6:30 pm

*Intermission with refreshments available*  
**Please consider a donation to this non-profit for enjoying the concert.**

Concert Series at the Ocean County Artists Guild, 22 Chestnut Ave,  
Island Heights, NJ. 732-270-3111, [www.ocartistsguild.org](http://www.ocartistsguild.org).

# February In the Gallery

## Juried Members Show

This February the entire Guild will be filled with the Juried Members Show from Reception Sunday on February 4 from 1 – 4 pm through the 27th.

Awards will be presented at 2pm at the opening. Beverages and snacks will be available. Come and help us celebrate the Golden Anniversary of being in our beautiful Victorian Lady at 22 Chestnut Avenue in Island Heights.

Our application process has been completed. We will begin receiving entries soon. Our volunteer Gallery Committee is working hard to make sure that everything goes smoothly.

Special thanks to Tamara Woronczuk who worked very hard organizing the show. Due to unforeseen circumstances she will not be with us to present awards.

Our judge is Thomas E Rutledge, a well-known New Jersey artist. Tom has been an artist for over 40 years creating illustrations for books, magazines, newspapers, advertising agencies, for both national and international companies. He has also exhibited in many galleries including solo shows and has received numerous awards.

Tom has done numerous demonstrations in various media including watercolor, gouache, acrylic, oil, pen and ink, and silver point. He has taught classes for many organizations including drawing classes for Rutgers University. Tom also gives critiques and lectures on art. He received a lifetime achievement award from Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission in 2019.

Tom is a decorated, disabled, ex-combat veteran of the Vietnam War. He was wounded in action and lost use of both hands but through a few years of therapy he regained their use. He was then asked by the head of therapy at the military hospital he was in to illustrate the most comprehensive book on Occupational Therapy at that time which he did.



**“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor,  
summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.”**

*Stanley Horowitz*

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the Ocean County Artists Guild***

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# March In the Gallery

## Childrens Art Show

### “Youth Art Month of March (YAM)”

February is a special month of love and caring for what we all love – the Guild. It is not only a beautiful, historic building but every year it brings forth a new generation of enthusiastic young artists.

March celebrates these artists in Youth Art Month of March (YAM). The Guild exhibits our young artists on the first and second floors with imaginative ideas and golden paintings.

Please visit us during March to enjoy our amazing artists. You’ll be so impressed – and leave with a smile – maybe you’ll even want to paint something yourself!

Our children’s art program is offered year-round. We also offer birthday parties, special holiday painting parties, and classes for all to enjoy. Check our website for the new Kids Pizza and Paint series.

Hope to see you soon!

Love,

Miss Alison and Students





# March In the Gallery

## Cheryl Godley

### “Visions of Cheryl”



Cheryl Godley, an artist for a passion for art itself. Cheryl is a longstanding member of the OCAG and this exhibition serves as a platform to share her artistic vision. She runs the Tuesday night life drawing workshop here at the Guild. Cheryl has honed her skills through classes in the area, with many of our gifted teachers and independent study. She has always had the talent for creativity whether it be graphic design, crafts, painting, drawing. Cheryl will be displaying her own series of works with an incorporation of various mediums and a diverse range of subjects.

Cheryl holds paint parties for people with developmental disabilities, local organization fund raisers and private parties. Cheryl has had her work on display at various galleries with many of private collection.

My work: The Artist and the Art- With my hand is a reflection of my world from a blank page and through my art is the image and your imagination.

Cheryl will be showcasing her work in Gallery 1 and in Gallery 2 will be Visions of Cheryl.

Cheryl has modeled for the Sunday portrait workshop for many years. Many members have painted beautiful works of Cheryl and what better time to display them. Cheryl has a collection that many of our beautiful members have painted of her. Cheryl is asking any member that have any paintings of Cheryl and want to display their masterpieces during this time span, please do so. You can contact the guild or Cheryl personally for details or questions. Please drop off your art work by 2/28, 2/29 with labels for the front and back.





# Spotlight on...



## Beatriz Marquez



Beatriz Marquez , a Cuban American, immigrated to the United States at the age of six. Being bilingual and having family in Cuba, she maintains a strong connection to her cultural roots.

Bea thought she would pursue a career in fiber arts after high school, but financial constraints pushed her into the emerging world of Information Technology in 1978. During her 30+ year career in technology she worked in many capacities, her favorite time being the 15 years she spent in translation management. This passion led her to leave corporate America in 2015 in pursuit of studying machine translation, a part of another emerging world, Artificial Intelligence. At Montclair State University she studied Computational Linguistics, attaining a graduate certificate. Her mother's failing health and COVID short-circuited her work in the Masters program.

Bea has not lost her love of fiber or art though. She finds joy in writing, photography and just plain living, considering herself a "creative". She likes Flemish art, the works of Albrecht Durer, and Wassily Kandinsky. Her favorite painting, the "The Horse Fair" by Rosa Bonheur, exemplifies everything she thinks art can be. She says when she is near it, she can feel the thundering of the hooves and the dust kicked up by their movement- a little paint creating transcendence.

Bea discovered the Ocean County Artists Guild shortly after she came to Ocean County to care for her mother. Judy LePore encouraged her to volunteer as a receptionist which eventually led to her taking the job as our office administrator.

What Bea appreciates most about being a part of the Guild is the vibrant energy that permeates the environment. She is particularly impressed with the diverse range of classes, concerts, exhibits, and the active community participation. While Bea hasn't had the opportunity to showcase her artwork at the gallery, she says her solo show is being at the guild Monday to Friday from 9-3!

Welcome Bea!



**Pick up for January show is January 30**  
**Drop off for March show is Feb 22 and 23**

## Holiday Bazaar





## Announcing the 2024 Creative Aging Initiative Grant Contract Award!

Congratulations to the Ocean County Artists's Guild on being selected to receive the 2024 Creative Aging Initiative Grant by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts! Thanks to this wonderful grant award of \$10,000, OCAG will be able to provide a total of two 6-week class sessions and one 4-week class session for adults aged 55 and over with all materials and supplies included. Each class session will meet once per week. Each session has a theme. The themes will be: (1) Drawing on Happy Memories, (2) Story on Canvas, and (3) Mixed Media Memory Collage. Classes are scheduled to begin April 2024. Thank you to NJSCA for this wonderful opportunity to increase our reach to senior adults in Ocean County!



Photo from 2023 Creative Aging Grant Program - students with their  
*Fill Your Self-Love Bucket* Sketchbook Cover Designs



The Creative Aging Initiative Grant classes are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

### Photography Club

A reminder that the Photography Group of the Ocean County Artists Guild meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month, and membership in the Guild is not required for participation. The meetings are at the Guild which is located at 22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights, NJ. It's not a camera club whose focus is on technology or hardware, but rather, it's a Fine Art photography oriented group who get together monthly to share work in a collegial critique session moderated by Dan Epstein.

Enjoy the enthusiasm of other members, make new friends, get inspired.

OCAG will be hosting its annual  
**Spring Craft Fair "Gilded Creations"**  
on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Anyone interested in having a vendor space, you should contact Terry Konn at [TMKonnPHDRT@aol.com](mailto:TMKonnPHDRT@aol.com). She will send you a registration form. Spaces are \$60.00.  
*Space is limited so register by March 1.*



## Procreate Workshop

Are you interested in learning how to create amazing digital art with **Procreate**? If so, you are invited to register for our Introductory [Procreate workshop](#), where you will learn the basics and beyond of this powerful and versatile app. Got questions, contact our Instructor is [Emily O'Shea](#).

This course will provide a comprehensive but beginner-friendly overview of **Procreate's** capabilities – students will learn foundational workflows and techniques that can be used across digital art programs to bring their artistic visions to life. With hands-on projects and step-by-step guidance, students will be able to create their own artwork on their personal devices that they can bring home and build upon after the workshop.

The workshop is suitable for beginners and intermediate users of **Procreate**, as well as anyone who wants to improve their digital art skills. You will need an iPad, an Apple Pencil, and the **Procreate** app installed. The workshop will be held at the Guild.

**To register and view details for the workshop visit the site at [OCAG167 Intro to Digital Art & Procreate - Ocean County Artists' Guild \(ocartistsguild.org\)](#).** The deadline for registration is February 10th, 2024.

We hope to see you soon at our **Procreate** workshop!



## Winter Classes on website NOW

[www.ocartistsguild.org/events/  
category/general-events/](http://www.ocartistsguild.org/events/category/general-events/)

We are offering a wide  
variety of classes

Thank you to our Sponsors for their generosity and  
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**NOTICE:** Payment on sales will be made within 30 days from the  
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## OPEN STUDIO GROUPS DROP-IN GROUPS

For MEMBERS and GUESTS

### Print Group

Tuesdays, 12:30-4:00 PM • \$7 Guild donation + materials  
Reduction printing in all forms— In the Studio

### Do Your Own Thing

Thursdays, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Come paint or sketch  
\$10 Guild Donation—In the studio.

### Long Pose Nude Figure Drawing & Painting

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM,  
\$15 Model Fee—In the studio

### Portrait Group

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays, 2:00-4:00 PM Portraits & Figure  
Model Fee \$10 in the Studio

### Undraped Figure Drawing, Long Poses

Saturdays, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM  
\$10 Model Fee—In the studio

### Book Club

2nd Friday of the Month 5:00-6:30 PM (Free)

### Art Chat

4th Friday of the Month 5:00-6:30 PM (Free)

### Photography Group

Contact Office for meeting Information

### Sculpting with Clay

Fridays 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Upstairs Studio (\$5.00)

### Each Stitch Counts Group

Starting Oct 5th to be on  
Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 PM

## Welcome New Members

Lucy Cardone

Donald Hansen

Delbert McNamee

Suzanne Pasqualicchio

Christopher Reilly

Christine Sullivan



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