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The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents
Poetics of Pattern

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present *Poetics of Pattern* from July 25 – October 6, 2013.

Curated by Janice Lessman-Moss, professor at Kent State University, the 13 artists in *Poetics of Pattern* explore the process of design-making through a variety of scales, media, forms and colors. Through their repetitive processes, we find a language of beauty and meaning that seeks to create order and connection in our increasingly complex lives.

Patterns have been used by artists as symbolism, metaphor and decorative embellishment throughout history. In *Poetics of Pattern*, the viewer will engage with geometric ornamentation, historical motifs, fabric constructions, ceramics, recycled materials and more though exciting works that relate the mesmerizing and often meditative facets of pattern to a contemporary audience.

Artists in the show include: **Laurie Addis**, Kent; **Gianna Commito**, Kent; **Dragana Crnjak**, Boardman; **Nancy Crow**, Baltimore; **Kristine Donnelly**, Cincinnati; **Robert Greyer**, Bowling Green; **Susan Li O'Conner**, Columbus; **Danielle Rante**, Columbus; **Judith Salomon**, Shaker Heights; **Douglas Sanderson**, Cleveland Heights; **Audra Skuodas**, Oberlin; **Casey Vogt**, Akron; **Carly Witmer**, Pleasant Hill.

Join the Riffe Gallery for the free opening reception of *Poetics of Pattern* on **Thursday, July 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Donated food and wine for purchase will be available.

On **Friday, July 26** curator Janice Lessman-Moss will lead a free tour of the exhibition **from noon to 1 p.m.**

FREE Family Workshop, Sunday, September 8, 2013, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Children ages 6 to 17, join Susie Underwood, artist and museum educator, to play with repetition and decoration in a pattern-inspired workshop. Invent a unique mixed media wallpaper design and take it home to spruce up your living space. Registration is required as space is limited; all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Register online at www.riffegallery.org between July 30 and September 3, 2013.

Thursday, October 3, 2013, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join the Queen of Fun, writer and poet Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld, for an adult creative writing workshop with an emphasis on poetry. Space is limited to 20 participants. Register online between August 12 through September 27 at www.riffegallery.org.

September 4-27, 2013, Riffe Center Lobby Exhibition: COVA's *PhotoVoice*.
Participants share their journeys of mental illness and recovery.

Poetics of Pattern is presented by the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery with media support from CD102.5, *CityScene*, Ohio Channel, *Ohio Magazine*, Time Warner Cable and WCBE 90.5FM.

About the Riffe Gallery:

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio artists and curators, and collections from the region's museums and galleries. The gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts at 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

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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