The 100th birthday of American singer-songwriter and folk musician Woody Guthrie will be celebrated in poetry, song and even in the culinary arts on Sept. 8 at 1 pm at Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church, 271 Lincoln Ave. Poets are invited to attend and to read their works that reflect the many themes of social, political and spiritual justice in Woody’s “people songs.”

Award winning poets, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Executive Director of the Poetry Center at PCCC, and Laura Boss, editor of Lips Literary Magazine, will be among the featured readers at the event.

Victoria Warne, singer-songwriter and guitarist with her blues inspired Victoria Warne Band, is among the musical performers scheduled to perform.

Any chefs willing to share the foods of America are welcome to participate.

Similar events were staged by poet Jim Gwyn and his wife Emily Rose at the church and attended by poets, musicians and chefs who gave successful tributes to Fats Domino and Elvis Presley. The event is free but RSVP is required. To register, write to ergo.therefore@gmail.com for more information or to be included in the roster of participating poets, musicians or chefs.
The Fine Arts Photography of Frank Crommelin will be exhibited in the William A. Monaghan, Jr. Gallery at the Louis Bay 2nd Library in Hawthorne through Sept. 30. The exhibit will include a series of photographs from his recent article in the *Photographic Society of America Journal* entitled *A Day at the Zoo*. Additionally, there is another series by Crommelin chronicling the moving of the historic Hawthorne Train Station. W

The Friends of the Louis Bay 2nd Library host the 26th annual Outdoor Art Show on Sept 15 from 10 am to 3 pm on the library grounds, 345 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne. Open to adults and children, the show will be judged separately. Categories include, but are not limited to, oil, pencil, watercolor, photography, mixed media, pottery and jewelry. Artists will also be able to sell their work. The Lydia Gaveglio Ribbon will be awarded for best in show. The show moves indoors in the event of inclement weather. Registration forms are available at the library or by calling Leslie Konyak at 973-427-5745, ext. 11. W

Clifton’s Walk Through History II is a photo exhibit at the Clifton Arts Center, curated by historian Don Lotz, which explains how the various sections of this community grew into the 11th largest municipality in the State. The exhibit is displayed Sept. 19 to Oct. 27, Wednesdays to Sundays from 1 to 4 pm. There is a reception on Sept. 22 at 1 pm. Admission is $3. Call 973-472-5499 or go to www.cliftonnj.org for more info. The Arts Center is located on the grounds of the municipal complex at 900 Clifton Ave., where visitors will also find a sculpture park with approximately 20 installations. W

The 21st Annual Labor Day Parade, co-sponsored by the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark and the Borough of Haledon, is on Sept. 2. Grand Marshal Larry Hamm, Chair of the People’s Organization For Progress (POP), will lead the march at 1:30 pm from the Botto House, 83 Norwood St., Haledon, to its finish at the Great Falls Historic District in the City of Paterson.

The American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark hosts a book signing and reception for Richard D. Kahlenberg, author of *Why Labor Organizing Should Be A Civil Right: Rebuilding a Middle Class Democracy by Enhancing Workers’ Voices* (The Century Foundation Press, 2012) on Sept. 9 at 2 pm at a private residence. The author graduated from Harvard Law School and is a Senior Fellow at The Century Foundation. Call 973-595-7953 or email labormuseum@aol.com.

The Great Falls Arts Festival is Sept. 1 and 2 in the Dolphin Jute Mills, 70 Spruce St., Paterson. Presented by Ivanhoe artists Suzy Von Q, DJ Mad Mike and Alex of NuStyle, the festival supports the arts and honors the history of enterprise and ingenuity in America’s oldest industrial city. Featuring over 20 rock bands, 20 Latin and hip hop performers plus dozens of vendors and artists, admission is $10 in advance or $12 at the door. Info: patersonarts@gmail.com. W

Art created by 25 members of the art faculty at William Paterson University will be exhibited at the University Galleries in the Ben Shahn Center for the Visual Arts, 300 Pompton Rd., Wayne, from Sept. 10 through Oct. 19. Gallery hours are Mon. to Fri. from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is free. An opening reception is on Sept. 23 at 2 pm. Info: 973.720.2371 or www.wp-presents.org. W, P
The New Legacy Concert Series, now in its 11th season, features American roots music and brings nationally touring artists to northern Passaic County. Singer-songwriter Susan Werner appears on Oct. 7 at 2 pm and folk singer Suzy Bogguss performs on Nov. 11 at 5 pm. Guitarist and singer John Gorka takes the stage on Jan. 27, 2013, at 2 pm. The Ringwood Public Library is at 30 Cannici Dr., Ringwood. For tickets and more information, go to www.ringwoodlibrary.org or 973-962-6256.

Singer, songwriter and saxophonist Hunter Hayes performs in Clifton on Oct. 19 in a benefit for the Passaic County Elks Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center. Hayes got his start with De-Lite records as a 20 year old, and made his mark as a soloist in the late 80s with dance tunes This Time and Are You Wide It; his latest album is It’s a Wonderful Life. Tickets to the dinner dance, which is at the Clifton Boys & Girls Club, are $30. Call 973-772-2600. Learn more at www.hunterhayesnewjersey.com.

Ringwood Friends of Music presents tenor Nils Neubert in master class on Sept. 15 at 8 pm and in concert with pianist Yuri Kim on Sept. 22 at 8 pm. The duo will perform music by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Donizetti and Brahms. Both performances are free. Founded 31 years ago by pianist Donaldo Garcia, the Ringwood Friends of Music continues to stage its concerts at Community Presbyterian Church, 145 Carletondale Rd, Ringwood. Call 973-835-5862.

The West Milford Farmers’ Market offers Jersey Fresh fruits, vegetables and live acoustic music on Wednesdays through Oct. 31. Located in the Wells Fargo Parking Lot, 1 Marshall Hill Rd., the market is open 3 to 7 pm for shopping while musical performances begin at 4 pm. See the music schedule at WMFarmersmarket.org, or via email at twilightmusicbkr@yahoo.com.

The Ringwood Farmers’ Market, in the Ringwood Park and Ride, is held Saturdays through Oct. 28, rain or shine. A project of Eat Local, Inc., the Market also offers free performances by regional musicians. Sets are at 10 am and noon. Info: www.ringwoodfarmersmarket.org.

Portrait of Paterson is an exhibit of 40 color prints by photographers ages 9 to 14 in the Paterson Youth Photography Project (PYPP). The exhibit is in the Broadway & LRC Galleries at Passaic County Community College to Sept. 15, weekdays 9 am to 9 pm, Broadway at Memorial Dr., Paterson. Free. Call 973-684-5448. The mission of the PYPP is to enrich the lives of school-age children in Paterson by introducing them to photography as a means for self-expression and personal growth. To volunteer as a photographer or to enroll a child, e-mail info@pypp.org.

Passaic County Film Commission has published a Passaic County Film Production Resource Guide to filmmakers working in the 16 communities of the county. It features photos of site locations, maps, transportation information and municipal contacts. The guide lists Passaic County resources from aircraft to wardrobe companies and includes listings for voice-over talent, trucking, sound systems and local caterers. For a copy of the free booklet contact the Passaic County Department of Economic Development at 973-569-4720 or film@passaiccountynj.org.
Nicholas Rodriguez has joined the PCCHC staff as the Assistant Director. A Juilliard graduate, Rodriguez, pictured here, returned to his hometown of Paterson in 2010, when he began working with the Inner City Ensemble (ICE), a non-profit organization that provides low-cost arts training to underserved Paterson youth. Rodriguez got his start at ICE, went on to train in NYC, and has taught and performed professionally for over 25 years. Nicholas is proud to be sharing his artistic and administrative experience with local and regional non-profit arts groups. He is especially thrilled to be back home and so close to his siblings and his creative family at ICE. Contact him at 973-684-6555 or NRodriguez@pccc.edu.

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) is a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mission is to develop, support and promote projects that explore and interpret the human experience, foster cross-cultural understanding and engage people in a dialogue about matters of individual choice and public responsibility. NJCH invites non-profit organizations to apply for one of its upcoming grant deadlines – Nov. 1, 2012 for mini grants of up to $3,000 and Oct. 1, 2012 for major grants of up to $20,000. For guidelines and application go to www.njch.org/grants.html. Potential applicants should contact NJCH’s Grants Officer at 609-695-4838 or rapgar@njch.org for more information.

The New Jersey Theater Alliance offers an artist membership program which allows actors, singers, designers and other theater professionals to collaborate with the Alliance’s three dozen professional theaters. For $75, members will receive a profile page on the Alliance website. The fee also includes access to an online forum, priority scheduling for annual auditions and priority access to its annual designer showcase. Visit www.njtheatrealliance.org for info.