



The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University

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September Second Friday at Noyes Arts Garage Stockton University: *Covenant House Youth Art Exhibition*

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – **The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University** is pleased to host its monthly **Second Friday event on September 9, 2016 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm**. This reception will celebrate the opening of the exhibition *The Art of Covenant House Youth*. The Iron Room will offer a wine tasting, jazz guitarist Norman Spurgeon will perform live music and light refreshments will be served. Second Friday at the Arts Garage is a family-friendly free event. A supervised craft project for all ages will be offered in the art workshop.



An artist's work is usually a reflection of the life that he or she has lived. In *The Art of Covenant House Youth* exhibition, each piece offers a glimpse into the experiences that molded the individual artist. The work presented is by young people who have experienced more of life's struggles in their few short years than most of us will encounter within a lifetime. Despite the challenges of their lives, the narratives told through their artistic expressions are stories of hope. The spirit of these young artists is stronger than circumstance, greater than trial and more powerful than any difficulty that they've encountered. Their art tells a story of light emerging from darkness, of brighter days and blossoming futures.

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Every artist was first an amateur." The youth of the Atlantic City Covenant House began gathering for a weekly art group in January 2016. For many of the participants, it was their first time putting a brush to canvas. The process of creating art is good therapy and it helps make sense of a person's physical, mental or emotional needs.

The Covenant House is a non-profit organization and the largest provider in New Jersey servicing at-risk, homeless, and trafficked people under the age of 22. In addition to providing the basics of food, shelter and clothing, Covenant House offers a variety of services that include but are not limited to crisis intervention, health care, educational and vocational services.

All are invited to a free reception on Friday, September 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm during Second Friday at the Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University at 2200 Fairmount Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401. It will be a fun family-friendly evening filled with art, music, wine and inspiring conversation. For more information call (609) 626-3805 or visit artsgarageac.com.

About:

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.

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. It is conveniently located just off the Atlantic City Expressway, on the corner of Mississippi and (2200) Fairmount Avenues, adjacent 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 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 expanded to include 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. The Noyes Gallery at Kramer Hall in Hammonton is the newest addition to the vibrant Arts District in Downtown Hammonton, and The Noyes Museum’s satellite exhibition spaces. It is located at 30 Front Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037. In February 2010, The Noyes Museum of Art formed a partnership with Stockton College (now Stockton University) to form The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University. Through a 2013 partnership with the CRDA, The Noyes Museum opened The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton University, a unique multi-use arts and retail space at 2200 Fairmount Avenue in Atlantic City.

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

- **The African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey:**
A Time for Change: Civil Rights in South Jersey **July 29 – September 28, 2016**
- **Noyes/Stockton Annex: Hak Vogrin: A Retrospective** **August 5 – October 30, 2016**
- **The Noyes/Stockton Gallery: Grand Vista: 21st Century Landscapes** **August 5 – October 30, 2016**
- **The Atlantic City Gallery: Tyrone Hart: Urban Justice** **August 6 – October 2, 2016**
- **The Osprey Gallery: Tyrone Hart: Urban Life** **August 6 – October 2, 2016**

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

- Second Friday (The public is welcome: 2nd Friday of Every Month)** **September 9, 2016**
- Arts in the Park – 12pm; Arts, Music, Fun and More** **September 25, 2016**
- AC Craft Market (Last Saturday of the month except December)** **September 24, 2016**

Current Exhibitions of the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University:

- **Noyes Gallery at Stockton’s Kramer Hall, Hammonton:**
Hammonton: 150 Years of Agriculture **August 22 – December 31, 2016**
- **AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center - Healing Arts Program, Atlantic City Campus**
Lou Storey: The Best Medicine **September 9, 2016 – January 1, 2017**
- **Noyes Gallery at Seaview in Galloway, New Jersey:**
Pulp: Works from the Noyes Permanent Collection **September 1, 2016 – January 8, 2017**
Cathleen Engelsen: Paintings & Prints **September 1, 2016 – January 8, 2017**

For information about The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University visit www.noyesmuseum.org or call (609) 626-3420. Check us out on Facebook.

