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News from Touchstone Center for Crafts

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"Touchstone's community open house brings artists and organizations together for a fun, free, family-friendly event"

Farmington, PA —

Touchstone's 2019 Open House will be held on **SUNDAY**, **JUNE 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** This FREE event is the perfect occasion for the community to learn about Touchstone, tour our professional studios, and experience all we have to offer. Artists and organizations from the Laurel Highlands and the greater Pittsburgh area will also be participating. The day will be filled with artist demonstrations, hands-on activities, pop-up shops, gallery exhibitions, and more! Come and get to know us and #ExperienceTouchstone!

Visitors can:

- Participate in a drum circle, kids craft activities, and nature walks with Powdermill Nature Reserve
- View demonstrations by Rivers of Steel Arts, friends of Touchstone and our summer artist interns
- Visit two brand new gallery exhibitions featuring members of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and Touchstone's 2019 workshop instructors
- Shop our gallery store and artist pop-up shops featuring handmade items from local artisans
- Speak to artists and members from Allegheny Metals Club, Contemporary Craft, Uniontown Art Club, and The Phoenix Arts Center
- Meet representatives from Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, and more!

There will be food and beverages available for purchase by Boy Scout Troop 620 from Uniontown, Ash & Kris Kitchen, Sullivan Brothers Coffee Company, and Christian W. Klay Winery. **The event is scheduled rain or shine, with many of the activities indoors.** We hope you will join us for a fun day celebrating the arts and get a taste of what the area has to offer.

Due to extremely limited parking on Touchstone's campus, visitors should park at Christian W. Klay Winery (412 Fayette Springs Rd.) and take the free shuttle bus to campus. Shuttle will run every 30 minutes. Parking at Touchstone will be limited to handicapped parking only. Touchstone's woodland campus is made up of gravel walkways, grassy areas, and uneven terrain. Please call 724-329-1370 if you have questions about accessibility.

Touchstone would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of this community event: Navarro Design Associates, QCOL Inc., First National Bank, Somerset Trust Company, Fast Signs of Uniontown, Rio Grande Jewelry Making Supplies, Pittsburgh Artist & Craftsman Supply, Peddler's Mercantile, and Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

Please visit touchstonecrafts.org or call 724-329-1370 for more information.

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 gallery exhibitions.

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