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Paintings in Paper

Elizabeth Haworth-Wagner

Columbus, Ohio – (43215) Fresh A.I.R. Gallery cordially invites you to *Paintings in Paper* by Elizabeth Haworth-Wagner. Please join us for an opening reception on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Paintings in Paper* will be on view at the Fresh A.I.R. Gallery from June 22 through July 29, 2016. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery will host an artist's talk with Elizabeth on the final day of her exhibit.

Elizabeth Haworth-Wagner is a Columbus-based fiber artist whose painterly collages explore connections between physical and spiritual worlds, including questions about life, death, the afterlife, and rebirth. In 2013, Elizabeth lost her husband of 37 years. After his sudden death, she suffered from the effects of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and a diagnosed condition known as "Broken Heart Syndrome." Her artwork has been a crucial part of her recovery, she says.

Elizabeth writes, "Through art, I have found that there is always hope. I have learned that things aren't always what they seem to be, and what appears to be an end may, in fact, be a door to a wonderful new beginning."

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery met a milestone in 2014 by celebrating 10 years as a nonprofit art gallery with a mission to exhibit the works of individuals affected by mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Our mission is through art, we educate the community and work to break down the stigma of mental illness and/or substance use disorders by bringing focus to the artistic vision.

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Since opening our gallery doors in September 2004, Fresh A.I.R. Gallery has shown 60 exhibitions, displaying the artwork of over 200 artists, sold more than 250 pieces of artwork totaling over \$60,000. Many exhibits demonstrate the courage and struggles of the artists as they combat stigma and address social issues.

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery (Artists in Recovery) is a project of Southeast Inc., Healthcare, a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, physical healthcare and homeless services that has been serving Columbus since 1978 and six surrounding counties. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located downtown at 131 N. High Street Columbus, Ohio. Our hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's hotline is 614-744-8110. Visit our website at Fresh A.I.R. Gallery.

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