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FIRST LADY OF OHIO HOSTS WINTER 2016 “SPOTLIGHT” PROGRAM *Celebrates Southwest Ohio Artist’s Work at Governor’s Residence in Bexley*

COLUMBUS – Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich, along with artists and other special guests from across the state celebrated the winter installment of Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor’s Residence. Mrs. Kasich and this quarter’s featured artist, Kelley Booze, provided remarks during a recent reception at the Governor’s Residence in Bexley.

Five of the Booze’s paintings will be on display in the foyer of the Residence through March. Her exhibition features urban landscapes from the artist’s hometown of Springfield.



Booze said she feels it is important to focus her artwork on the community in which she is living.

“Through my paintings, I am documenting how a certain area appears or is used at that moment,” said Booze. All that time, I am wondering ‘what was this building, why did people leave it, where are they now, and why is the building just sitting here?’” Booze said.

“I think Kelley’s paintings are beautiful,” said Mrs. Kasich. “When I look at her artwork, I don’t see former factory sites or weed-filled sidewalks, I see urban possibilities – places that are themselves canvases of opportunity waiting to be repainted into useful spaces.”

Booze graduated magna cum laude in 2009 from the Columbus College of Art and Design. In addition to pursuing her career as an artist, she has taught painting and drawing at the Springfield Museum of Art as well as Studio 14 in Tipp City.

Mrs. Kasich was inspired to create the “Spotlight” program as a way to help promote the wealth of artistic talent in Ohio. The program, developed in partnership with the Ohio Arts Council and launched in September 2013, highlights the works of one selected Ohio artist each quarter at the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden.

[Click here](#) to view a video of this quarter’s Spotlight reception. Schedule a visit to the Governor’s Residence to see Booze’s exhibition and the works of other Ohio artists at the Governor’s Residence by calling (614) 644-7644 or go online to governorsresidence.ohio.gov/tours.aspx.

Learn more about the Spotlight program and other initiatives of First Lady Karen W. Kasich at firstlady.ohio.gov. Ohio artists interested in the Spotlight program should contact Ken Emerick, with the Ohio Arts Council at kenemerick@oak.state.oh.us

