

Fall 2013 "Spotlight" on Wallace Peck



[Wallace Peck](#) (pictured above with Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich) was born in Grove City and spent most of his childhood there before moving to Franklinton after his mother passed away. In Franklinton he befriended the staff of Gladden House, a community outreach center. Wallace spent a great deal of time at Gladden House where he was provided with drawing materials and given space to draw for hours. When the Gladden House family saw that Wallace lacked a stable living environment they introduced him to the Columbus Center for Human Services which provided him with a wonderful place to live and the opportunity to expand his artistic skills at [Open Door Art Studio](#). As soon as he picked up a paintbrush it was apparent that Wallace possessed a unique skill. His artwork has been gaining a fan base that has increased exponentially each year. Wallace was a featured artist at the 2012 Greater Columbus Arts Festival in 2013 and had a solo exhibition at the Lindsay Gallery in Columbus' Short North Arts District.

“Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor’s Residence,” is a new program created by Ohio’s First Lady Karen W. Kasich which celebrates the work of Ohio artists by showcasing works by an Ohio artist selected by the First Lady. The program enhances the ongoing partnership between the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden and the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). Since 1985 the OAC has assisted in placing artwork by Ohio artists and Ohio cultural institutions in the Governor’s Residence and throughout the Governor’s offices located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. The “Spotlight” program will offer quarterly focus shows which will highlight an artist whose work will be on display at the Governor’s Residence. All Ohio artists are eligible to submit their work for consideration. Quarterly artists will be selected by Mrs. Kasich with assistance by the Ohio Arts Council. Ohio artists interested in submitting work for consideration should contact OAC Individual Artist Program Director, Ken Emerick ken.emerick@oac.state.oh.us for further details. To be eligible for the program the artist cannot be a student enrolled in a degree granting program and must be a resident of the State of Ohio.



About the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden: The house has been the official residence of ten Ohio chief executives and is a showcase of our state’s artistry, culture, industry and landscape. The Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden is a unique and historic home that represents Ohio to a diverse range of visitors. The Ohio Governor’s Residence offers a living exhibition of Ohio history, industry and craftsmanship, while the Heritage Garden strives to educate visitors on the importance of conserving and preserving the natural beauty of our state. To schedule a free tour of the residence call 614/644-7644 or residence@governor.ohio.gov



Ohio Arts Council

About the Ohio Arts Council:

The Ohio Arts Council is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically.



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WALLACE PECK



SEPTEMBER 2013—JANUARY 2014



Ohio's First Family, 2013, 35" x 52" acrylic on canvas

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About the Open Door Art Studio:

The Open Door Art Studio is dedicated to overcoming limitations and giving individuals with disabilities the opportunity to discover their own expressive freedom, and is a division of Columbus Center for Human Services, Inc (CCHS).

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OHIO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE
FEATURED WORKS BY WALLACE PECK**

1. *Ohio's First Family, 2013, 35" x 52"*, acrylic on canvas \$825
2. *State Bird, 2013, 21" x 16"*, acrylic on canvas \$225
3. *Blue Spruced Up, 24" x 31"*, acrylic on canvas \$650
4. *White Squirrel, 23" x 34"*, acrylic on canvas \$525
5. *Tall Man, 32" x 24"*, acrylic on canvas \$650



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