The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College & An Exhibition of Art by Four Local Artists at The Hamilton Club Gallery

The Distinguished Poets Series at Passaic County Community College will participate in the 2010 Paterson Art Walk on June 12 with a poetry reading featuring writers from the newly released *What’s Your Exit?: A Literary Detour through New Jersey*, a compilation of poetry, fiction and memoir inspired by the great state of New Jersey. Readings begin at 1:00 pm in the historic Hamilton Club Building of PCCC at 32 Church Street in downtown Paterson.

Featured poets include: Laura Boss, Lorraine Doran, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Mark Hillringhouse, Ethan Lee and Joe Weil. An open reading and reception will follow the program. This event is free. The building is wheelchair accessible. Other services including large print materials and FM assistive listening devices are available on request. For further information contact the Poetry Center at (973) 684-6555 or visit www.pccc.edu/poetry.

The Hamilton Club Building will be open to the public participating in the Paterson Art Walk from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The gallery features an exhibit by four artists participating in the Paterson Art Walk: Giovanna Cecchetti, Luis Ruiz, and Karenann Sinocchi, and Mark Hillringhouse. The exhibit will be on view through June. Tours of the building and its three art collections including the Hamilton Club Art Collection of early 19th and 20th century paintings, the Federici Studio Collection of Sculpture, and the Passaic County Community College Contemporary Art Collection will be conducted throughout the day.
The Art Walk takes place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on June 12th and will officially kick off at 10 a.m. at the Gazebo in Federici Park on Van Houten St. & Cianci St. Walking maps are available at each participating location (including the Hamilton Club Building). Parking will be available on the Passaic County Community College parking lot #3 on College Blvd., between Memorial Drive and Church Street.

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