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

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### **“TOUCHSTONE CENTER FOR CRAFTS ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION WITH LOCAL TIES: AUBÖCK - THE GALLET COLLECTION”**

Fayette County, PA - Touchstone Center for Crafts proudly announces the upcoming exhibition, *Auböck: The Gallet Collection*, running from May 4 to July 28, 2024, in Touchstone’s newly renovated Bea Campbell Gallery. This exhibition showcases rare and significant works of art and objects from the esteemed Werkstätte Carl Auböck, a workshop located in Vienna, Austria with a prestigious 100-year history. Objects produced by this workshop are internationally recognized and are featured in prominent collections worldwide. There will be a simultaneous exhibition celebrating 100 years of the workshop held in Vienna at the world-famous MAK Museum.

The Gallet family's collection, spanning five generations, includes exemplary pieces of metalworking, woodwork, ceramics, artwork, architecture, ephemera, and more. This exhibition offers a unique insight into the remarkable life of Valerie Auböck Gallet and her family through a private, curated collection of artworks and ephemera. The exhibition will also highlight the fascinating tie this family has to Uniontown, PA.

*“Touchstone is privileged to illuminate the incredible legacy of the Auböck family, their renowned workshop, the items they produced, and their deep connection to nearby Uniontown, PA. It’s nice to be able to showcase a piece of local history that ties so perfectly to what Touchstone teaches in our studios!”*

In addition to works being exhibited at Touchstone, select works will also be placed in situ at Fallingwater following the same timeline as the exhibition. The public opening will take place during Touchstone's Annual Open House on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Touchstone Center for Crafts in Farmington, PA. Touchstone's exhibition and retail galleries will be open to visitors 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (or by appointment) Thursdays through Saturdays in May, and Thursdays through Sundays June & July. Those wishing to see the pieces at Fallingwater should register for a house tour through their website. A special luncheon is being held May 18th, featuring Auböck and Gallet family members, Fallingwater's Executive Director and Vice President of the PA Conservancy Justin Gunther, Brittany Reilly, Director of the Aaronel Deroy Gruber Foundation and Chair of the Modern Committee for Preservation Pittsburgh and other distinguished guests, with private tours of Fallingwater the following day. These special events are reserved for sponsors of the exhibition. To become a sponsor or be put on a wait list for the luncheon, please call Touchstone 724-329-1370.

The exhibition is sponsored by Fallingwater, Somerset Trust Co., Nemaquin, Concept Art Gallery, Metz Lewis Brodman Must O'Keefe, Red House Communications, Blank Rome, Standard Clay Co., Roy W. & Diana L. Arnold, Senator Pat Stefano, Turkeyfoot Farms, Beth & Barrie Athol, Drs. Paul & Diane Kiproff, and National Road Heritage Corridor.

For more information about Touchstone Center for Crafts, please visit <https://touchstonecrafts.org/>, email [info@touchstonecrafts.org](mailto:info@touchstonecrafts.org), or call (724) 329-1370.

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**About Touchstone Center for Crafts...** Touchstone Center for Crafts is a nationally recognized, 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts institution with a mission of *“advancing excellence in arts and craft by educating and encouraging individuals to develop technical skills, good design, and innovative artistic expression.”* Touchstone is focused on offering high-quality immersive learning opportunities across various disciplines (blacksmithing, ceramics, metals/jewelry, glass, drawing/painting, & various special topics). Through in-person workshops, professional exhibitions, artist residencies, video content, and studio internships, we keep traditional techniques alive while also pushing craft techniques forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We engage nationally known instructors to impart their knowledge through our programming, attracting participants from around the country to learn alongside these masters in their field, while immersed in nature on our 230-acre campus in the beautiful Laurel Highlands. Touchstone is located just a few miles from Nemaquin, Fallingwater, and Kentuck Knob.