

Historic Classes at Wabash & Erie Canal Park – Fall 2024

Broom Making

Learn to make a Whisk broom – Try your hand at traditional Appalachian broom making using a tying box (miniature winder). This class we will explore options for whisk brooms – First timers will make turkey wing, hawks' tail, hen's wing. Part 2 for those who have done the prior will have the option of doubles, X's, and emphasis on plaiting. Choice of plaiting and cord colors.

Saturday August 31

9:00 – 1:00

Instructor Bev Larson. In 2009 Bev added broom making to her weaving experience and it too is now a passion. In 2016 she received the honor of being named an Indiana Artisan by the State of Indiana for both broom making and basket weaving.

Class Fee: \$82.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age 16 – adult

Class size: Minimum 4, maximum 8

Location: Broom Maker Shop or wherever it is warm enough that day

Participants bring – nothing



Basket Making

Learn to make a Yarn Basket – Have fun adding Yarn and Beads to a round basket. Not much more to say, just a very fun basket to play with. Lots of yarn and bead choices.

Monday September 16

9:00 – 3:00 with 1 hour lunch (bring your own lunch)

Instructor Bev Larson. Bev has been weaving since 1988 and teaching since 1999. She loves to share her joy of basket weaving. She has taught in many states and in the Caribbean on basket-making cruises. Her goal is to make basket weaving fun, relaxing and inspiring. In 2003 she won the Eiteljorg Museum Weavers Challenge.

Class Fee: \$88.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age 16 – adult

Class size: Minimum 4, maximum 10

Location: Picnic Shelter or wherever it is warm enough that day

Participants bring old towel.



Coopering Bucket

Learn a historic skill to make a wooden bucket using historic tools and methods. Learn what old tools are still available today and make some that aren't. Students should feel comfortable using hand tools and will be learning to make staves, bottom, hoops and rope handles. This a 2-day class.

Friday and Saturday September 20, 21

9:00 – 5:00 with 1 hour lunch (bring your own lunch)

Instructor Peter Cooper. Peter has been coopering since 1997. He has taught coopering to over 500 students, and made coopered products for National historic sites, national parks and theme parks in the US and Canada.

Class Fee: \$215.00 + Material Fee: \$35.00 = \$ 250.00

Skill Level: Beginner (students 14-18 are allowed if accompanied by an adult)

Class size: Minimum 3, maximum 5

Location: Cooper Shop

Optional tool list will be provided after registration.



Weaving

Learn weaving on historic looms in one of two classes: Class 1 is making 1 or 2 rag placemats on a large rag loom. This is a ½ day class. Class 2 is weaving a miniature table runner in colorful old Scandinavian pattern on a 4-shaft loom. This is a one-day class. Both are take home projects.

Saturday September 21

Class 1: 9:15-12:30 OR 1:00 – 4:15

Class 2: 9:15 – 4:15 with 1 hour lunch (bring your own lunch)

Instructors are members of Wabash Weavers Guild. The Weavers Guild has existed for 40 years. Ryoko Marti, the instructor, has been weaving 20 years. She retired from accounting; she “used to count money and now counts threads; it’s much more fun.” Jan Young, the instructor, wove hotpads as a child in 4-H, taught elementary school for 40 years, and now not only weaves cloth but also weaves stories at Feast of the Hunter’s Moon (since 1977).

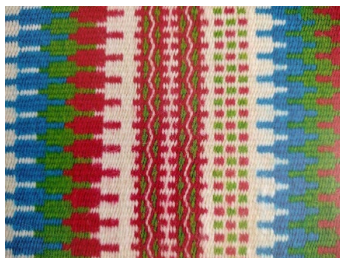
Class Fee: Class 1: for one placemat \$57.00 , includes materials
Class 1: for two placemats \$69.00, includes materials
Class 2: \$82.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age 12 or older

Class size: Class 1: Minimum 1, maximum 1 (for each AM and PM class)
Class 2 Mimimum 1, maximum 2

Location: Loom House

Participants bring: small sharp pair of scissors, enthusiasm, patience



Wool Felting

Make a needle felted snowman approximately 4-5” tall. The snowman can be used as an ornament, and we will make 2.

Saturday October 12

9:00 – 1:00

Instructor Karen Bradshaw. About 20 years ago at a fiber fest Karen got instructions for wool felting and has enjoyed creating different items ever since. She has many items on her Christmas tree

Class Fee \$70.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner; age 16 and older

Class size: Minimum 2, maximum 6

Location: Bowen Cabin



Advanced Spinning

Students will learn to spin using foot-powered spinning wheel, and spin wool. This is for those who have taken Intro to Spinning Class or have some spinning experience. Bring your own spinning wheel or use one of the teacher's.

Instructor Beth Cripe fell in love with spinning 8 years ago learning to spin from a friend. After spinning Suri Alpaca fiber and loving it, Beth now breeds Suri Alpacas. She demonstrates spinning and weaving at several reenactments, including Feast of Hunter's Moon, Colonial Market Days & Kohkohmah. In 2022 & 2023, Beth's hand spun yarn won Judge's Choice award at Suri Network National Fleece Show.

Saturday, September 28

9:00 – 12:30

Instructor: Beth Cripe.

Class Fee: \$63.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age limit 12 and older

Class Size: Minimum 1, maximum 5 (unless you bring your own spinning wheel)

Location: Kuns Cabin



Hearth Cooking

NEW RECIPES - Learn how to build a fire in a hearth, about tools and utensils and pans used in hearth cooking, safety, learn boiling using a crane (make a chowder), frying using a trivet (make either fry bread or a fried biscuit), and baking using a dutch oven (make plain cake and then ice it). If time, we'll try using the corn pone pan to make corn dodgers. Also make an extract. We'll talk about coffee flavorings using your extracts. Helpful for participants to wear a sturdy apron. This is a one-day class.

Saturday October 26

9:00 – 3:00 with 1 hour lunch (bring your own lunch)

Instructor Becky Crabb. Becky has been doing historic cooking for over 30 years. She has worked in living history for 40 years and has collected historic recipes, including old family recipes, all her life.

Class Fee: \$72.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age limit 14 unless special permission

Class Size: Minimum 3 students, maximum 6 students.

Location: Fouts House



WABASH & ERIE CANAL HISTORIC CLASSES: REGISTRATION FORM

To register online, visit <https://wabashanderiecanal.org/classes/>. To register via mail, fill out a copy of this form for each student and mail to Wabash & Erie Canal Park, 1030 N. Washington Street, Delphi, IN 46923 attn: Classes. Please fully complete the form.

- **Registration and payment are required at least two weeks prior** to the class dates.
- All classes require pre-registration and pre-payment, including materials fee. A fee will be charged for returned checks.
- We reserved the right to cancel classes if minimum registrations are not met. If we cancel a class, students can transfer without a penalty. A full refund (minus credit card fees) will be given to students who do not wish to transfer to another class.
- Students may cancel or transfer classes up to two weeks prior to a class without losing their payment (minus credit card fees). **Deadline to register** is two weeks prior to class.
- Students may cancel their registration until two weeks prior to the class date. After this two week deadline, there will be **no refunds or transfers**.
- If a student transfers to another class prior to the two weeks of class, a 20% transfer fee will be charged. The transfer must be for a class within one year of the original class.

Method of Payment:

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