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The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery Presents *Sky High*

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will present *Sky High* from **July 31 through October 19, 2014**.

Sky High is an all-encompassing visual expedition to Earth's vast upper atmosphere known as the sky. The artists in the exhibition use a range of techniques that explore the assorted elements of the sky. From the stunning displays of stars and planets to clouds and tornadoes, this exhibition will encourage you to "look up."

Artists in the show include: Rosemarie Bloch (Okeana), Rod Bouc (Columbus), Judith Maureen Brandon (Cleveland), Edward M. Charney (New Carlisle), Robert Coates (Fairborn), Netta Bits (Dayton), Susan Danko (Parma), Julie Friedman (Medina), Diana Duncan Holmes (Cincinnati), David LaPalombara (Athens), Jessica Larva (Columbus), Danielle Rante (Columbus), Kate Shannon (Mansfield), Wendy Collin Sorin (Durham, NC), Diane Stemper (Oxford), Joel Whitaker (Dayton) and Sean Wilkinson (Dayton).

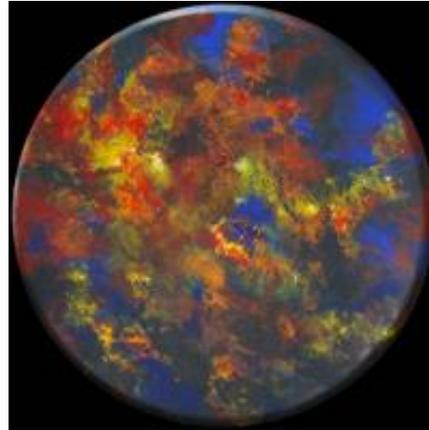


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Join the Riffe Gallery for the opening of *Sky High* on Thursday, July 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

On **Friday, August 1, from noon to 1:00 p.m.**, join us for a free tour of the exhibition led by exhibition curator Kay Koeninger, a professor of art at Sinclair Community College.

On **Thursday, August 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**, Ohio poet Wendy McVicker will read her works with accompaniment by musician Emily Prince, followed by an Open Mic session. Please register for the event online between August 1-15.

On **Sunday, September 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, create mixed media works by melding together science, nature and art with *Sky High* artist Diane Stemper. Children ages 6 to 17 are welcome to participate with an adult companion. Registration is required as space is limited; all children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Register online between August 1-September 17.

Sky High is presented by the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery with media support from CD102.5, CityScene, Ohio Channel, WOSU, Ohio Magazine and WCBE 90.5 FM.

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.