



The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University

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Invites the Community to July's *Second Friday***

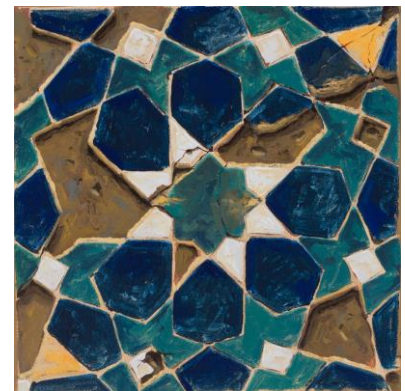
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – **The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University** invites the community to join them for *Second Friday* on **July 8, 2016**, from 6:00 until 8:00pm. July's Second Friday reception will mark the opening of exhibitions by artists **Ed Kent**, in the Atlantic City Gallery, and artist **James Raczkowski**, in the Osprey Gallery. Light refreshments will be served, and **The Iron Room** will conduct a wine tasting; there will also be live music for your listening pleasure and a DIY craft project for all ages.



Pump Unit No. 5 by Ed Kent

An exhibition of artwork by **Ed Kent**, entitled *From My Garage*, will be on view in the **Atlantic City Gallery** through July 28. Kent, of Buffalo, NY, has an extensive background in engineering; he received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and later he earned a Masters in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. During the course of his studies, Kent expanded his design skills by taking various art focused electives. More recently, he has studied at the Fleischer Art Memorial in Philadelphia. "The use of multiple dimensions and media opens up an endless world of possibilities. My studio is my garage and every piece is an experiment, and the process is a source of great enjoyment."

James Raczkowski's exhibition, *Night Vision*, will be on view in the **Osprey Gallery** until July 28, 2016. Raczkowski was born and raised in South Jersey and currently lives in Brooklyn. He joined the military after high school in 2004 and much of his work has been influenced by the transformative events he experienced while serving his country overseas. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Stockton University and his Master of Fine Arts degree at the New York Academy of Art in 2015. Raczkowski was also awarded the New Jersey Heart of a Hero Scholarship from the New York Academy, which gave him the opportunity to experience a summer residency in Moscow, Russia. His work has recently been published in *The Figure*, a prestigious publication featuring artwork by leading figurative artists, and essays by artists and art historians addressing changing values and techniques through history.



The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University is a unique, multi-use arts and retail space, located in the heart of the Arts & Commerce District of Atlantic City, adjacent to the Wave parking garage. All are invited to *Second Friday*, 6 - 8pm, on July 8, for a fun family friendly evening filled with art, music, wine and inspiring conversation.

For more information visit www.artsgarageac.com or call (609) 626-3805. The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University is **free** and open from 11:00am to 7:00pm Wednesday through Saturday, and 11:00am to 5:00pm on Sundays. Second Friday events are held every month, and admission is always free.

About:

The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University is free and open to the public Wednesday through Saturday 11am to 6pm and on Sunday from 11am to 5pm. The Noyes Arts Garage is conveniently located just off the Atlantic City Expressway, on the corner of Mississippi and (2200) Fairmount Avenues, attached to the Wave Parking Garage in Atlantic City. With a \$25 purchase from any Arts Garage shop, parking in the Wave Garage is free.

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The Noyes Museum of Art was founded in Oceanville, NJ, in 1983, to collect, preserve, and exhibit American fine and folk art, with an emphasis on New Jersey artists and folk art forms. Today, the Noyes Museum's exhibitions continue to reflect the area's cultural heritage, while also presenting significant artwork by regional and national artists working in a variety of media. The Noyes has also expanded to include satellite galleries in Hammonton, Atlantic City, and at Seaview Resort in Galloway. The Noyes Shop: Hammonton, which opened in 2008, specializes in custom framing and can be reached at (609) 561-8006. In February 2010, The Noyes Museum of Art formed a partnership with Stockton University to form The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University. Through a partnership with the CRDA, in 2013, The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University opened The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University, a unique multi-use arts and retail space, at 2200 Fairmount Avenue in Atlantic City.

The Museum remains a 501(c)(3) organization, with general funding provided by: The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Arts; the Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow Noyes Foundation; Stockton University; and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Current Exhibitions at the Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University - Atlantic City:

The African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey:

Black Mail: A Philatelic Exhibit from the U.S. Postal Office Black Heritage Series June 10 – July 31, 2016
Sting Like A Bee: A Collection of Memorabilia of Sports Icon Mohammad Ali June 10 – July 31, 2016

The Atlantic City Gallery:

Ed Kent: *From My Garage* June 30 – July 31, 2016

The Galleria:

2016 New Jersey Arts Annual: Fine Arts Exhibition April 6 – July 28, 2016

The Noyes/Stockton Gallery:

2016 New Jersey Arts Annual: Fine Arts Exhibition April 6 – July 28, 2016
Grand Vista: 21st Century Landscapes August 5 – October 30, 2016

The Osprey Gallery:

James Raczkowski: *Night Visions* June 30 – July 31, 2016

Upcoming Events at the Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University - Atlantic City:

Watercolor Class: Resident Artist Stephanie Segal Miller July 17 & 24, 2016
Second Friday (Public Welcome: 2nd Friday of Every Month) July 8, 2016
AC Craft Market (Last Saturday of the month except December) July 30, 2016

For inquiries about The Noyes Arts Garage Stockton University, please call (609) 626-3805 or visit www.artsgarageac.com.