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Local artist Kristen Donovan showcases artwork in Rep. Hogan's office



Stow artist Kristen Donovan (right) presents her artwork in Representative Kate Hogan's State House office.

Representative Kate Hogan invited local artist Kristen Holt Donovan, of Stow, to hang pieces of artwork in her office at the State House. Kristen, a graduate of Boston College with a degree in Studio Art and Art History, displayed her paintings in Rep. Hogan's office for several months, beginning in fall 2016.

Growing up in Stow, Kristen's art is influenced by the farms, farm stands, and orchards that define the landscape. The collection of pieces she showcased in Rep. Hogan's office depicted festive scenes from fall, including colorful apples and beautiful pottery. "I am always inspired by farmers," Kristen said. "I love the way they display their produce at their farm stands. I love the rich colors of the fruit in the baskets, the repetition of shapes, and the reflections of light on the fruit."

Rep. Hogan, who also lives in Stow, enjoyed sharing Kristen's imagery with the individuals who visit her office. "We in the Third Middlesex District are lucky to live in the heart of Massachusetts' apple country," said Representative Kate Hogan. "During the past several months, I've been able to simply point at the artwork on my office walls to communicate to my colleagues where I'm from and why this region is so special."

Kristen, a mother of three, was joined at the State House this spring by her husband Mark and daughter Katie to take down her artwork and catch up with Rep. Hogan. She is one of several artists to showcase her work in Rep. Hogan's State House office; previous groups have included students from Gallery in the Pines and members of ArtSpace Maynard, to name a few.