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Artwork of governor's mansion at Museum Center in Cleveland

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Most Tennesseans will never visit the governor's mansion in Nashville, but for the next three weeks local residents can see four paintings and nine pencil drawings of the home and gardens at the Museum Center at Five Points in Cleveland, Tenn.

The exhibit by artist Charles Brindley, "Far Hills: Images of the Tennessee Governor's Mansion," will have an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The exhibit will remain on display through July 8.

Joe Hamilton, executive director of the museum, said the exhibit is part of the effort by Andrea Conte, the wife of Gov. Phil Bredesen, along with the Tennessee Residence Foundation, to renovate the governor's mansion without taxpayer expense.

He said the governor's wife wanted the exhibit to travel across the state to familiarize citizens with the history of the home and the fund-raising effort involved in upgrading it.

Proceeds from donations at the museum will benefit the restoration project and the museum, according to Hamilton. "They're not putting a ticket price on the exhibit," he said. "If (attendees) feel the motivation, there is an

IF YOU GO

- **What:** "Far Hills: Images of the Tennessee Governor's Mansion."
- **When:** Tuesday-July 8. Hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
- **Where:** Museum Center at Five Points, 200 E. Inman St., Cleveland, Tenn.
- **Admission:** Free with museum entry; \$5 adults, \$4 students and seniors.
- **Phone:** (423) 339-5745.

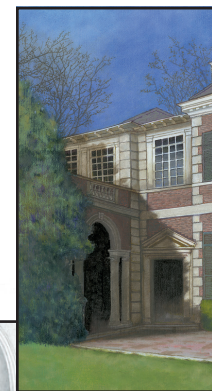
opportunity for them to put something in the box (that will) leave something permanently in the community."

Conte stipulated that half of the donations made across the state benefit children's education, he said.

"We are excited," Hamilton said. "Every little bit helps."

Brindley will be present at the open house, at which light refreshments will be served.

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The Arts
"Far Hills"
explores
Tennessee
governor's
mansion.



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Charles Brindley, whose images of the Tennessee governor's mansion will be on display at the Museum Center at Five Points, completed this graphite on paper rendering of "Grand Staircase at the Tennessee Residence" in 2004. The icon photo on the Weekend cover is a detail from "View of the Tennessee Residence, Late Afternoon," an oil on linen from 2005.