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Touchstone Foundation for the Arts and New Community ArtSpace present:

I Belong Here Art of the Shaw Community May 1-31, 2015

Opening Reception

Touchstone Gallery 901 New York Ave NW Washington, DC Friday, May 1, 6-8:30pm



In January, March and April 2015 Touchstone Gallery artists, Paula Lantz, David Beers, Shelley Lowenstein, Mary D. Ott and Judy Giuliani worked with youth and adults at New Community ArtSpace to create works of art in a variety of media through a program called Touchstone@ArtSpace. A vibrant selection of the work produced during those workshops will be on display at the Touchstone Gallery through the end of May. Touchstone@ArtSpace is supported by a Community Arts Project grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and by the Touchstone Foundation for the Arts.

About New Community ArtSpace

ArtSpace has been serving the Shaw and surrounding neighborhoods since 1999 by providing an affordable avenue for artists of all ages and walks of life to express themselves, share and gather skills, create economic opportunities and find common ground through art while adding signficant value and renewal to the city. Our rich variety of programs are offered all year round and are taught by amazing working artists and experienced volunteer teachers. www.artspacedc.org

About the Touchstone Foundation for the Arts

The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization created by the artists of Touchstone Gallery to create opportunities for emerging artists through its Emerging Artists Fellowship program and to support art-related programs that engage a broader community. The support of the Foundation made this project possible. See more at www.touchstonefoundationdc.org

Images: Top left: Memory Boxes with Paula Lantz (photo by Rachel Dickerson, Bottom: Slab clay tiles with David Beers and Shelley Lowenstein (photo by Michael Lang)



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