

This Is Our Artful Home

—*In honor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's 50th anniversary,
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Artists and visionaries built this welcoming space.
On their shoulders we stand.
There is a spirit here, collaborative, innovative,
inspired, diverse—
a living monument to imagination.

Beyond these big windows are a marina,
boats in mid-sail.
Gone are ships hauling torpedoes away and
bringing the machinery of war to our shore.
Implements to destroy have been replaced
by tools to create.
In this building we've fashioned plowshares
from clay, paint, metal, and so much more.

The three-year experiment to transform this edifice
has pressed on for a half century.
Those who produce art and those who appreciate it
have become a community,
together forging a home,
making a place:

Three floors, ten galleries,
a spiral staircase bordered by elegant human forms.
Dozens of artists, administrators, interns, volunteers.
In action are the working sculptors
 jewelers potters painters
printmakers photographers
 artists in mixed media, fiber, collage, and glass.

Watch them create
in their artful home.
And listen to the words one imagines they say:

We are the muses, the creative souls, the wide-eyed children.

*We dream a little dream each time we build with our hands.
We imagine colors, shapes, and lines beyond dimensions and rules.
Our art grows like a nourishing spring from the depths of our hearts
to yours.*