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**The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery presents *Flashback to Now: OAC Support for Individual Artists***

**Columbus, OH**—An exhibition that combines past with present, *Flashback to Now* highlights 15 of the Ohio Arts Council's (OAC) earliest individual artist grant recipients of the 1980s. Work created at the time of their first grant(s) will be presented alongside current pieces. Curated by Ann Bremner, *Flashback to Now: OAC Support for Individual Artists* will be on display July 23–October 18 at the OAC's Riffe Gallery.

Exhibiting artists: Dorothy Gill Barnes (Worthington), Mary Jo Bole (Columbus), Nancy Crow (Baltimore), Jack Earl (Lakeview), Maureen France (Cincinnati), Henry Halem (Kent), Frank Herrmann (Cincinnati), Janice Lessman-Moss (Kent), Charles Massey, Jr. (Columbus), Paul O'Keeffe (Cleveland Heights), Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson (Columbus), Gregory Spaid (Gambier), Brinsley Tyrrell (Ravenna), Garie Waltzer (Cleveland Heights), and Walter Zurko (Wooster).

All *Flashback to Now* exhibition events are free and open to the public.

**Opening Reception** Thursday, July 23, 5-7 p.m. Join us for the public opening and meet-and-greet with the curator and the exhibiting artists.

**Curator's Tour** Thursday, September 10, 6-7 p.m. Discover the process behind the exhibition. Curator Ann Bremner leads a guided tour through the gallery.

**Wandering and Writing: The Idea of *Place* in a Gallery**

**Thursday, September 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** How do we find our *place* in a gallery, responding to the works that most compel us to write? Ohio poet Terry Hermsen has years of experience guiding both students and adults through galleries around the state. Explore fresh techniques for "entering a work of art" using poetry or prose from his book *Poetry of Place* (NCTE 2009). Registration opens July 23. Secure your spot [riffegallery.org](http://riffegallery.org).

**Free Family Workshop with Artist Leah Wong**

**Sunday, October 11, 2-4 p.m.** Let's collaborate! Artist Leah Wong will guide families through a combination of basic calligraphic brush and scissor cut techniques. The resulting paper cutouts will be used to construct a collaborative installation on view within the Riffe Gallery through the close of the exhibition. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. This workshop is geared toward children age 6-17. Registration opens August 14. Space is limited, secure your spot [riffegallery.org](http://riffegallery.org).

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**About the Riffe Gallery:**

The Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery showcases the work of Ohio's artists and the collections of the state's museums and galleries. The Riffe Gallery is located in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, across from the Statehouse on High Street in Downtown Columbus.

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