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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY CLUB

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Full Frontal and Other Works by Ruth Gless

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Columbus artist and architect Ruth Gless will present a collection of new works at The Ohio State University Faculty Club from July 10, 2017 through September 1, 2017. The solo exhibition, titled "Full Frontal and Other Works," includes oil paintings and drawings. An opening reception in Ms. Gless's honor will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please call 614-292-2262 or email the club at facultyclubosu@yahoo.com for more information or to RSVP.

"Full Frontal and Other Works" includes oil paintings and drawings of a variety of subjects including still life, landscapes, interiors and figures. Of her work, Ruth says, *"As an architect and a painter, I celebrate space, especially urban space. Even the smallest village, rural location, or ruin can be urban. Grain elevators and old mills hold a particular fascination for me. They are the skyscrapers of small towns; I study the way they are integrated into the fabric of the town, the way they snuggle up to the train tracks, and the way they and their dependencies make place. More recently I have studied interior space, and objects exemplifying the intersections of design and human use, most notably chairs. Since my husband's death in 2012, I have revisited painting and find that I am a much better painter than I was years ago. I believe that this is because I have learned to see."* Of Ruth Gless's work, gallery owner Sharon Weiss says, *"Ruth Gless is an accomplished architect and an accomplished artist. Ruth's oil paintings of interiors and chairs bring the viewer comfortably in to a room to delight in the architectural shapes and stunning forms Ruth has created."*

Ruth Gless holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska and a Master of Architecture degree and AIA Certificate of Merit from the University of Virginia. She is licensed to practice architecture in the District of Columbia and the State of Ohio and is a member of NCARB, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. In 2016, she was made a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, the highest honor the Institute can bestow on its members. She has received numerous awards for her architectural design and her projects have had a material impact on the built environment of Columbus. Gless's artwork has been exhibited at the Columbus Downtown Hilton Hotel, the Riffe Gallery "Urban Landscapes" exhibition, Sharon Weiss Gallery, and the Georgian Museum (Lancaster, Ohio) "Reams Revisited" exhibition. Her work is in the Columbus Convention Center permanent collection and numerous private collections. Ruth is represented by Sharon Weiss Gallery.

In 2004, Ruth Gless and her late husband Frank Elmer established the Digital Library Fund at The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture. Their architectural practice, Lincoln Street Studio, participated in the Knowlton School of Architecture Office Associates program, providing financial support, mentoring and work opportunities for Knowlton School graduate students. Gless has also served as an informal advisor for AIAS – the American Institute of Architects' student organization at Ohio State's Knowlton School, where she has been a visiting critic and jury member for numerous Knowlton School student portfolio reviews. Gless has served as a member of an AIAS panel on women in the architectural profession and has addressed students in an informal setting on her career and path as a woman architect.

Established in 1923, The Ohio State University Faculty Club is located at 181 South Oval Drive on the Columbus campus of the university. The art exhibition program features the work of selected Ohio State University faculty, staff, students and alumni. Exhibitions are held throughout the year. All exhibitions are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Faculty Club at 614-292-2262. For images of Ruth Gless's artwork featured in the current exhibition or a photo of the artist, please contact lisa@ohio-statefacultyclub.com.