

## PRESS RELEASE

Event: *Searching for What's Real*

Date: July 13, 2013

Time: 6-9 PM

Location: The Firehouse Gallery 56 Prospect Street, Newark, NJ 07105

**ARTS ETC and Catfish Friday Women's Art Collective** are pleased to announce the event *Searching for What's Real*, a panel discussion that will take place Saturday July 13th at the Firehouse Gallery on 56 Prospect Street in Newark's Ironbound section from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Funded by grants from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs the discussion will be lead by **Nell Painter**, Professor Emeritus from Princeton University and will feature artists **Gladys Grauer, Eleta Caldwell, Bisa Washington and Yoland Skeete**. This panel event will launch the digital archive project of Catfish Friday Women's Art Collective, a program of the non-profit art organization ARTS ETC.

*Searching for What's Real* will introduce Catfish Friday Women Artists Digital Archive, an online project that will feature the video-tapped interviews of professional women artists from Newark, New Jersey. The interviews of the artists Gladys Grauer, Eleta Caldwell, Bisa Washington and Yoland Skeete will launch the online archive. The histories of these professional women artists represent an important spectrum of our culture and society. Along with their talent and artistic ability, they present an important perspective of America and society that goes beyond what any textbook could offer. Through the archive we want to broaden the picture of who is making art in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, what are their stories and what is their connection with the global art community. Many times the stories of women artists revolve around social justice issues such as gender, racial and sexual discrimination and domestic responsibility. Yet, we find that the stories of women highlight the tenacity of the human spirit to excel beyond their personal and social challenges. These are the stories that get overlooked, yet need to be part of our education. These are the stories we want to bring to the public.

This event is free and open to the public.

Arts ETC is a New Jersey nonprofit art organization dedicated to supporting women in the visual and literary arts and to building a community among artists, and bringing art to communities.

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