



## **Stockton Center on Successful Aging Offers Local History Craft Series at the Noyes Museum**

Niki Giberson to Teach Basket Making and Wool Felting Through the  
Summer and Fall Months

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) is sponsoring a yearlong series of craft workshops for older adults at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College.

Niki Giberson of Swan Bay Folk Art Center & Farm in Port Republic will teach the summer and fall workshops at the museum, located at 733 Lily Lake Road in the Oceanville section of Galloway Township.

Giberson is a SCOSA volunteer art instructor and the owner and operator of Swan Bay Folk Art Center & Farm, a place where people can go to learn skills from days gone by in order to create pieces of their own history. For 25 years, Giberson and her husband Gary have run Swan Bay Folk Art Center out of their home, a sheep farm settled on land that has been in Gary's family since 1637. The wool used in her felting projects is sheared from the sheep that live on her farm. Learn more about Swan Bay at <http://www.handsonhistory.com/>.

Advanced registration is required by calling the Noyes Museum at 609-652-8848. Visit the SCOSA website at [www.stockton.edu/scosa](http://www.stockton.edu/scosa) for more information, updates and cancellation procedures.

Below is the summer and fall workshop schedule at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College.

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## **SCOSA Craft Workshops/ page 2**

**Saturday, July 19, 2014**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Split Woven Stool**

Each student will receive an oak stool frame 11" x 11" x 13" and will be taught to do a twill weave pattern. Once mastered, this method can be used on any chair or stool. A \$45.00 materials fee will be collected by the Noyes Museum at time of registration.

**Saturday, August 23, 2014**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Weave a Small Hearth Basket**

This sloping side basket (8" x 16") is great for flower arrangements or vegetable gathering. A \$35.00 materials fee will be collected by the Noyes Museum at time of registration.

**Saturday, September 13, 2014**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Farmer's Market Basket**

10" x 10" x 14" rectangular basket which is very useful for gardening or carrying home your produce from market. It has an oak grip handle. A \$40.00 materials fee will be collected by the Noyes Museum at time of registration.

**Saturday, October 4, 2014**, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **Needle Felted Pumpkins**

Learn the art of needle felting. Create two needle felted pumpkins (5" diameter) for fall decorating, made with wool from Niki's sheep farm. A \$20.00 materials fee will be collected by the Noyes Museum at time of registration.

**Saturday, November 8, 2014** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Wool Felted Silk Scarf**

Learn the art of placing wool on a silk scarf and felting it into place to make a one-of-a-kind designer accessory (10" by 55" finished size) using dyed wool and other fibers. A \$45.00 materials fee will be collected by the Noyes Museum at time of registration.

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