Spring 2014 "Spotlight" on Ron Anderson

*Lafayette Street*, 2004, 44” x 38”, oil on canvas.

**Ron Anderson** is an oil painter and an art educator, and has been a successful working artist for over 30 years (his painting "Lafayette Street" is pictured above). He has earned awards for his oil paintings and was a nominee for the 2005 Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio in the Individual Artist category. Ron is a commercial art instructor with The Columbus College of Art & Design and with Columbus Public Schools. He has served as an art consultant on several public art projects with art commissions that have included oil paintings, graphic design and illustration.

Prior to working as a commercial art instructor, Ron worked as a fashion illustrator for the Halle's department store in Cleveland, Ohio and for the Lazarus department store in Columbus, Ohio. He also held the position of fashion illustrator and art director at the corporate office of Madison's, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio. He was a trustee on the board of directors of the Worthington Arts Council, and served as a regional director for the Ohio Governor's Show/Governor's Youth Art Exhibition.

Paintings from his public art projects are included in the permanent art collections of; the Ohio Supreme Court, the Ohio Statehouse, Absolut Spirits Company, Springfield Museum of Art, National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, and The King Arts Complex. His art exhibitions include shows at the Columbus Museum of Art, Springfield Museum of Art, The King Arts Complex, O.S.U. Faculty Club and National Black Fine Art Show in New York.
“Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor’s Residence,” is a new program created by Ohio’s First Lady Karen W. Kasich which celebrates the work of Ohio artists by showcasing works by an Ohio artist selected by the First Lady. 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 Ohio cultural institutions in the Governor’s Residence and throughout the Governor’s offices located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. The “Spotlight” program will offer quarterly focus shows which will highlight an artist whose work will be on display at the Governor’s Residence. All Ohio artists are eligible to submit their work for consideration. Quarterly artists will be selected by Mrs. Kasich with assistance by the Ohio Arts Council. Ohio artists interested in submitting work for consideration should contact OAC Individual Artist Program Director, Ken Emerick ken.emerick@oac.state.oh.us for further details. 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.

About the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden: The house has been the official residence of ten Ohio chief executives and is a showcase of our state’s artistry, culture, industry and landscape. The Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden is a unique and historic home that represents Ohio to a diverse range of visitors. The Ohio Governor’s Residence offers a living exhibition of Ohio history, industry and craftsmanship, while the Heritage Garden strives to educate visitors on the importance of conserving and preserving the natural beauty of our state. To schedule a free tour of the residence call 614/644-7644 or 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.
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