PCCC Jr. Summer Camp

PCCC Jr. is a new arts, academic and technology summer camp that runs from July 8 through Aug. 15. With sessions on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm, the program is held on the campus of Passaic County Community College in Paterson.

Two sessions are offered; one is geared to children from Pre-K to 3rd grade and the other students in 6th to 12th grade. The morning will begin with classes in academics or performing arts and visual arts. Afternoons will offer more specific enrichment where students can explore what interests them.

The morning sessions include Dance and Acting for high school students, Photography and Filmmaking for middle school students. Those who want to sharpen their academic skills can take Algebra, Speech and Debate, Social Media or S.A.T. Prep classes.

Participants can register for half a day or stay on for afternoon enrichment, which includes drawing and animation/cartooning, poetry, sports, videogame programming and more.

For fees and details on how to enroll, call the Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council at PCCC at 973-684-6507 or 973-684-5444 or email nrodriguez@pccc.edu.

In conjunction with PCCC Jr., the PCCC Child Development Center will provide Pre-K to 3rd grade students with courses that facilitate academic expansion and creative engagement.

For information on this program and more details, call Nicole DeNude at 973-684-5514 or Maricelis Carrero at 973-684-6073.
Portrait of Paterson is a traveling exhibition of 40 color prints by photographers, ages 9 to 14, in the Paterson Youth Photography Project (PYPP). Displayed in the Broadway & LRC Galleries at PCCC from June 25 through Aug. 23, at Memorial Dr. in downtown Paterson, hours are Mon. to Fri., 9 am to 9 pm. PYPP’s mission is to enrich the lives of school-age children in Paterson by introducing them to photography as a means for self-expression and an opportunity for personal growth. By learning artistic and technical skills, children gain self-confidence, recognition of their talents and a sense of hope for the future. Admission to the exhibit is free and open to the public. Classes take place on Saturday mornings. To volunteer as a photographer or to enroll a child, e-mail info@pypp.org, or go to www.pypp.org. For info on the display at PCCC, contact Jane Haw at 973-684-5448 or jhaw@pccc.edu.

Join the winners of the annual Paterson Student Poetry Contest as they celebrate the new anthology, The Way It Is. On June 6, at 6:30 pm, students will read their winning poems and also receive awards at the PCCC Theater on Ellison St. at Memorial Dr. in Paterson. A reception will follow. The poetry contest is the culmination of writing workshops held in Paterson schools, and organized by the Theater and Poetry Project and the Poetry Center at PCCC. The North Jersey Media Group publishes the first prize-winning poems (Grades 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12) in The Record. Call 973-684-6555 or visit www.pccc.edu/poetry for details.

The Inner City Ensemble (ICE), a non-profit youth arts group, presents its Spring Exhibit V.I.P. fundraiser on June 8, 7 pm at the Paterson Museum, 2 Market St. Tickets are $25. The exhibit will feature historic archive photos and a performance by ICE alumni and the youth group. Founded in 1973 by the late Ralph Gomez, the V.I.P. event celebrates the group’s past and future. There is also a family matinee on June 9, 2 pm. The fee is $5 per family. For more details, call Artistic Director Nicholas Rodriguez at 917-375-5246.

The Passaic County Senior Citizen Art Exhibition is open to those age 60 and over. There is no fee to enter but entries must be show-ready and participants are limited to one exhibit. Entries will be displayed June 10-28 at the Passaic County Senior Services office, 930 Riverview Dr., Suite 200, Totowa. A reception and an awards ceremony is on June 28 at 2 pm. For details, call 973-569-4060.

The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College has announced a call for poems for an anthology to celebrate the Great Falls, the Passaic River and environmental issues. Deadline is Dec. 5. The anthology’s poets will be invited to read as part of the Great Falls Literary Festival on May 3, 2014. Judges seek poetry rooted in the literary tradition that honors place, narrative, clarity and specificity. Poets can write about any aspect that subtly or overtly relates to the Falls, the River or any part of its ecosystem and natural environment. Likewise, they may write from a personal experience regarding immigration and labor in Paterson or with the river and its creatures, plants, history, scenic beauty, challenges and changes. The poems may include environmental concerns but are not limited to those concerns. Writers must be 18 years or older to submit poetry for this anthology. Two poems per person will be considered (send two copies of each poem with contact info in upper right hand corner). For complete rules, visit www.pccc.edu/poetry.
**We Had to Be Rebels** is an exhibit of photos, arrest records of the Paterson Silk Strike workers and recorded interviews with them, which are on display through October at Lambert Castle. The display commemorates the centennial of the Paterson Silk Strike. Ironically, the Castle which is on Valley Rd. at the Clifton/Paterson border, was once the home of silk magnate Catholina Lambert. In 1913, nearly 5,000 workers from mills in Paterson were arrested for disorderly conduct and other non-violent acts after walking away from their looms in a strike that would drag on for months and forever change the roles of worker and employer. Key players included mill owners such as Lambert, radical idealists such as journalist John Reed and civil servants such as Court Recorder James F. Carroll, one of many city officials cited for heavy-handedness and bias against the strikers. Open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4 pm, admission is $5. Visit lambertcastle.org or call 973-247-0085 for details.

Wayne Public Library’s Lunchbox Learning program on June 12 will be a talk by the historian Tom Ainsworth on The Lindbergh Kidnapping – The Real Story. The 20-month-old toddler was abducted from his family home in East Amwell on the evening of March 1, 1932 and became one of the most highly publicized crimes of the 20th century. On June 19, author Bill Levy will present The John Ford Stock Company. This program focuses on films of John Ford (1894-1973) the only director to have won four Best Director Academy Awards. Presented by Friends of the Library, events are free and run from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Patrons may bring a brown bag lunch as doors open at noon for refreshments.

The 18th phase of the Silk Walk project will be unveiled on June 2 at 1 pm at the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark. Launched in 1994, the project is a series of engraved and sponsored bricks which serves as a pathway at the Landmark’s front entrance and under its grape arbor. The annual fundraiser continues as bricks are priced from $50 to $200 and patrons may sponsor a brick in a loved one’s name. Also on June 2 at 1 pm, the Museum’s annual membership meeting will open with a reenactment of speeches made from the balcony of the Botto House in 1913 to commemorate the Centennial of the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike. The general public is invited to attend. The Botto House National Landmark, home of the American Labor Museum, is at 83 Norwood St. in Haledon. It was the meeting place for over 20,000 silk mill workers during the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike. The Museum offers a free lending library, restored period rooms, changing exhibits, Museum Store, Old World Gardens, educational programs and special events. The Museum is open to visitors Wed. through Sat. from 1 to 4 pm or by appointment. Schools and groups may also request a visiting speaker. For more info on programs, call 973-595-7953, e-mail labormuseum@aol.com or visit www.labormuseum.net.
Maria Mazziotti Gillan’s *Writing Poetry To Save Your Life*, may be the only book you’ll ever need to bring out your inner poet. It combines Maria’s personal story as a writer with her suggestions for writers at all stages of development. The voice in this book is that of a friend who sits with you in a warm kitchen sipping espresso or a cup of herbal tea, while offering support and encouragement. It is designed to help you find the stories you have to tell and the words to tell them. It is based on the belief that when you find the courage to explore your memories, you will find the source for evocative writing. It can be used in classrooms, by writer’s groups, or by an individual while writing at home or in a coffee shop. It will jumpstart your creativity, giving you permission to use the power of words to save your life. Published by MiroLand, Guernica’s new imprint, *Writing Poetry To Save Your Life* is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Small Press Distributors, and University of Toronto Press Distribution. For more information, contact Maria Mazziotti Gillan at 973-684-6555 or sdesai@pccc.edu.

Bobby Valli of the Jersey Boys and JT Carter, the former founding member of The Crests, will perform at the 31st Dutch Hill Residents Association flea market on June 1. While the musical performance begins at 4 pm, the market opens at 9 am on the grounds of Weasel Brook Park, on Paulison Ave. in Clifton. Licensed food vendors are $100 per space while others are $40. Call 973-479-0679 or 973-365-2577.

To help ensure that everyone regardless of age or disability can participate fully in the diverse cultural programs offered, PCCHC asks that organizations listing submissions to passaic county artsnews provide accessibility services offered at each venue. Please refer to the chart above as a guide. Please call presenters/venues to confirm event and accessibility information. Services may be available without being noted in this listing.

Giggles Children’s Theater is a haven of laughter and hope for pediatric patients on the second floor of St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital, 703 Main St., Paterson. All are welcome to ‘walk right in’ to the free shows. On June 4 at 10:30 am the Vernon Township High School Choir will perform. On June 6 at 5 pm, there is a dance recital by Fine Steps Dance Studios. On June 11 at 6 pm, see a contemporary dance recital by “No Limit To The Groove!” The goal of Giggles is to bring the therapeutic benefits of laughter through live artistic, educational and cultural performances. To attend, perform, volunteer or for more details, contact Director Marie Caliendo at 973-754-4960 or email: mcaliendo@mmissions.org.