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Galloway Township, NJ- The Stockton Center on Successful Aging is sponsoring a yearlong series of craft workshops for older adults at Stockton’s Kramer Hall.

Diamond Frandsen, SCOSA Volunteer Art Instructor, Fiber Artist/Custom Designer and owner of The Ivy Cottage, will teach the summer and fall workshops at the instructional site, located at 30 Front St. in Hammonton.

From the age of nine, Frandsen has woven baskets with her mother, working with reed and oak. In recent years she has been exploring the areas of mixed media baskets, including handmade paper baskets adorned with ribbon and beads. She has been using wool, felt, and yarns to make sculptures and small novelty gifts. Her work includes wool bead jewelry and woven twigs with needle felted wools to sculpt small bird’s nests. As a Fiber Artist she enjoys the textures and techniques of needle felting, paper folding and embroidery. So comfortable in the art studio using all mediums of expression she creates heirloom pieces from memories of the past. “I believe that history inspires me to create for the future.” Diamond holds a BA in Art Management & Art History from Stockton College.

Advanced registration is required online at www.stockton.edu/scosa or by calling 609-626-3591. Visit the SCOSA website at www.stockton.edu/scosa for more information, updates and cancellation procedures.

Below is the summer and fall workshop schedule at Kramer Hall.

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Thursday, July 24, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
“Salt of the Earth” Creative Writing & Sensory Craft

Bring a story to share with the class that you have written about your "Salt of the Earth" figure and how they helped you become the person you are today. Discover what "scents" spark memories of your "salt" and create a salt and herbal mix to use at home, rounding out your sensory experience. Level: Beginner. $12 materials fee collected by the instructor.

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 and Wednesday, September 24, 2014
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Watercolor Woven Brooch (Sessions 1 & 2)

Session 1: Explore your personality by painting an abstract watercolor on paper while learning color blending & mixing techniques.

Session 2: Return with your watercolor, cut and weave it into a paper brooch, add fix weaving palette onto fabric backing and add a touch of whimsy to complete the brooch. Level: Beginner. All materials and tools provided by instructor. Participants must attend both sessions. $30 materials fee collected by the instructor.

Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Fall Décor Needle Felted Acorns

Needle Felted Acorns in Display Bowl: Use needle felting techniques to make colorful wool acorns to display in your selected bowl. Level: Beginner. $15 materials fee collected by the instructor.

Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
“Home” Creative Writing & Color Craft

Bring a story you have written about your ideas of "home" to share with the class, then use it to create a color painting as creative expression to share with family and friends. Level: Beginner. $12 materials fee collected by the instructor.

Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Holiday Paper Craft

Create small, medium, and large folded paper stars all using the same techniques. Use these stars to adorn a window, garland or tree in your home during the holiday season. Level: Beginner. $8 materials fee collected by the instructor.

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