Silk City Love Affair: Photos, Poems, Prose, and More about Paterson, New Jersey
opens Nov. 16 at the Paterson Museum. This exhibit of 30 black and white photographs taken in 1977 is from a time in Paterson, when as artist Joseph Verilla says, “...smoke spewed from factory smoke stacks, water flowed through the raceways and the Fat Man served ‘Heavy Duty Soup.’”

Everything in this exhibition has a story, including how the exhibit came about. Last October, while attending the 150th anniversary of his alma mater, Goddard College in Plainfield, VT, Verilla decided to show his wife, Betty, his collection of photographs and writings about Paterson. It was completed under the tutelage of his mentor, David Dellinger, of the Chicago Seven fame, and has been part of the college’s library permanent collections since 1977.

As Verilla tells it, “I opened the binder and saw my late friend, Rocky Martarano, his face covered in a white mudpack, expressing the sadness of a mime... Then, there was the raceway, the saw tooth factory along the Passaic River, Frank ‘The Fat Man’ standing in front of his Hamilton St. restaurant... I knew this entire collection of photos and words needed to be seen and not hidden away.”

Verilla’s poems and prose are an integral component of the show. His words will take you riding on a skate box scooter through his old Sandy Hill neighborhood, fishing for carp off the Market St. Bridge, rummaging through the debris of the School 24 fire for a souvenir, and reminiscing about a former grade school teacher who scolded him for throwing paper helicopters out of the window.

Visitors will see a replica of Verilla’s skate box scooter, a prop used in 1978 when he was a member of the Silk City Poets, a handmade cork fishing bobber, a piece of slate from the School 24 fire, paper helicopters and ‘more.’

The opening reception is Nov. 16 at 2 pm and will include a reading by Verilla. The exhibition is displayed through Jan. 19. The Paterson Museum is located in the former Rogers Locomotive Erecting Shop on the corner of Market and Spruce Streets. Open Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Suggested admission is $2. Call 973-321-1260.

Other Upcoming PC Arts Events

Nov. 8: Paterson Literary Review No. 42 Reading, Paterson
Nov. 8: Tony Trischka, Music at the Mission, West Milford
Nov. 8: Lambert Castle Holiday Boutique, Paterson
Nov. 9: Lonny Irgens Badalamenti Retrospective, Totowa
Nov. 14: Moon Over Buffalo, Theater League of Clifton
Nov. 15: George Martin Book Signing, Ringwood
Nov. 16: Glück 300th Birthday Celebration Concert, Ringwood
Nov. 20: Sol Stetin Awards Gala, North Haledon

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German composer Christoph Willibald Ritter von Glück was a powerful force in the Viennese music scene and throughout Europe in the 18th century and his reforms have had resonance throughout operatic history. The young Mozart, with whom he had contact, Salieri, Weber, Berlioz and Wagner, were all influenced by his ideas. To commemorate his life, music and his inspiration to other great composers, the Ringwood Friends of Music (RFM) presents the Glück 300th Birthday Celebration on Nov. 16 at 7 pm. Program includes Mozart’s Variations on a Theme by Glück, K. 455, and arrangements for solo piano from Iphigénie en Aulide by Brahms and von Bülow, arias, duets and choruses from various operas, including Orfeo, Alceste, and Iphigénie en Tauride, transcriptions for violin and piano by Kreisler, excerpts from the Ballet Don Juan for strings, and Reineke’s Improvisations on a Gavotte by Glück for piano four-hands. Maestro and founder of the RFM, Donaldo Garcia invites all ‘for an inspiring evening of music-making honoring Glück.’ Performers include the 28-voice New Jersey Chamber Singers, led by Artistic Director Reid Masters; Erin Schwab, soprano; Kurt Alakulppi, tenor; Regis Iandiorio, violin; Adam Kent, piano; Ana Berschadsky and Anita Gordon, duo pianists; as well as the Juilliard student string quartet. Admission is free to the concert, held, as always, at Community Presbyterian Church, 145 Carletoandale Rd., Ringwood. Call 973-835-5862.

Music at the Mission offers concerts in an intimate coffeehouse atmosphere with open admission and seating for 160 at the West Milford Presbyterian Church, 1452 Union Valley Rd., West Milford. Banjo legend Tony Trischka will be following his tour of NPR’s Mountain Stage by gracing the Mission Stage with his expertise and artistry on Nov. 8. The Mission hosts an open mic Teen Talent Showcase on Dec. 13. For info, call 973-728-4201 or go to musicatthemission.org.

Ringwood resident George Martin, the former New York Football Giants star from the 70s and 80s, walked across America raising millions of dollars for 9/11 rescue workers’ medical care. His exhibit at the Ringwood Public Library chronicles that journey in photographs. On display until Nov. 15, the exhibit culminates with a talk and book signing at 1 pm that day. The library is at 30 Cannici Dr., Ringwood. For more info, call 973-962-6256.

George Martin talks about his walk across America on Nov. 15.
The 27th annual Lambert Castle Holiday Boutique is on Nov. 8 to 30. Visitors will enter a magical setting as the 1893 Victorian castle, 3 Valley Rd., on the Paterson and Clifton border, offers shoppers thousands of unique holiday gifts, jewelry, handmade decorations, quality crafts, collectibles, gourmet foods and more. The Boutique is the result of a unique partnership between the Passaic County Historical Society (PCHS) and dedicated crafters, vendors and organizers, who create an experience that over the last quarter century has become an authentic Passaic County tradition. The Holiday Boutique is the major annual fundraiser for Passaic County Historical Society (PCHS). Open for shopping on Wednesdays to Fridays from 10 am to 9 pm and Saturdays and Sundays until 5 pm, admission is $6 for three visits. As an option, come to the Wine and Cheese Preview on Nov. 7, from 5 to 10 pm. The $15 admission price will allow you to enjoy an evening of wine and cheese, a first look at all the merchandise on sale, and two return trips on any of the remaining days. For more about the Boutique and the PCHS, its services and membership, call 973-247-0085 or go to www.lambertcastle.org.

The 32nd Annual Sol Stetin Awards Gala is on Nov. 20 at 6:30 pm at The Tides Estate of North Haledon. Presented by the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark, honors will be shared with Laurel Brennan, Secretary-Treasurer of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and Keith Mestrich, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Amalgamated Bank. The Gala is a major fundraiser for the American Labor Museum, and the awards are named for Stetin, the former president of the Textile Workers Union of America and a founder of the American Labor Museum. Brennan, a dedicated advocate for working people, develops statewide labor policies that improve the lives of one million union members and their families. Mestrich heads the Amalgamated Bank, founded by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America in 1923 with the mission of providing immigrant garment workers a place to bank. Today, under Mestrich’s leadership, the bank continues to serve working people and the businesses and organizations that support them. Tickets are $100 or patrons may take an ad in a journal. The Botto House is at 83 Norwood St., Haledon. It was the meeting place for over 20,000 silk mill workers during the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike. Today it offers a free lending library, restored period rooms, changing exhibits, museum store, old world gardens, educational programs and special events. For hours, info or tickets, go to www.labormuseum.net or call 973-942-7400.

Lonny Irgens Badalamenti Retrospective will be exhibited at the Lena Di Gangi Gallery, 320 Union Blvd., Totowa, through Nov. 28. Free and open to the public, there is also a reception for the artist on Nov. 9 from 2 to 5 pm. Badalamenti has been with the National Association of Women Artists, and the New Jersey Center For Visual Arts for 20 years. Her artistic style has morphed seamlessly over time from loosely realistic to abstract. The gallery phone is 973-942-7400.

The Theater League of Clifton enters its 9th season with the comedy Moon Over Buffalo.
At the heart of the New Jersey Botanical Garden (NJBG) is Skylands Manor, a grand and historic Tudor Revival manor house (at left) built in the 1920s. NJBG will sponsor tours of Skylands Manor on Nov. 2 from 11 am to 3 pm. Self-guided holiday open house tours will take place on Dec. 4–7 as NJBG celebrates ‘A Renaissance Holiday.’ NJBG is off Morris Road in Ringwood. For fees, membership brochure or more info, call 973-962-9534 or visit njbg.org.

The Woman’s Club of West Milford, along with the North Jersey Highlands Historical Society, will host a Dec. 5 concert at the Ringwood Manor featuring Lady Jane’s Delight. The manor, which dates to 1810, is a National Historic Landmark and is part of the 479-acre Ringwood Manor State Park near West Milford. Doors open at 7 pm so patrons can tour the manor, decorated in Victorian splendor, or visit vendors offering holiday items. The concert of chamber music begins at 7:30 pm in the glass enclosed piazza. Tickets are $20; call 973-853-7258.

The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at PCCC is celebrating the Paterson Literary Review (PLR) Issue 42, on Nov. 8, at 1 pm. This free event will feature readings by the contributors of this issue and will take place at the Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church St., Paterson. PLR has been edited since 1979 by Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Founder and Executive Director of the Poetry Center, and includes work by well-known writers, such as Marge Piercy, Diane di Prima, W.D. Ehrhart, Gary Fincke, Yehoshua November, Penny Perry, Mark Hillringhouse, Joe Weil, Laura Boss, as well as by many NJ/NY-based writers whose work is so good it should be better known. Call 973-684-6555 or visit pccc.edu/poetry for more details.
**PCCHC Grants Awarded**

**Thirty-four organizations** received a total of $73,206 in funding for projects that bring the arts to our 16 communities through the Local Arts Program Grant. This grant is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State. Grants ranged from $900 to $5,000 for programs, including concerts, literary and photography workshops, dance and theatrical performances and art exhibits. The 2015 re-grantees include:

- Action Theatre Conservatory Studios, Inc. – Clifton
- American Labor Museum / Botto House National Landmark – Haledon
- City of Passaic – Passaic
- Clifton Arts Center, Inc. – Clifton
- Clifton Recreation Department – Clifton
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Paterson
- Eat Local – Ringwood
- Friends of the Long Pond Iron Works – Hewitt
- Friends of the Louis Bay 2nd Library – Hawthorne
- Halls That Inspire – Paterson
- Harmony Singers – Wayne
- Holy Rosary Young Men’s Club – Passaic
- Iron Mountain Stage Company – Ringwood
- Jewish Family Service & Children’s Center of Clifton-Passaic – Passaic
- Juvenile Education & Awareness Project – Passaic
- Little Falls Alliance for a Better Community – Little Falls
- Medical Missions/The Giggles Children’s Theater – Paterson
- Music at the Mission – West Milford
- NJ Botanical Gardens/NJBG Skylands Association – Ringwood
- NJ Music & Arts, Inc./Garden State Opera – Clifton
- Passaic County Historical Society – Paterson
- Passaic County Motion Picture & Television Comm. – Totowa
- Passaic Public Library – Passaic
- Paterson Youth Photography Project at Oasis – Paterson
- Ringwood Friends of Music – Ringwood
- Ringwood Manor Association of the Arts – Ringwood
- Ringwood Public Library – Ringwood
- St. Catherine’s of Bologna Performing Arts Guild – Ringwood
- St. Paul’s Community Develop. Center – Paterson
- St. Timothy Lutheran Church/St. Timothy Musicales – Wayne
- Sustainable West Milford – West Milford
- Theater League of Clifton, Inc. – Clifton
- Township of West Milford – West Milford
- Wayne YMCA – Wayne

**Three county organizations** received a total of $6,092 in re-grant funds for local or New Jersey history projects, provided through a general operating support grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. They are:

- American Labor Museum/Botto House
  National Landmark - Haledon
- Hawthorne Historical Society - Hawthorne
- The Passaic County
  Historical Society - Paterson

Applications and guidelines for the FY16 grants will be online in April 2015 at [www.pccc.edu/pchc](http://www.pccc.edu/pchc) (click on grants tab) or contact Susan Balik, Associate Director, Cultural Affairs at sbalik@pccc.edu or 973-684-5444.