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“TOUCHSTONE’S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND 50th ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF”

Farmington, PA — Touchstone Center for Crafts is celebrating 50 years of pioneering craft education!

Touchstone’s 50th Anniversary Celebration kicks off at our Annual Open House on SATURDAY, JUNE 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We’re looking forward to welcoming the community to our biggest celebration of the year! This FREE, family-friendly event will showcase our 150-acre campus, studios, galleries, as well as many local and regional artists and partner organizations. Please [check our website](#) for a list of participating artists and organizations.

“We are so excited to open our doors to the community and celebrate our 50th anniversary,” says Lindsay K. Gates, Touchstone’s executive director. “It is our hope that people will join us at the Open House and learn about all of the ways that we can be a resource.”

Visitors can:

- Enjoy live music, food trucks, and campus & studio tours
- Participate in kid-friendly craft activities, face painting, puppet parades, and drum circles
- View studio demonstrations by local and regional artists
- Visit two brand new gallery exhibitions
- Shop our gallery store and artist pop-up shops featuring handmade items from local artisans
- Meet representatives from partner organizations and learn about things to do in the Laurel Highlands

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. 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 limited parking on Touchstone’s campus, visitors should park at [Christian W. Klay Winery](#) (412 Fayette Springs Rd.) and take the free convenient shuttle buses to campus. Shuttles will run from the Winery beginning at 10:30 am, until final departure from Touchstone at event closing. Parking at Touchstone will be limited to accessible 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. We love pets but can only permit service animals on campus.

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

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Celebrating 50 years! 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, Ohio 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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