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## **Five Corners Eco-Village & St. Paul's Center of Caring Participating in Jersey City Studio Arts Tour 2015**

[St. Paul's Center of Caring](#) and [Lutheran Church](#) is a hub of social justice, sustainable ecology, performance, art and youth services. Its community engagement initiatives include the Center of Caring as well as operating Hudson County's longest running and largest Food Pantry, the [Sharing Place](#). It is also home to the P.E.A.C.E. Community Garden and a Rain Garden created in collaboration with [Sustainable JC](#). These combined efforts constitute the Five Corners Eco-Village.

**St. Paul's Center of Caring is pleased to present Three Exhibits in collaboration with Sustainable JC, the P.E.A.C.E. Community Garden, [Vaibrenta Holistic](#) and the YMCA of Newark and Vicinity in connection with the [Jersey City Studio Arts Tour 2015](#).**

**Join us on Saturday, October 3 from 2 pm to 5 pm.**

### **Creative by Nature**

Nature is creative, and so is establishing and maintaining a community garden. A community garden uses nature's sunlight, water, soil and seeds to grow a vision of beauty and sustainability, just as a writer uses a pen or a dancer the body and, most importantly, inspiration, to create a work of art. [P.E.A.C.E. Community Garden](#)'s goals include designing an art initiative inspired by nature, which stimulates and creates a blooming community and a sanctuary of peace.

"Creative by Nature," invites you to enjoy the creative nature of the community garden at the [Five Corners Eco-Village](#), while featuring local Jersey City artists who explore the theme of nature in their creative work.

Join us for a wonderful day of performance, visual art and community, including the "Garden Light" glass sculpture, a special [YMCA](#) 21st Century Learning Center Student Performance & Exhibit and a "Reach and Rise" Mentorship Video Installation.

### **Participating Performers and Visual Artists**

[Monica Chavarria](#)

Sidney Acosta  
Clara Richardson  
[Frank Ippolito](#)  
[Amy Neufeld](#)  
Maggie Brown  
Kerrie Young  
[Theda Sandiford](#)  
[Roxana Marroquin](#)  
Jordan De Liso  
[Alina Tarmu](#)  
[Kevon Simpson](#)  
[Con Vivo's Zach Herchen](#)  
Robert Knowles  
[M Josephine Sansait and DJ Irs](#)

### **Responsible Ecology + Beautification: A Rain Garden Installation**

Rain Gardens use landscaping to beautify the city while decreasing water pollution and helping to prevent city-wide health issues. They act as a beautiful catchment and filtration system for rainfall, using nature to redirect storm water away from the municipal sewer system. The Rain Garden Installation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a collaborative initiative led by Sustainable JC as part of its Rain Gardens +ART Campaign for Jersey City.

### **Stained Glass Windows of St. Paul's**

The grand windows in the church sanctuary include images of nature to augment the artist's depiction of Biblical narratives. Natural light radiates through century-old panes. Notably, windows in the balcony beckon appreciation of the musicians. Windows under the balcony draw upon messages welcoming community children.

Creative by Nature is Curated by Roxana Marroquin and Priscilla Renta