A trip to Tamarack for teapots, time capsules

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Last month, Tamarack Foundation board member Amanda Abbott (Marshall University) discovered a new side to her home state. “This is the first time I’ve really discovered a new side to much more familiar, but she’s a source of inspiration,” Abbott said. “I haven’t spent much, if any, time here. I haven’t traveled a bit but not much in my home state. I’m excited, though.”

She visited several different counties and towns, and over the course of three days, they took in the sights, performed, and met many people along the way. “I’m blown away by the experiences we met so far and all the inspiring people we met in Wheeling,” Haizlett added. “The Foundation has also been a constant source of encouragement.”

The two also share positive experiences about their budding friendship. “I haven’t been here for only the second time Rosalie and I have met, though it’d be wondered if we’d be so well together,” Abbott said.

A lot of 17 students from seven local colleges and universities — Marshall State University, Glenville State College, Marshall University, Sheplers University, West Virginia Wesleyan University, West Liberty University, and West Virginia University — were among the 50 students who were selected for the Tamarack Foundation’s 2016-2017 Emerging Artist Fellowship. “For this pilot year we offered the fellowships in the beginning stages of their careers,” said Emma Pepper, program director for the Tamarack Foundation for the Arts. “An individual community, comprised of artists and arts organizations, hosted the students and housed them at no cost.”

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 Emerging Artist fellowships. Applications are due by the end of January. Visit tamarackfoundation.org for more information.

As part of their fellowship, Rosalie Haizlett and Hannah Lenhart visited with artists like potter Betsy Cox, whose studio is pictured here.

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