

## Academy Art Museum Announces ARTober: A Celebration of the Arts on the Eastern Shore for the Whole Month of October



ARTober at the Academy Art Museum will feature over 40 events between October 6 and November 4, celebrating the arts on the Eastern Shore.

The Academy Art Museum in Easton, MD is hosting ARTober, a month-long series of programs and events celebrating the vibrant arts scene of the Eastern Shore. The activities begin October 6 and runs through November 4, 2016. During that period the Museum will host over 40 classes, lectures, workshops, demonstrations, and special events in the visual and performing arts on such topics as garden photography, technology in art fabrication, book arts, needle felting, Zentangle, Flamenco and ballroom dancing, storytelling, and even yoga for creativity. There will also be several free events, including artist demonstrations, a craft sale, vendors, an active Raku workshop, and family programming on the weekend of October 15 and 16 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The activities are designed for people of all ages and interests.

According to Dennis McFadden, director of the Academy Art Museum, "The goal of ARTober is to raise awareness of the rich and varied opportunities to explore the arts in our region. Our hope is that people will come explore the many free events to see where their own interests and talents lie. Local as well as nationally-known artists will join in the festivities."

Two signature events during the month of ARTober will anchor the celebration. On Friday, October 14 at 6 p.m., the Museum will host a lecture, "The National Gallery at 75," a fascinating discussion of the National Gallery's first 75 years with Earl "Rusty" Powell III, Director of the National Gallery of Art and an Honorary Trustee of the Academy Art Museum. The cost is \$75 per person and includes a reception following the lecture. On Saturday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m., the Museum will host an Honorary Trustee Reception recognizing AAM's distinguished honorary trustees - Arnold Lehman, Earl "Rusty" Powell III, Donald Saff and James Turrell, all of whom have significantly impacted and continue to impact the national and international art scene today. The cost is \$65 per person.

As part of its month-long ARTober celebration the Academy Art Museum will also be hosting an online auction. Bidding will start on Friday, October 14 and end Saturday, October 29. Silent auctions will include trips, artwork created by Museum instructors, and much more. For more information about the online auction visit [www.501auctions.com/artober](http://www.501auctions.com/artober).

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