

# Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor's Residence

**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](mailto:ken.emerick@oac.ohio.gov) and visit [oac.ohio.gov/spotlight](http://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](mailto: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](http://oac.ohio.gov).

## DIANE BELFIGLIO



### ROMAN URN

1999, ACRYLIC ON CANVAS  
50" x 30"

January – March 2018





### *Glimpses of Zoar V*

2003, Acrylic on Canvas  
30" x 36"

Diane Belfiglio has always been firmly grounded in the same formalist ideas that have interested her since her beginnings as a professional artist: closely cropped images bathed in the play of pattern between sunlight and shadows. Although realistic in their presentation, she relies heavily on their underlying abstract qualities. Shadows, ethereal by nature, take on a rigid structural aspect in her compositions. Colors range from brilliant to subtle, in an effort to reproduce the strong sense of sunlight streaming through each piece. She aims to transform the mundane into the extraordinary so that beauty is seen in images that generally go unnoticed by most people on a daily basis.

Born and raised in North Canton, Diane earned her BFA in drawing, painting, and graphics from The Ohio State University in 1978, and her MFA in painting from Syracuse University in 1980. As an artist, she is visually inspired by so much—from the beauty of Ohio's historic landmarks to the lush spring tulips at Walsh University, where she teaches.

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## Featured Works by Diane Belfiglio



### *Ruby Radiance*

2011, Oil Pastel on Paper  
20 7/8" x 15 1/8"

### *Croton Chaos*

2013, Oil Pastel on Paper  
14" x 20 1/2"



### *Opus in Orange*

2010, Oil Pastel on Paper  
19 1/2" x 15"