



Stockton Center on Successful Aging Workshop Series Pairs Local History, Craft and Culinary Art

Winter Workshops Led by Niki Giberson at the Noyes Museum of Art

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

The museum is located at 733 Lily Lake Rd. in the Oceanville section of Galloway Township. The winter schedule, presented by Niki Giberson, of Swan Bay Folk Art Center in Port Republic, is as follows:

Basket Making: Gingerbread Loaf Basket

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Participants will create a 6" x 12" rectangular basket with handles on either side for easy serving. Everyone will also enjoy a sampling and a gingerbread recipe along with ideas for serving and gift giving. There is a \$32 materials fee collected by the Noyes Museum at registration.

Basket Making: Heart Truffle Basket

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Participants will enjoy hand-dipped truffles and create a heart-shaped basket with a handle to fill with these candies that can be made at home from recipes that will be shared with the class. There is a \$30 materials fee collected by the Noyes Museum at registration.

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Basket Making: Irish Soda Bread Basket

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Participants will create an 8-inch round basket with green accents and a shamrock basket buckle to serve Irish soda bread. Samples of the bread and a recipe are included with the class. There is a \$30 materials fee collected by the Noyes Museum at registration.

The workshops will be presented by Niki Giberson, a SCOSA volunteer art instructor and owner and operator of Swan Bay Farm in Port Republic. Giberson has been teaching basket making and felting for many years. The wool used in her felting projects is sheared from the sheep that live on the farm.

Swan Bay Folk Art Center and Farm in Port Republic, NJ is nestled in the Pine Barrens of southern New Jersey and is 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, Niki 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. Learn more 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 for more information, updates and cancellation procedures.

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