

**SELECTED NOTES FROM THE STUDIO GUEST BOOK  
AND CLIENT THANK YOU NOTES WRITTEN TO JOHN SEIBELS WALKER:**

***“You cannot imagine how happy John and I were with the final portrait that was unveiled to great acclaim last week at our Statehouse. It SO, SO captures the Governor and makes a grand impression. Our guests commented on how “alive” it seemed and on the way it seems to jump off the canvas.... you did a wonderful job. Thank you so much!***

Karen Kasich, wife of John Kasich, Governor of Ohio

***“With appreciation for your beautiful talent and your great personality”***

Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina

***“Thank you for your beautiful portrait of North Carolina’s first female Governor ~ beautiful!”***

Bev Perdue, Governor of North Carolina

***“Thank you for allowing us to visit your fascinating studio. Aside from your obvious artistic gifts, Donna and I were blown away by your unicycle riding skills! I am so pleased that I was able to secure your talents for my portrait. You occupy a place on the absolute top tier of portrait artists and your fame will endure for ages. I am honored to be a small part of your body of work. Above all, I am happy to have you and Karen as friends. Thank you!”***

Costa Pleicones, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina

***“Patricia and I are deeply thankful for your lending your incredible talent to our portrait. It is better than we could have ever imagined, even knowing in advance the caliber of your work! Thank you for your kind attention to our wishes and for producing such beautiful work.”***

Harris Pastides, President of the University of South Carolina

***“You are a special man with an incredible talent and a depth to your soul.”***

Lisa Dubois, wife of Phil Dubois, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte

***“Thanks for the wonderful day and experience. The painting is just masterful. Words struggle to express fully the superlative nature of the talent exhibited on that canvas. What else can I say? The food and wine were so great - it just completed the visit and made this such a special moment that it will last with all three of us. We left thrilled both by the artistic excellence and the warm hospitality. The two of you together made this not just a visit, but an experience.”***

Glenn F. McConnell, Lt. Governor of South Carolina.

***“Dear John and Karen - What a grand portrait you have created. It looks and feels so right in every way. I am not able to express the joy that I feel. Best of everything for both of you. With gratitude and affection.”***

Jean B. Toal, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina

***“With great appreciation for sharing your talents with us. We will be so proud to have your handsome portrait of Hugh hanging in the South Carolina Senate. You exceeded our expectations in capturing his personality. The important elements in the portrait identify the important work during his thirty six years in the Senate. We are so proud of his service and thankful for your impressive work of art!”***

Jean Leatherman, wife of Senator Hugh Leatherman, President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate.

***“What a fun and creative exercise. Thank you so much for your time and talent! A special experience.”***

Janet Cowell, North Carolina State Treasurer

***“Just a note to tell you again how absolutely wonderful the two portraits are. Bob summed it up with his comment that he is speechless! I’m delighted with them.... you are indeed a master portraitist!”***

Natascha Bechtler, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art