

Stockton Center on Successful Aging Presents Writing Workshops at the Noyes Museum

Time to Tell - Memory in Poetry & Creative Nonfiction

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Galloway Township, NJ – The Stockton Center on Successful Aging announces the Winter/Spring schedule of the ongoing Time to Tell - Memory in Poetry & Creative Non-Fiction writing workshops, sponsored by SCOSA for older adults at the Noyes Museum of Art of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on 733 Lily Lake Road in the Oceanville section of Galloway. SCOSA's volunteer creative writing instructor Jenna McCoy, who led the group through a very successful and enjoyable year of writing in 2013, presents the workshops. The Winter/Spring schedule for 2014 is as follows:

Jan. 4, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 1, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 1, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 12, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 10, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"In this series workshop, we will explore a number of creative writing genres, with a major focus on memoir (creative nonfiction) and poetry. By reading and discussing work by both famous and local writers, we will attempt to put our fingers on what exactly makes for good writing, and work to apply these techniques as we write and reinvent our own poems, stories, and essays. The workshop structure of this course will give both new and advanced writers the opportunity to share their own work and help one another improve both in craft and creativity. We will write poems and essays inspired by our own memories, stretch our creativity with a number of prompts and activities, and work to create our own community of writers," explains McCoy.

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McCoy, a Stockton graduate, now teaches English in Edison, NJ, where she spends her days convincing eighth graders that the world would be a better place if subjects and verbs could just live in agreement. When not teaching or attending classes, McCoy's travels take her around the globe. Her most recent adventures include glacier-climbing in Iceland, backpacking in the Canadian Pacific, and studying abroad in Kashmir, India. McCoy's writing has appeared in Polaris, The Curbside Quotidian, and Adventum Magazine, where her essay "Cinder and Snow" won first prize in the 2012 Ridge to River contest for outdoor creative nonfiction.

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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