

**The Paterson Museum
Presents
Francisco Garcia
&
Black Smith Arts**

August 17th—September 7th, 2019

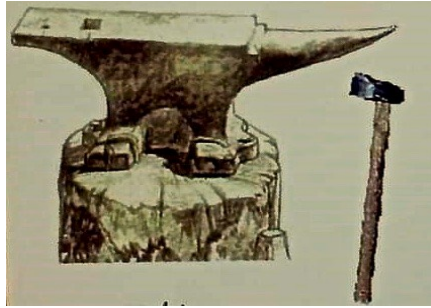


**Exhibit Opening Reception:
Saturday August 17th from 3 to 5 PM**

The Paterson Museum
2 Market Street, Paterson, NJ 07501
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BlackSmith Arts



BLACK SMITH ARTS

Francisco “Poncho” Garcia is a painter, sculptor and retired auto mechanic/welder. His works have been displayed at the Center City Galleries, Paterson Ivanhoe Museum and Paterson Art Walks.

Francisco was born in Peru and came to the United States in 1959, settling in his adopted home town of Paterson, New Jersey. He began his career as a welder for Marcal Paper and eventually started his own auto repair shop for 35 years. Upon retirement, he had amassed a collection of car parts, so he began to create and started Blacksmith Arts in the basement of his home.

He enjoys reading poetry, watching soccer games and is an active member of the Ivanhoe Art Community.

He has produced a vast majority of sculptures, each of which can take up to 6 months to create. His art is eclectic in nature and some pieces are somewhat erotic to the eye. As a former professional body builder, he appreciates the beauty of the human anatomy, and the smoothness and coolness of the metal which are the inspiration to the evolution of his art.