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We are pleased to present **three exhibitions** by Charlee Brodsky (photographs) and Jim Daniels (poetry)

**The Rocks**
3rd floor gallery

**American Patriot**
4th floor gallery atrium

**From Milltown to Malltown**
4th floor elevator area

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January 7, 2017 - May 2017

Meet & Greet Charlee and Jim

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, starting at 6pm
Poetry Reading at 7pm Castle Board Room

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