

Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor's Residence is a program created by Ohio's First Lady Karen W. Kasich that celebrates Ohio artists by showcasing a sampling of their artworks in the Residence foyer. 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 from Ohio cultural institutions in the Governor's Residence and throughout the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. The "Spotlight" program offers quarterly exhibitions at the Governor's Residence highlighted by opening receptions. Spotlight Artists are selected by First Lady Kasich with assistance from the OAC. All Ohio artists are eligible to submit their work for consideration. 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. For details contact OAC Individual Artist Program Director Ken Emerick at ken.emerick@oac.ohio.gov. And visit oac.ohio.gov/spotlight to view past "Spotlight" artists.



About the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden: The Jacobean Revival style home was originally built for the family of industrialist Malcom Jeffrey in 1925, and has served as the official Ohio Governor's Residence for nearly 60 years. Examples of Ohio art, industry, and craftsmanship are showcased throughout the house while outside, the surrounding Heritage Garden reflects the state's diverse native botanicals and landscapes. Free tours of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden, 358 N. Parkview Ave., Columbus, OH 43209, can be scheduled by calling 614-644-7644 or online at residence@governor.ohio.gov.

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. For more information visit: oac.ohio.gov.

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CHARLOTTE LEES



BEACH/VALLEY

2014, METAL, WOOD, PAINT
38" X 24" X 2"

October – December 2017





The Sea

2010, Paint, Metal, Cherry Wood
57" x 20" x 20"

Charlotte Lees transforms and translates the elements of nature to express a personal vision of her environment. Beauty matters and her goal is to create lasting images that connect man to his surroundings. Born and raised in Cleveland, Ms. Lees proudly received the Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship in 1995 for her outstanding body of sculpture.

Art is her passion and Ms. Lees has successfully completed both public and private commissions in stainless steel, aluminum, bronze, and wood. She has said she enjoys the freedom of developing concepts without material constraints. In addition to commissions, She has had numerous museum and gallery exhibitions. Ms. Lees is represented by Harris Stanton Gallery in Akron and Cleveland; Desert Art Collection in Palm Desert, California; and the online art gallery Saatchi Art saatchiart.com. She is an archived artist at the Artists Archives of the Western Reserve in Cleveland.

Featured Works by Charlotte Lees



Patchwork

2015, Wood, Metal, Paint
26" x 7.5" x 7.5"



Pura Vida

2014, Metal, Paint, Wood
18" x 7" x 7"



Pollinator Series

2016, Wood, Metal, Paint
32" x 7" x 7"