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## **News from Touchstone Center for Crafts**

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## "Touchstone's 2020 Instructor Exhibition Travels from Allegany County, MD TO Allegheny County, PA"

Farmington, PA — An exhibition showcasing the wide range of diversity and talent Touchstone brings to campus each year is now on display at the Pittsburgh International Airport as part of the Art in the Airport program. The flypittsburgh.com website states, "Pittsburgh International Airport's Art in the Airport program is dedicated to showcasing a dynamic array of work produced by local, regional, national, and international artists. The program is part of the airport's commitment to creating a sense of place by connecting to the region it serves through offerings unique to Pittsburgh, including art, culture, cuisine, individuals and institutions."

Throughout February, the work of nearly thirty 2020 Touchstone instructors was exhibited at Allegany Arts Council's Saville Gallery in Cumberland, MD. A sampling from this show is now on display until the end of May at the Pittsburgh International Airport in Moon Township. Artwork included in the exhibition represents artists teaching blacksmithing, ceramics, drawing/painting, glass, metals/jewelry, and other special topics. Touchstone's programs manager, Travis Winters, said, "it is an exciting opportunity to introduce neighboring communities to some of the great instructors we bring to the region each summer."

The exhibition runs until May 26<sup>th</sup> at the airport and will be re-installed at Touchstone Center for Crafts' Bea Campbell Gallery. The public is invited to attend an opening reception on May 30th during Touchstone's Open House from 11am – 4pm.

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Founded in 1972, Touchstone Center for Craft's mission is to advance excellence in the arts and crafts by educating and encouraging individuals to develop technical skills, good design, and innovative expression. We achieve this through an array of media including blacksmithing, ceramics, glass, fine metals, drawing/painting, and other special topic areas. Touchstone's 150 acre wooded campus is located in the Laurel Highlands, just 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, near Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, Ohiopyle State Park, and Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. Touchstone is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization offering immersive learning experiences in 7 fully equipped studios, workshop scholarships for teens and adults, artist residencies, internships for artists, and professional gallery exhibitions.

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