

# creative workforce fellowship

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## featured fellows

**Featured Fellow: Amy Casey**

**Painter**

**Acrylic paint on paper or panel**



*2010 - Cleveland*

### **Why have you chosen Cuyahoga County as a place to live and work?**

I have a great many friends here, and I can live a simple life with time to concentrate on my work. However it isn't so retiring that there aren't interesting things to see and do and eat when you want to get away from work.

### **What is your favorite place, event, or "hidden gem" in Cuyahoga County?**

My garden! I love digging in the dirt. Most of my gardening friends in larger cities are stuck with balcony gardens. I also love the library here, it is amazing, especially in the face of the difficult cut backs they are constantly facing. My local librarians are awesome.

### **Who or what has influenced you locally and elsewhere?**

I have always been very influenced by the immediate world and events around me. The architecture and infrastructure here in Cleveland has obviously been a big inspiration.

### **How do you generate new ideas?**

I keep an eye on the world around me, watch how things work or don't work, read the news too many times a day. Lots of my ideas come while staring out windows of public transportation. The rest of the time, new ideas for paintings come out of questions I have while painting, trying to find solutions to problems, one idea leading to another.

### **What is the hardest part about creating?**

Finding the time to get everything done.

### **What is the best moment you have had creating or presenting your work?**

There are moments in making paintings (or any form of creative work, I suspect) where everything makes sense - you are perfectly content with the moment and the work propels you onward. Those are the best moments.

### **How has the Creative Workforce Fellowship affected your career as an artist or your art work?**

Aside from the most direct answer - that a monetary award creates an invaluable gift of time and materials which helps to stretch in new directions, I think it has also fostered in me a new confidence in addition to connecting me with an interesting group of artists and I feel more connected to the community.

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