

Noyes Museum of Art of Richard Stockton College

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Atlantic City Library's 'Flying Fearless' photo exhibit on display at Atlantic City International Airport throughout summer - June 22 to September 7

OCEANVILLE, N.J. – The 2010 Atlantic City Airshow “Thunder Over the Boardwalk” is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 25 – and it comes 100 years after Atlantic City and Asbury Park hosted New Jersey’s very first airshows. To pay tribute to those airshows past and present, the Atlantic City Free Public Library and Asbury Park Public Library will offer a new exhibit – Flying Fearless: Celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Airshows in New Jersey – at the Atlantic City International Airport.

Back in 1910, when airplanes were a novelty and most Americans had never seen man fly, a series of “Aero Meets” were sponsored across the United States to showcase the great fliers of the day. Atlantic City and Asbury Park were two stages for the shows in the summer of 1910.

The Flying Fearless exhibit will feature duplicates of Atlantic City Free Public Library Heston Collection and Asbury Park Public Library photographs from 1910. The exhibit at Atlantic City International Airport will be displayed in the airport terminal building as part of the ArtPort program. Sponsored by the South Jersey Transportation Authority, which owns and operates the Atlantic City International Airport, Artport engages the community by showcasing New Jersey and all it has to offer through dynamic exhibitions.

The Atlantic City and Asbury Park libraries also plan to offer exhibits at the Atlantic City Historical Museum on Garden Pier, Township of Ocean Historical Museum in Ocean Township (Monmouth County) and online at www.njairshows1910.org.

Those visiting the physical exhibits can see enlarged shots of aviation pioneers Glenn Curtiss and Walter Brookins flying high above the Atlantic City skyline and beach. The Flying Fearless website, www.njairshows1910.org, will feature a virtual exhibit, along with a history of the New Jersey airshows and timeline of major airshow moments and milestones. The Atlantic City Free Public Library is an official sponsor of the 2010 Atlantic City Airshow “Thunder Over the Boardwalk.”

MEDIA NOTE: Photos from the 1910 airshows in Atlantic City and Asbury Park are available in JPG format. If you wish to run photos, please contact Atlantic City Free Public Library Public Information Officer Don Latham at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.

About - The Noyes Museum of Art was founded 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. General funding for The Noyes Museum of Art is provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Arts; the Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow Noyes Foundation; the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; the Odessa F. and Henry D. Kahrs Charitable Trust. The Noyes Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m., and is closed on major holidays. The Noyes Museum of Art is located one and a half miles south of Historic Smithville Village, off of Route 9, on Lily Lake Road in Oceanville, New Jersey. Admission fees are \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. For more information, please call (609) 652-8848 or visit www.noyesmuseum.org.

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