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# The Noyes Museum of Art Stockton University

The Noyes Gallery at Kramer Hall:

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# HAMMONTON: 150 YEARS OF INDUSTRY Noyes Exhibition Opening at Stockton University's Kramer Hall

HAMMONTON, NJ – The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University, in partnership with staff and faculty from Stockton's Kramer Hall, and the South Jersey Culture & History Center, presents *Hammonton: 150 Years of Industry* from March 7 – August 8, 2016 at the Noyes Gallery at Stockton's Kramer Hall. Utilizing artifacts and artists' interpretations, this exhibition will showcase 150 years of local industry and progress in Hammonton. The Noyes Gallery at Kramer Hall is free and open to the public.

This is the first of two exhibits hosted this year at Kramer Hall to help celebrate the town's



HAMMONTON SHOE CO.'S FACTORY, Hammonton, N.

Sesquicentennial. The Noyes Museum coordinated these exhibitions with significant input and assistance from Stockton's South Jersey Culture & History Center, and the Town of Hammonton. Tom Kinsella, Stockton Professor and Director of the SJCHC, Paul Schopp, Associate Director of the SJCHC, and Stockton staff member Ginna Petrillo, along with nine artists from the area helped to create this dynamic, informative exhibition based on the history of the industries of Hammonton. Thematically, the exhibition will encompass the major industries, geographical features, and popular media of this charming town. Artists include Ron Ross Cohen, Jeanette DePiero, Dorrine Esposito, Suzanne Reese Horvitz, Yvonne Mucci, Marie Natale, April Schenk, Liz Wuillermin, and Mike Zambelli. Participating artists looked to the major features of Hammonton Lake, the newspaper, trains, glass, and historical photography.

Photographs, watercolors, paintings and sculptures illustrate adjacent panels of text from local historians. The delicate watercolors by Marie Natale personalize historical landmarks and houses, casting the buildings in the character of familiar personalities sitting for their portraits. By contrast, the paintings of Mike Zambelli ennoble local buildings as quiet witnesses to quotidian activity. In an homage to Hammonton's garment-making history, Dorrine Esposito pushes the boundaries of the fiber arts, creating soft sculpture adorned by

jewelry at once comforting and ornate. The artworks cast a soft air of nostalgia around beloved features of the town while reminding viewers of the vibrant community that grew out of them.

A free reception will be held on Thursday, March 17, from 6:00 to 9:00pm, at Kramer Hall during Hammonton's Third Thursday. For more information call (609) 652-8848 or visit **www.noyesmuseum.org**.

## This exhibition is made possible in part through the generous support of AtlantiCare.

### About:

The Noyes Museum of Art was founded in Oceanville, NJ in 1983 to collect, preserve, and exhibit American fine and folk art, with an emphasis on New Jersey artists and folk art forms, reflecting the area's traditions, history, landscape, and culture. The Noyes Shop: Hammonton satellite gallery opened in October 2008 with a focus on emerging artists and can be reached at (609) 561-8006; they also specialize in custom framing. In February 2010, The Noyes Museum of Art formed a partnership with Stockton College (now Stockton University) to form The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College. Through a 2013 partnership with the CRDA, The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University, a unique multi-use arts and retail space at 2200 Fairmount Avenue in Atlantic City. The Museum remains a 501 (c)(3) organization, with general funding provided by: the New Jersey State Council on the Art/Department of State, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Arts; the Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow Noyes Foundation; Stockton University; and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

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### About the Noyes Gallery at Kramer Hall:

The Noyes Gallery at Kramer Hall is located at 30 Front Street, Hammonton, NJ 08037. It is the newest addition to the vibrant Arts District in Downtown Hammonton, and The Noyes Museum's satellite exhibition spaces. The Noyes Gallery showcases artwork from both New Jersey artists and Stockton students, in exhibitions that change quarterly throughout the year. They are open 8:30AM – 4:30PM Monday through Friday and can be reached at (609) 626-3840. Custom directions to Kramer Hall can be found at <u>http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=261&pageID=55</u>.

### Current & upcoming exhibitions from The Noyes Museum of Art and its satellite locations:

Spatial Reasoning: Abstraction and Architecture from the Noyes Permanent Collection	
at the Noyes Gallery at Seaview	January 22 – May 1, 2016
Rae Smith: Master Pastellist at the Noyes Gallery at Seaview	January 22 – May 1, 2016
The Links 47th Annual Black History Month Art Exhibit at The Noyes Arts Garage	February 2 - March 29, 2016
Youth Art Month Exhibition at the Noyes Arts Garage	February 29 – March 19, 2016
The New Jersey Arts Annual: Fine Arts at The Noyes Arts Garage	April 6 – July 28, 2016