



**ART ENABLES US
TO FIND OURSELVES
AND
LOSE OURSELVES
AT THE SAME TIME
~THOMAS MERTON**

HAVE THE EXPERIENCE...

Often times we think of art only for those who are creative, those with natural talents and abilities. If there is one thing I have discovered over the past six years, it is that art is for everyone. As I reflect on our mission statement, The Tamaqua Community Arts Center IS a place for everyone to *learn, create* and *appreciate* the fine and performing arts.



The Arts Center has become an important part of our community as we continue to change lives through artistic expression and experiences. One cannot mention Tamaqua without talking about how we have developed, explored, and encouraged individual and community collaboration of the arts. Not only are there opportunities of engagement in music with lessons and concerts, but also a variety of traditional workshops in heritage/folk art classes, painting, drawing, pottery and ceramics. This past years focus as has provided a new appreciation of and exposure to environmental or “raw” art. Using natural resources such as wood, brass, cooper, steel, coal and glass, we dove deeper into our aspirations for the future! And now, as we look toward 2019, you will see a new way to lose yourself in art through personal opportunities to create with these materials in novel and exciting classes.

If you have taken advantage of the variety of classes available, attended the theater, musical performances or the gallery exhibits, you have seen firsthand our value to our town and the region. Our partnership with Lehigh Carbon Community College has brought an expanded arts degree program to Tamaqua. The upcoming year promises to bring even more excitement and opportunity; including plans to extend our outreach through partnerships with the Tamaqua Area School District. Keep watching for “Project Escape Room,” as the Raiders STEP UP students/advisors work with us in building vital connections of young people to community leaders and career resources. Helping students find themselves, self-worth and purpose as a means of prevention from addiction.

The Tamaqua Community Arts Center invites you to stay current with all our happenings. Like our Facebook page [TamaquaArts](#) and visit our webpage at <http://www.tamaquaarts.org>.

Your continuing support of The Arts Center as a volunteer and patron is what keeps us vital and growing in our community. **THANK YOU!**