



EVENT: McMURRAY ART LEAGUE - CAFÉ AWAY

DATE: Wednesday, May 22 – Friday, May 24, 2019 (2 nights)

LOCATION: Touchstone Center for Crafts in Farmington, PA

DESCRIPTION: A specially designed get-away for McMurray Art League artists/friends combining our CAFÉ classes (sessions focusing on various crafts taught by fellow attendees) AND two Touchstone-taught 2-hour classes, meals, and lodging.

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, May 22

- 8:00 – 9:00 Arrive and check-in at Touchstone Center for Crafts
- 9:30 – 11:30 Intro to Blacksmithing taught by Touchstone Staff
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch in the Dining Hall
- 2:00 – 4:00 Jewelry Making Instruction taught by Touchstone Staff
- 5:30 – 7:30 Dinner at Maywood Restaurant, at your own expense
- 8:00 – 11:00 Evening open to relaxing, music and camaraderie around the fire pit, weather-permitting

Thursday, May 23

- 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast in the Dining Hall
- 9:00 – 12:00 CAFÉ Sessions in studio area or plein air painting
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch in the Dining Hall
- 2:00 – 4:00 CAFÉ Sessions in studio area or plein air painting
- 5:30 – 6:30 Dinner in Dining Hall
- 7:00 – 11:00 CAFÉ Session or self-directed art work

Friday, May 24

- 8:00 – 8:45 Pack up to depart
- 9:00 Check out of Touchstone, then meet at a restaurant for breakfast

COST: \$90 for 2 nights lodging
 \$70 for 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner at Touchstone
 \$50 for Jewelry making class + materials fee
 \$50 for Blacksmith class +materials fee
 \$20 for studio rental
 \$ 280 TOTAL

Additional costs include dinner the first night at Maywood Restaurant, and breakfast on the way home.

Some Details:

Sandy Conley, Jan Pini and Anne Trimble visited Touchstone Center for Crafts to inquire about Touchstone hosting MAL members for a 2-day CAFÉ AWAY. We were impressed with their facilities and the friendly, professional staff's willingness to accommodate our group of 12. The dates we agreed upon are right before Touchstone begins their regular season schedule. At this point, no other groups are scheduled to be using the center at the same time.

ACTIVITIES: The schedule allows for CAFÉs, when we can share our knowledge of various crafts with one another in a bright large studio space. We can also take part in TWO opportunities to experience classes taught by Touchstone's instructors. We chose a JEWELRY MAKING project and INTRO TO BLACKSMITHING as the two class offerings. We are relying on members to come forward with CAFÉ ideas.

ACCOMMODATIONS: There is a 2-story dorm which will accommodate up to 16 people – 2 single beds per room. The rooms are not fancy, but seem comfortable and offer handicap accessibility. Two rest rooms are available on each floor (total 4). We would need to bring our own bedding and towels.

We are excited to offer this CAFÉ AWAY at Pennsylvania's Premier Craft School – TOUCHSTONE CENTER FOR CRAFTS. Check out their website for more information. <https://touchstonecrafts.org/>

Touchstone requires us to sign a contract guaranteeing at least 12 people to stay at Touchstone as outlined in the schedule, and at least 8 people for each workshop session.

Contact Sandy Conley at conley1973@verizon.net to reserve your space at the CAFÉ AWAY. MAL needs to make a commitment with a deposit by **APRIL 1. So, PLEASE sign up ASAP.**

