



Paul D. Wilbur

Fort Hayes

2015

Digital Photograph

6" x 6"

Fort Hayes will be featured at ROY G BIV Gallery beginning this December as part of Ohio Art League's historic Thumb Box Exhibition.

Thanks to our generous community partners Ohio Art League has much to announce!

This fall we will begin partnering with many organizations and would like to start by announcing 3 big ones: 400 W. Rich St. Art Studios, Wexner Center for the Arts, and ROY G BIV Gallery. We are incredibly grateful for all of these opportunities and hope to develop long lasting relationships with these prominent organizations.

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Ohio Art League invites you to **SAVE THE DATE**: December 11 for the opening of Ohio Art League's Xspace: A multidisciplinary project and programming space at [400 W. Rich St. Art Studios](#) located in Franklinton, just steps away from downtown Columbus. Our launch party will be open to the public and take place during a neighborhood "Franklinton Friday" where galleries and studios are open for viewing.

Join us Friday, December 11:

5:30 - 7:00pm Partner preview for our donors and supporters.

7:00 - 11:00pm We welcome all members and the public - We will invite all members to participate in proposing programming in this new space. If you're not a member this is the time and place to join.

7:30 - 8:00pm OAL annual member meeting - Don't miss this update on where we've been over the last year and where we are headed in 2016.

Entertainment includes visual art by a few of Ohio Art League's exceptional artists who have been engaged with the league, live music early, a DJ playing later, great food, drinks, and many surprises including additional exciting partnerships and benefits for members.

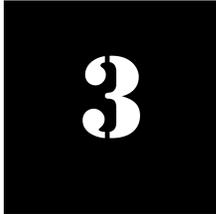
The following day is Festivus! On Saturday, December 12 from 12:00 - 6:00 pm, Ohio Art League's Xspace will be joining in the festivities. Come visit our space and the entire warehouse at 400 W. Rich St. Art Studios. At Xspace you can view the art, see and hear about upcoming news and partnerships, become a member, and support our crafters. Email us at oal@oal.org if you are interested in vending at this event.

Stay tuned for an official invitation.



Ohio Art League is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Wexner Center for the Arts. Starting December 11 at our Xspace Launch Party, the Wexner Center and Ohio Art

League will each offer reciprocal membership benefits! This is a new membership level of \$75. Ohio Art League Members will receive these great benefits thanks to the Wexner Center for the Arts: Free admission to exhibitions, openings, and public programs, and a 10% discount in the Wexner Center Store and Heirloom Café every day. The partnership will also entail co-sponsored events specific to Wex and OAL members centered around engagement and strengthening the bond between artists and institutions.



SMALL WORKS & THUMB BOX

December 5, 2015 – January 30, 2016

**ROY
G BIV** + **OHIO
ART
LEAGUE**

Word is out about Thumb Box & Small Works under the same roof at ROY G BIV, an exciting and innovative gallery.

With a long and storied tradition, the first exhibition of this type was held in 1916 and continued annually during the early part of the League's history. After a hiatus, Thumb Box returned in 2006 and now continues into 2015. Submissions will be accepted through November 15.

Visit our website or [Click here to SUBMIT](#)

[Sign up here to volunteer for Thumb Box. Meet artists, see great art, help the league.](#)

News about Ohio Art League Board of Trustees

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Ohio Art League's Board of Trustees has been working diligently behind the scenes to maintain your Ohio Art League. The board is growing and building in many exciting ways.

Newly elected officers were voted in last month.

Ohio Art League Board President: Andrew Ina

Ohio Art League Board Vice President: Julie Abijanac

Ohio Art League Board Treasurer: Susan Weber

Ohio Art League Board Secretary: Amy Tillinghast

We need you, Ohio Art League Members to be at the Ohio Art League Xspace at 400 W. Rich St. Art Studios on December 11 at 7:30 pm to not only help launch our new space but also to renew the terms of our board members: Andrew Ina, Susan Weber, and Jay Moffett for another 3 years.

We feel great energy and momentum with our strong board of trustees. They are active in the community and leaders in their fields. We would like to feature a couple in each newsletter to give you an idea of who's muscles are behind Ohio Art League.

Julie Abijanac, our new board VP is on her way right now to Latvia to exhibit in the [II International Textile Symposium: FORTRESS MAN](#) at the [Rothko Center](#). Julie has been on the board for 3 years. She is not only a practicing artist but also full time faculty at Columbus College of Art & Design, where Ohio Art League all started.





Julie Abijanac received her MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art and BFA from CCAD. She currently is an Associate Professor teaching in the MFA and Honors programs at CCAD. Her professional practice outside of the educational community includes; II International Textile Art Symposium FORTRESS MAN Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Centre, 8th International Paper Triennial at the Musee du Charmey, Switzerland, FiberArt International 2013 (where she received the People's Choice Award), and 68th Annual Ohio Exhibition 2012 (where she placed 1st in Fiber/Textiles,). Julie is also a recipient of the Capelli d'Angeli Foundation 2013 Artist Grants for woman artist whose work is a response to having and coping with cancer.

The work of Julie Abijanac deals with her personal struggle with cancer. She creates digital drawings and relief paper sculptures that explore the systematic development of cancer cell metastasis. Each piece she depicts a shape quality or motif from specific field-stain specimens, which is then used in multiples. Compositional aspects are then portrayed with the use of these individual segments or shapes and then fused together to create modules. With the use of recycled paper(s) and/or fiber, the fundamental elements of visual art are put to use including space, shape, texture, movement, and pattern. Close up, the three-dimensional lines of these paper-sculpted works are so elegantly graceful, but also intricately complex, just as life itself is at once lush and beautiful in the face of an utterly unpredictable future. Julie aspires to create works that provides a connection between the viewer and the beauty found in the organic development of cellular growth found in a potentially deadly disease.

Dionne Custer Edwards brings fresh insightful energy as a new board member of Ohio Art



Dionne Custer Edwards is a writer and arts educator working in education programming at The Wexner Center for the Arts, where she created Pages, a multi-visit writing-based arts program, where she curates arts experiences, teaches, and co-edits an anthology of student writings inspired by a year of learning experiences in and around the arts. For nearly 20 years, Dionne has served in central Ohio communities focused on education and arts integration in K-12 education and museums. Her interests are writing, literacy, and developing arts-integrated programs that build interdisciplinary experiences.

She has partnered with many programs and organizations including Ohio Arts Council, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Transit Arts, and Thurber House Writing Center-and serves on three boards: Columbus Montessori Education Center, the Ohio Art League, and The Wellington School. She has received several awards and fellowships for her work in the arts and in 2014 was nominated for a GCAC Community Arts Partnership award.

In conjunction with her work in the arts and education, in 2012, she presented at TEDx Indianapolis a talk titled: Beautiful Distractions in 21st Century Learning, most recently spoke at the National Art Education Association on her research and work with the Pages program, and was one of the keynote speakers at a conference hosted by the Council of Education Facility Planners International, engaging design thinking, learning environments in the 21st century, and the future of K-12 education.

She was a contributing writer for Alive, has published single works of creative writing, essays, and articles, and a recently published essay, translated in English and Turkish, Inside Outside: On Creative Practice and Arts Partnership in Sanat Dünyamız ("Our Art World"). In

2015, she was featured on The Ohio Channel's Book Notes, a series featuring writers living and working in Ohio.

Dionne has a MA, Arts Education and Creative Writing, Antioch University, and a BA, English, The Ohio State University. She lives in Columbus with her husband, three sons, and a journal.

[Check out her recent interview on the Ohio Channel here](#)

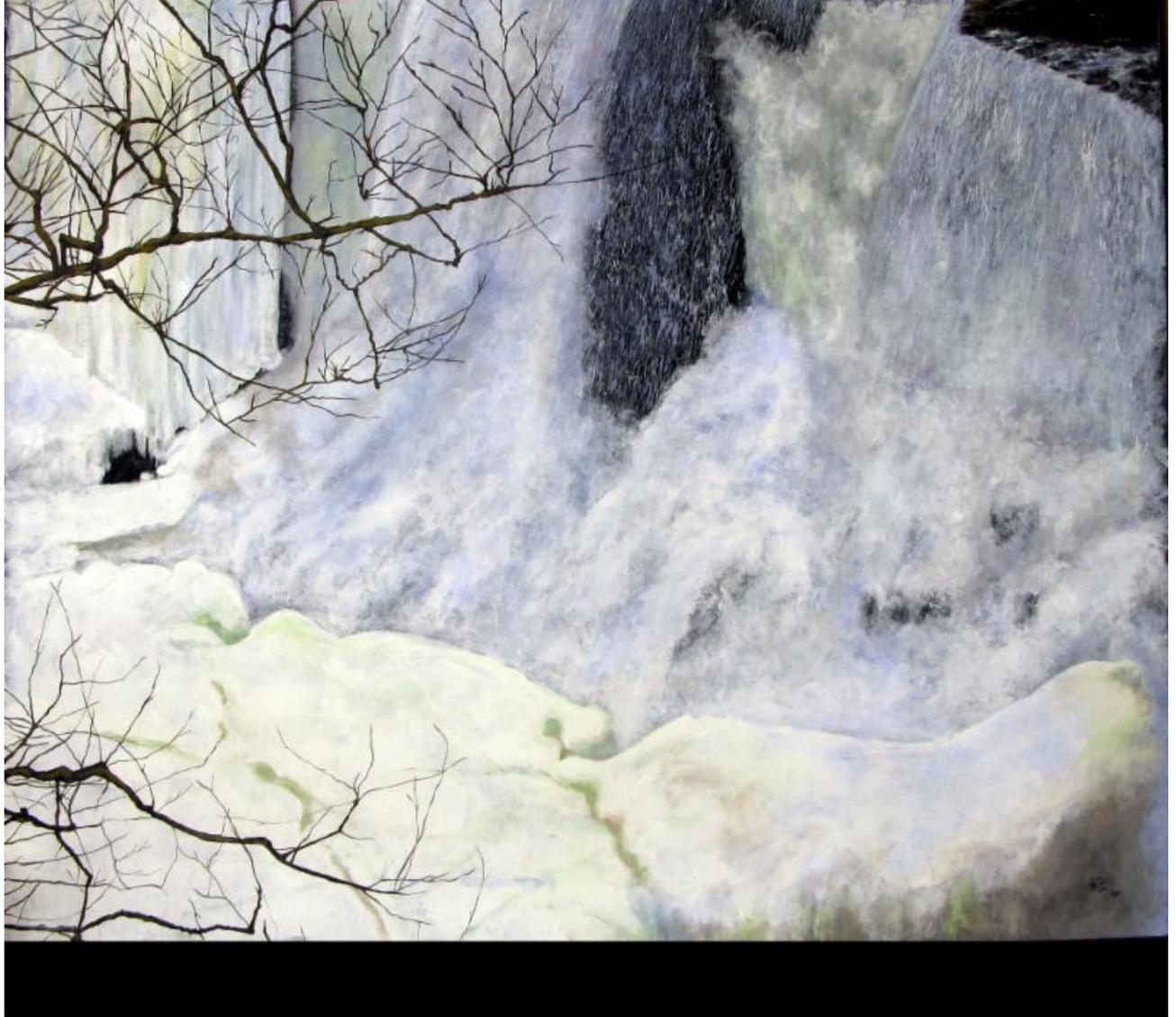
Our Members are making things happen across the state and the country

A few highlights:



Chicks with Balls: Judy Takács paints unsung female heroes. Through November 24th at Tri-C Gallery East in Cuyahoga Community College, Highland Hills, Ohio.





Marty Kalb

Ohio Paintings from local Collections and the Artist's Studio at Gallery 22, 22 East Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio from November 6, 2015 - December 19.

THE INAUGURAL

OHIO ARTS COUNCIL'S RIFFE GALLERY



Ohio Arts Council

JURIED EXHIBITION

Clare **Murray Adams** Noah **Addis** Janet **Alsup** Diane **Belfiglio** Laura **Bidwa** Judith **M. Brandon**

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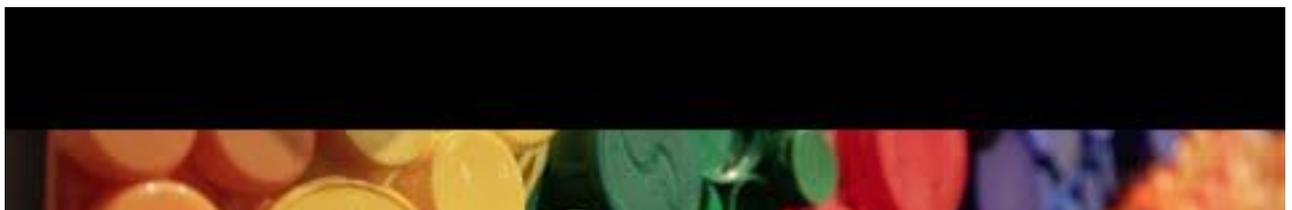
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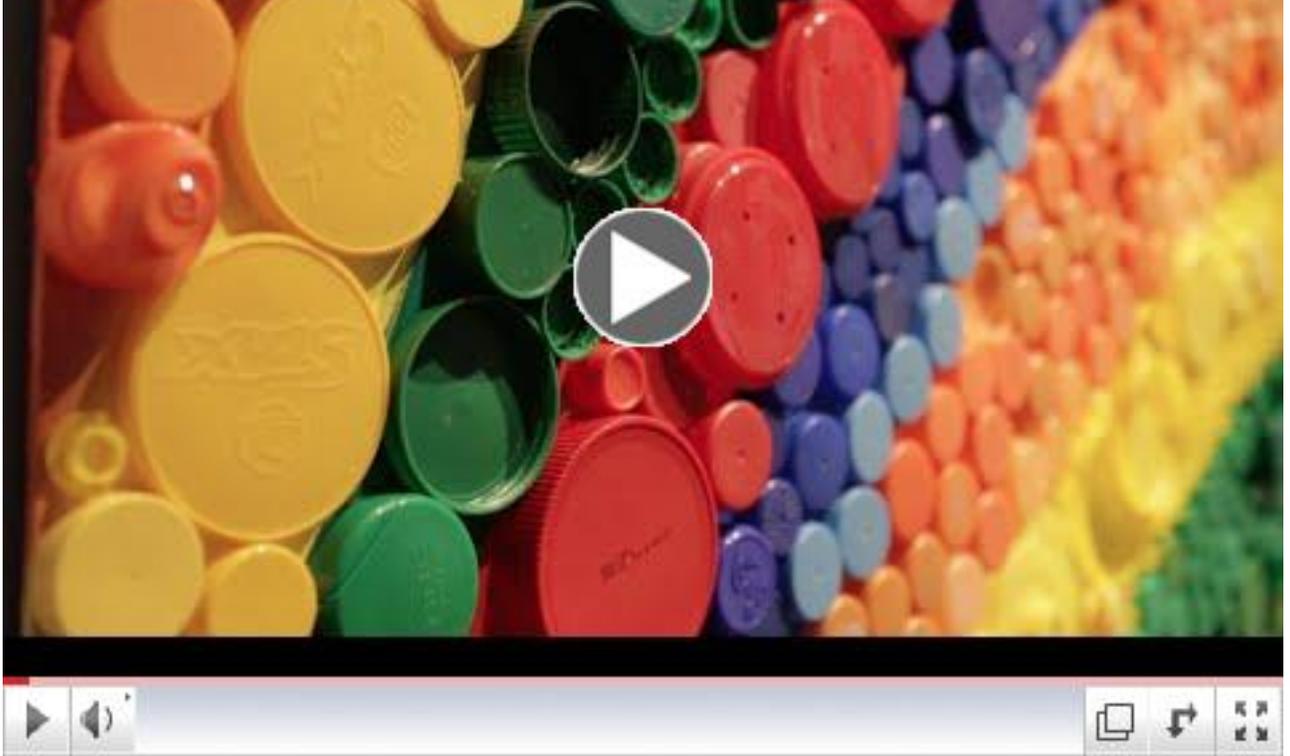
November 5, 2015–January 9, 2016

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery will feature 59 Ohio artists including many OAL members in *The Inaugural Juried Exhibition* from November 5, 2015, through January 9, 2016. Opening Reception: Thursday, November 5, 5-7 pm



Last month, our sponsors at the Greater Columbus Arts Council purchased artwork from Ohio Art League member Christine Guillot Ryan as an award for their Community Arts Partnership Awards.





The Hero Within Exhibition featuring Ohio Art League members at [Sunapple Studios](#) was featured on [Broad and High](#) and a national PBS Blog. The exhibition will be on view through November 14th at the [Cultural Arts Center](#).

More community happenings



Gallery Denmark is seeking submissions click [here](#) for more information.



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Juried by **Luke Stettner**

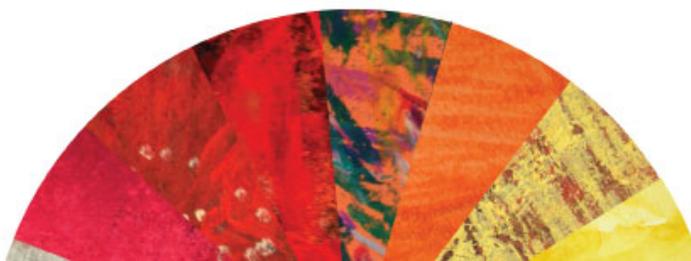
ROY G BIV Gallery for Emerging Artists is now accepting submissions for ImageOHIO 16, a juried exhibition of the best photo, video and new media art. Juror Luke Stettner will select the exhibiting artists. Artists living in Ohio and artists who have lived in Ohio are invited to enter. The selected work will be exhibited from January 19 - February 19, 2016, at the Fort Hayes Shot Tower Gallery.



Many Ohio Art League artists are supporting Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's annual fundraiser the Art of Recovery on November 13. The event will take place at Hilton Columbus Downtown from 5:30 - 10:00 pm.



Wexner Center for the Arts invites you to the Lambert Family Lecture: After Picasso: A Conversation with Diana Widmaier Picasso and Jack Cowart on Friday, November 13 at 5:30 pm. This conversation is free and open to the public.





Open Door Art Studios welcomes you to wrap your mind around *Don't Be SQUARE*, an all-inclusive exhibition featuring works created on planes free from quadrilateral restraints. November 14 - December 14, 2015. Opening Reception: November 14.

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Ohio Art League is a non-profit, member-based organization for artists. Founded in 1909, OAL is the longest continually operating non-profit art league in the state. The organization works strategically to help Ohio cultivate and retain top visual art talent while positioning the state as a hub for the visual arts.

Through OAL, member artists receive support across all stages of their careers. OAL helps make connections with patrons of the arts and the broader Ohio arts community, provides opportunities for exhibition and studio space and offers exhibition awards, workshops, professional development and members-only events. To learn more about Ohio Art League, to volunteer, sponsor, support or become a member, please visit OAL.org.

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