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FIRST LADY OF OHIO HOSTS SPRING 2016 “SPOTLIGHT” PROGRAM

Reception Held at Governor’s Residence in Bexley to Celebrate Yellow Springs Artist

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

Five of Rosengarten’s paintings will be on display in the foyer of the Residence through the end of June. The artist’s exhibit captures her passion for gardens and ponds while exploring how a sense of place is evocative of mood, memory, and transition.



“At different times in my life, I’ve had connections with particular colors, ones I respond to intuitively. For awhile now that color has been tied to spring growth – a season of transformation for me,” said Rosengarten, a resident of Yellow Springs. “I’ve noticed I’m really drawn to orange, it’s a very vital color and to the cooler tone of blue; both colors figure largely into my paintings.”

“It’s easy to fall in love with the vibrant colors and deep spaces of Jennifer’s art,” said Mrs. Kasich. “Her paintings are bursting with an energy that matches the tremendous growth going on right now in the the Heritage Garden here at the Residence.”

Rosengarten, a graduate of Wright State University, later went onto earn a master of fine arts from Boston University. Her artwork has shown in galleries across the country from Providence, Rhode Island to Gig Harbor, Washington.

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.

Schedule a visit to the Governor’s Residence to see Rosengarten’s exhibition and the works of other Ohio artists on display 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

