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FAIRPORT HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST SOME OF THIS I FORGOT: A RETROSPECTIVE OF CARL POTTER GAERTNER

On Thursday, November 12th the Fairport Harbor Public Library will host the opening of "Some of This I Forgot," a retrospective of the works of Carl Potter Gaertner. Gaertner is the son of Carl Frederick Gaertner, the renowned Cleveland School painter and Adelle Bruce, formerly Gaertner, née Potter. The elder Gaertner was a former student and faculty member of the Cleveland School of Art, now the Cleveland Institute of Art. Adelle was also a Cleveland school graduate and the niece of jewelry designer Horace Potter, of Potter & Mellen fame. The show highlights a decade long catalog of school assignments, abstracts, landscapes, and other works that capture the evolution of an artist raised by artists. Also featured are family mementos, works by Carl Frederick, Adelle, and the Potter family with a connection to the artist.

A resident of Willoughby Hills, Ohio, Gaertner is a formally trained hobby painter. Like his father, he is also a regionalist, drawing inspiration from their Chagrin Valley home and travels. Gaertner extensively photographed and painted the Appalachian plateau of area surrounding Athens County, Ohio, where he attended college and vacationed throughout his adult life. This is similar to his father, who frequently traveled to the Greenbrier Valley of West Virginia to teach, paint, and exhibit. However, for both Carls, their home and surrounding areas were their most frequent subjects and sources of inspiration.

Now retired, after decades of public service with Geauga County, Gaertner's next painting project is creating two pieces for his granddaughters, Adelle and Riley.

The opening reception will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 5 to 7 pm in the Fairport Harbor Public Library. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the general public. Seating is limited so reservations are required. For more information, and to reserve a spot, call the library at 440-354-8191.