



Artist Instructor Profile – Pamela Tatti

For more than a decade, Pamela Tatti has enjoyed attending exhibitions and events amid the stunning galleries on the Armory Art Center’s vast campus. Last year, she joined the Armory’s elite force of Artist Instructors teaching sewing and patternmaking to youth, in its state-of-the-art Fiber Studio.

“I love teaching kids the wonderful skill of sewing and clothing construction and bringing their creative abilities to a higher level,” said Tatti, who began her work in the medium at a young age.

“I started sewing when I was about 8-years old, making doll clothes and purses from scratch,” she said.

Her initial infatuation with the artistry led to master of skills in 2D artistic abilities, honed while studying fashion illustration in college, by hand – and digitally. She translates her passion and value of ‘life as an artist’ to her students.

“Being alone while working with my hands and focusing solely on my craft is also meditative,” she said.

Tatti’s classes, geared for artists aged 8 – 17, are laced in advocacy and laughter.

“We make all kinds of cool projects - from stuffed animals to clothes- that students get to customize and wear!” said Tatti. “My class is a supportive and creative place where students can participate in a fun, extracurricular activity or even learn a craft and techniques that are building blocks for a career.”

One perk that her students get to enjoy is based on the location of the Fiber Studio.

“It is just off the main gallery, so we always see great art on our way to class, Tatti said.

Another is the mission that she invites students to be a part of, through the nonprofit organization she founded. Waste Not teaches the importance of managing waste through educational projects, discussion, and the maintenance of a community composter, located at the Armory Art Center, just outside the Fiber Studio.

“The students and I enjoy seeing the progress of fruit and vegetable scraps break down into soil as we leave class,” Tatti said.

“I always look forward to going to class at the Armory and I believe my students feel the same way,” she added. “Art is for everyone. You don't have to be good or have taken an art history class to enjoy it. It can be social, entertaining, inspiring, and educational!”

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About the Artist: Pamela is a designer and a seamstress with a strong interest in education and sustainability. She does clothing alterations and makes custom clothing by trade. Pam holds a BFA in Apparel Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology. At FIT she studied sewing, draping, pattern making, fashion design and illustration. One of her favorite things to do is teach these skills.

Pamela also started a nonprofit program, Waste Not, a project of Side project inc. The program teaches the true meaning of recycling through projects and discussion. Her motivation to start the program was to promote positivity environmentally and socially.