

PCCC ART GALLERIES

Paterson Great Falls National Park: A Journey Through The Seasons

Photography by the Centennial Class of
Paterson School No.7



June – August 2015

**Broadway & LRC Galleries
Broadway at Memorial Drive
Paterson, NJ**

Gallery Summer Hours

Mon- Fri 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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**Open to the Public
Admission Free**

About the Exhibition

The Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council (PCCHC) at Passaic County Community College is pleased to present this summer an exhibition of color photographs taken by 7th graders in Paterson. In mid-September, the exhibition will travel to the Paterson Museum. The photos were selected from an anthology (which also includes poetry), entitled the *Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park: A Journey through the Seasons*.

The exhibit and anthology are the culmination of a collaborative effort between the Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park, the 2016 National Park Service Centennial Class of Paterson Public School #7, and the Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council at PCCC.

Three years ago, the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park began working with the 2016 graduating class from School #7, as these students will be graduating the the same year as the National Park Service's 100th anniversary.

The project included monthly poetry workshops led by PCCHC poet-in-residence, Laura Boss, and field trips to the Great Falls, where students participated in photography workshops with instructors from the Paterson Youth Photography Project at Oasis.

“Taking our cue from famous Paterson poets and visual artists, we asked students to reflect upon the major themes and stories of the park using the Great Falls and its surroundings as the inspiration,” said Daren Boch, Great Falls NHP Superintendent. The anthology incorporates broad topics, such as economic freedom, diversity, finding a new home, identity, National Parks and public lands, Paterson pride, and conservation.

Funded by a NPS Conservation, Protection, Outreach, and Education Grant, this arts program showcased “the pride students feel for their community and the enormous value of connecting with the recently dedicated Paterson Great Falls NHP,” said Nicholas Vancheri, Principal of Paterson School #7.

Susan Balik, Associate Director of Cultural Affairs at PCCC and Project Director, noted how the project captured “the wonder and beauty of one of our national treasures, the Great Falls, and, in the process, taught our Paterson youth how to see themselves and interpret their environment through their own unique, artistic lens.”

For additional information about this show or other exhibitions at PCCC, contact Jane Haw, Gallery Curator, at (973) 684-5448 or visit our website at www.pccc.edu/art/gallery.

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The PCCC Art Galleries are located at Passaic County Community College in the downtown historic district of Paterson and offer both changing exhibits and permanent collections of contemporary art.

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