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Ilene Shapiro – Summit County Executive

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**County Executive Shapiro Exhibits Room with a View Art,  
Featuring Artist Linda Lyell-  
A Portion of art sales to be donated to the Battered Women’s Shelter**

Earlier this month, County Executive Shapiro welcomed artist Linda Lyell to exhibit her artwork in Room with a View, located in the Ohio building. Ms. Lyell will be donating 15% of any sale of the 12 display pieces to the Battered Women’s Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties.

“Art is the core of my being. Since childhood, I have been blessed to live a creative life through my career and in my home. Working in pastels is applying pure pigment and color on paper to capture a moment in time,” said artist Linda Lyell. “The strokes and the markings quickly give me the power to feed energy and expression in my work. Pastels force me to be bold and interpretive. I get my inspiration from nature as it is ever-changing. The flower or landscape you see today will take on a different definition tomorrow. I want to capture that moment. There is a delicacy to working in pastels - like the sand on a beach, the dust of the pastels can easily be blown away. That is why I frame my pieces immediately upon completion. I embrace the fragility of the medium. Just like life, we must capture the moment. My inspiration comes from those moments and my interpretation tickles the senses with color and stroke.”

This is the latest series of art showcased in the Room with a View program, which recognizes local artists and gives their work exposure in a public setting. Since the first Room with a View exhibit opened in January 2003, the County of Summit Executive's Office has featured the talents of students at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts, clients involved in the Hattie Larlham Creative Arts Program, the County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board, Summit County employees, emerging local artists, and senior citizens.

“Not only are the Room with a View exhibits beautiful, they also help to support local artists and showcase their talents,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “Linda Lyell’s incredible work is also giving back to the community, as she is supporting the Battered Women’s Shelter through this beautiful collection of art.”

If you would like to be considered for future exhibits or would like more information on the Room with a View program, contact County Executive Ilene Shapiro’s Department of Communications at 330-643-2565, or visit <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1337643806&ref=ts>.

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**“Sunflower” by Linda Lyell**