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Tennessee Craft Invites Emerging Artists to Apply for the Master Artist / Apprentice Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (October 25, 2018)— Tennessee Craft, in partnership with the Tennessee Arts Commission, offers the 2019 Master Artist / Apprentice Program (MAAP) to open the door for emerging artists to learn traditional and contemporary craft skills from master craft artists.

All artists in the program are asked to choose challenging goals that will catapult their skills and knowledge as craft artists. The MAAP was created to help artists reach the next level of their professional development during an intensive six-month one-on-one mentorship, not typically available in most learning environments.

Craft artist Doug Lawrence jumped at a competitive chance to apprentice with master woodworker Brad Sells for a concentrated learning season within our 2018 MAAP program. Doug can now source wood in a more natural form and work with fresh or 'green' wood, creating "flowy, wavy, cah-raaaazy vessel forms" as he describes them, without the piece cracking while drying.

Awarded apprentices receive a \$1,800 stipend to work with their chosen master from December 1, 2018 to June 15, 2019. For more information, email [Tennessee Craft](mailto:TennesseeCraft).

Deadline for apprentice applications is November 1, 2018

Apply HERE:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/TennesseeCraft1/MAAPApprenticeApplicationFY2019>

Meet the 2019 Master Artists:

Dennis Paullus is a master woodturner who lives in the Memphis, Tennessee area. You can read Dennis' full bio [here](#).

Renee Ford is a master jeweler who lives in the Franklin, Tennessee area. You can read Renee's full bio [here](#).

Ben Caldwell is a master metal smith who lives in the Nashville, Tennessee area. You can read Ben's full bio [here](#).

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About Tennessee Craft

Tennessee Craft, formerly The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA), works to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. With more than 500 members throughout the state, Tennessee Craft serves as the premier connecting point for local, independent makers and their audiences through Craft Fairs, exhibitions, professional development, networking, mentorship and other educational programs. Visit www.tennesseecraft.org to learn more.

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