



# OCFAL

## Ocean City Fine Arts League

“ART ON ASBURY”  
THE LARGEST  
SELECTION OF SHORE PRINTS  
BY LOCAL ARTISTS”

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## WINTER REPORT

January's show was an interesting and diversified display of art by former judges of OCFAL shows, Blair Seitz known for his photographs and prints, Carmella Palotta specializes in colorful kites and watercolors and Gloria Popeck works include acrylics and pastels. The artists reception was well attended and received by the audience.



The annual photography show sponsored by the Ocean City Fine Arts League was held February and March. Mike Randolph, gallery curator and Rae Jaffe, exhibit curator, hosted Tom Singleton as judge for the competition. Blair Seitz of Millville was awarded first prize and Joanne Bernardini of Ocean City was awarded second prize. Honorable mentions went to Toni Vosika of Cape May Point and Anita Roth of Cape May. A special achievement award was presented to William Dietrich, age 10 of Seaville. The fact that Dietrich is a grandson of Sue Rau who volunteers and teaches watercolors at the League was unknown by the judge. The works covered a large range of subjects and styles and impressed all who attended the opening.

## BATTLE OF THE BANDS AND THE TALENT CONTEST

Rob Swift, the newest and youngest member of the OCFAL Board of Directors has taken a very active involvement in his first months of his tenure. Rob took charge of the 6th annual Battle of the Bands held on February 21st at the Music Pier on the Boardwalk. This event brought in over \$1600 to the treasury. This years Battle of the Bands was a big success. Our audience seemed to enjoy every performance, however, the night was certainly made memorable by two winning bands; 123 Draw and The Pedestrians. Both groups put on professional quality performances, making the six annual BOB the best thus far. Rob's group Kickin' Bear were thrilled with the opportunity to perform with local music scene legend Eddie Shiffler. Battle T-shirts were provided by Shotis Apparel and are still available at the OCFAL. Robs next venture was the annual Talent Show,

also held on the Music Pier, this event drew over twenty five participants from Ocean City and the throughout South Jersey. John Walton was emcee and worked with Swift and Paul Schaeffer to produce the event.

The winners included: Vocal Soloists: (1) Teresa Bonilla (2) Robin Rosenthal (3) Michele Acito. Dancers: (1) Amanda Desouza (2) Phoebe Schumacher (3) Francesca Bishop. Instrumentals: (1) David Palomeque (2) Morgan McLees (3) Kyle Draws. Duets: (1) David and Tara Baldwin (2) Kylie Green and Leah Canderan (3) Emily Mechon and Rebecca Bross. Singer/Song writers: (1) Sean Swift (2) Dominic Ditanna. Best Dance Group: JED Baldmomar. The Best of Show award was won by operatic soloist Teresa Bonilla.

Many thanks to the community Relations Department, Mark Soifer, Mike Dattilo and Music Pier Superintendent Jerry Scafario for their assistance.

## CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS

As a joint venture with the city of Ocean City, the Ocean City Fine Arts League and the K through 12 Ocean City and Upper Township schools will join forces on Friday, April 24 through Sunday April 26 in a giant downtown art gala. It will be held from 6th to 11th streets on Asbury Avenue. Included in this celebration there will be visual and performing arts. Ocean City High School's jazz band, balloon arts, face painting, karaoke, sidewalk art and food sales will be part of the gala. Art displays in each store will be featured. The Art League will be the staging area and will offer to kids of all ages from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday the opportunity to make art in the gallery. Supplies will be provided. Sunday afternoon 2pm to 4pm Wanda Kline will conduct a short pastel workshop for \$2 per person. Stop by and support the arts.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- to Lois Adam and Mike Waters who have their work displayed in the Atlantic-Cape Community College Art Gallery in Mays Landing. Lois's paper collages were displayed through March and Mike's oil and acrylic collages will be shown through April.

- to Mike Randolph just learned from the Smithsonian Institute that they have ordered copies of his "PoPsie" book to be put in the store at the National Museum of American History.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### April ~ FOA Show

Artist Reception April 10th 7pm

### May ~ Flower Show

Artist Reception May 8th 7pm

### June ~ Ken Klauder -

Artists Reception June 5 7pm

### July and August Everything Ocean City

Artists Reception Aug. 14 7pm

## WELCOME NEW FOA MEMBERS

Marcie Nisley-Brigantine

William McKensie-Mays Landing

Nancy Herman - Merion, PA

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

was held on Tuesday February 14. A new board member, Freddi Lamb was inducted as Secretary. The next Board Meeting will be held on April 7 at 7pm. The agenda will include the calendar of events for summer 2009. Any member of OCFAL is welcome to come to a board meeting at any time.

The ARC students have been busy as usual working on community art projects,

## ARC Report

Players Performing Arts Club's 3rd annual variety show. The April 5th -2:00 pm show at the Katz JCC in Margate show features hit songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s. The ARC students painted the scenery for the play at the main office of the ARC on Delilah Road. ARC's next project is the OCFAL Flower show in May and the Flower Show on the Ocean City Boardwalk on the first weekend in June. The artists had a field trip to McNaughton's Garden Center along



with OCFAL Board Member Ken Klauder who instructed the students on how to use the 4 digital cameras donated by the Kiwanis Club. The photos will be used for inspiration for pot's, original paintings, cards and more that will displayed and sold at the shows.

