

Featured Fellow: **Angela Oster**
Drawing, painting and
fiber artist



2010 - Cleveland

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

It's where my roots are. It is my home. The people that I love live here.

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

I love Lake Erie, Honey Hut Ice Cream, Parade the Circle, the Cleveland Cinematheque, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the metroparks.

Who or what has influenced you locally and elsewhere?

The artist Louise Bourgeois is my hero. I also love Josef Bueys, James Turrell, Lucy Orta, Michel Rovner, Gabriel Orozco and Mary Cassatt. Going to school at the Cleveland Institute of Art - specifically Tina Cassara influenced my art practice.

How do you generate new ideas?

Books, and internet research; my job at Ohio Citizen Action, spending time with my baby girl.

What is the hardest part about creating?

making time

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

Accepting the fellowship and having an opening at Heights Arts have been my favorite art moments, so far.

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

This fellowship has given my art practice a confidence and validation that did exist before. I will never have to question my vocation as an artist. It has provided the luxury of time. It has given me the ability to explore materials and process. I have experienced the freedom to experiment. This fellowship has strengthened my commitment to this region. I have become more directly involved with my immediate neighbors as well as members of the local art community. This fellowship has reinforced the fact that I care about the people who live who call northeast Ohio home.

Even though I am in the midst of this experience, I am already aware that this is a turning point in my life. It is proof that what I have been working at - struggling for - has been worth it.

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