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**H**unterdon Museum of Art in historic Clinton will open "Portraits of Amelia," a new photography exhibit by Robin Schwartz of Hoboken, Sunday, Aug. 14, with a public reception from 2 to 4 p.m. The show will run through Oct. 16.

In photographing her daughter, Amelia, Schwartz explores allegory and imagination in this new body of work. Drawing inspiration from the paintings of Velazquez, Sargent and Botticelli, she uses photography to go places where dreams and fantasies can be played out to create stories.

"Photography has given me the opportunity to explore my child and the worlds I have dreamed to enter," Schwartz said. The images reveal the seemingly implausible fantasies of both her and Amelia as a potential for reality. Her interests have blossomed from several converging experiences: art, animals and motherhood.

Having authored books on animals, she said her "goal continues ... to catch a society of interspecies relationships and their activities" where her "imaginary world comes to life."

Schwartz teaches photography at Williams Paterson University. She also created two photo books, "Like Us: Primate Portraits," 1993, W.W. Norton & Co.,

New York, and "Dog Watching," Takarajima Books, New York and Japan.

The artist holds a master's degree in fine arts from The Pratt Institute in New York City and has earned two N.J. State Council on the Arts Grants in photography.

Her photographs are in the collections of major museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City; Smithsonian Museum of Art, Washington D.C.; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; the Brooklyn Museum; the Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, Va.; and the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris.

The nonprofit Hunterdon

Museum of Art, founded in 1952, is housed in a renovated 1836 stone mill on the South Branch of the Raritan River. During its 50-plus years in the community, the museum has celebrated the achievements of New Jersey artists as well as those from out-

side the state with exhibitions of contemporary art.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday. Suggested admission is \$3. For more information, call (908) 735-8415 or (800) 852-7899 for the hearing impaired.