



Akillian Gallery

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ARTIST POET AND PIONEER: GARY AMES RICKSON

Canton, MA – An afternoon of art and poetry with Boston artist Gary Rickson will be held on Friday, February 22 in Canton as the Akillian Gallery at Massasoit Community College recognizes National Black History Month. The Gallery Talk and Poetry Reading by Gary Ames Rickson begins at 11:15 to 11:45 AM, and repeats 12:15 to 12:45 PM.

Born in 1942 and raised in Boston, Mr. Rickson is a poet, writer, and painter. He received a ministry degree in 1964. He is one of three pioneers of the city's mural movement initiated in 1968 for "Summerthing", the driving force behind Boston's community murals. His style and murals were recognized by the Mayor's office, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, and by the Boston Public School System for his message of community, stewardship, and self-empowerment through art. He was a radio broadcaster at Harvard University, a founding member of the Boston African-American Artists Association, and organizer of many art events which featured developing community artists.

Today, Mr. Rickson lectures, shares his poetry, and is publishing his first book titled, "Black Artists Bible". His work is shown primarily at his home studio. This is Mr. Rickson's first gallery exhibit.

This is a free event. Public welcome. Bring your lunch. Light refreshments will be served. Don't miss this opportunity to meet a Boston icon of the arts. Rickson's exhibition of 21 canvases that runs through February 26.

Gallery Hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 to 2:00, or by appointment. For more information call 781-821-2222, ext. 2124, or contact emoller@massasoit.mass.edu or www.massasoit.mass.edu.

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