

Historic Classes at Wabash & Erie Canal Park – Spring 2026

Weaving

Learn weaving by making either 2 placemats or a short table runner on a 2-harness loom.

Saturday April 11

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Instructors are members of Weaving Guild. The Weaving Guild has existed for 40 years. Jan Young, wove hot pads 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 Hunters' Moon (since 1977). Vilija Deutschman is a long time weaver who also loves the history and heritage of this craft. Sue Hodge, a retired accountant, who has lived in Carroll County for 43 years, and has been weaving for 8 years. She also enjoys knitting and quilting.

Class Fee: \$45.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age 12 or older

Class size: Minimum 3, maximum 6

Location: Bowen cabin if more than 3 students, Loom cabin if 3 students

Participants bring: nothing



Coopering Small Piggin

Learn a historic skill to make a wooden one-handed bucket using historic tools and methods. Learn what old tools are still available today and make some that aren't. Students must feel comfortable using hand tools and will be learning to make staves, bottom, and hoops. Size: 6" w x 5 ½" h+ handle = 11" h

Saturday May 9

9:00 – 2:00; can stay later

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: \$69.00, includes materials

Skill Level: adults, age 13-15 with an adult

Class size: Minimum 2, maximum 6

Location: Cooper Shop

Participants bring: Apron or work clothing and gloves



Williamsburg Market Basket Making

Make your own Market Basket with handle sizes and color accents to vary.

Saturday May 9

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

Skill Level: Beginner, age 18 – adult

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: \$74.00, includes materials

Class size: Minimum 4, maximum 10

Location: Picnic Shelter or wherever it is warm enough that day
Participants may bring old towel.



Pine Needle Bowl with Lid

Students will make a small pine needle bowl approximately 6” diameter x 5” height with lid out of White Pine Needles to take home. Great as a decoration or to hold a treasure.

Saturday May 16

9:00 – 2:00 pm; can stay later

Instructor Linda Cooper started making pine needle and straw bowls, baskets and more about 15 years ago. She has demonstrated crafts at the Indiana State Fair, Feast of the Hunter’s Moon, Wabash and Erie Canal Paper Makers’ Shop and at many festivals in the Midwest.

Class fee: \$44.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner; adults, age 13-15 with adult

Class size: Minimum 2, Maximum 8

Location: new-to-Canal-site Trades and Crafts cabin

Participants bring: scissors, 2 old hand towels



Wool Felting

Make a needle felted blue bird which is approximately 5 inches in size. The blue bird can be used as an ornament or set in a house plant.

Saturday May 16

9:00 – 12:00

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 14 and older

Class size: Minimum 2, maximum 6

Location: Bowen Cabin



Beginning Hearth Broom Making

Using natural broomcorn and choice of color cord, learn to make this beautiful useful broom

Saturday May 23

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: \$57.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age 18 – adult

Class size: Minimum 4, maximum 10

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

Participants bring – nothing



Beginning Spinning

This class is designed for those students who would like to learn the basics of spinning fiber into yarn. Students will learn to draft the wool fiber and spin it into yarn using a drop spindle. Near the end of the class, the students will get to try spinning on a traditional spinning wheel.

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 May 23

9:00 – 12:30

Instructor: Beth Cripe.

Class Fee: \$63.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner, age limit 12 – 14, depends on attention span, since it is a long class. No previous experience needed.

Class Size: Minimum 2, maximum 6

Location: Kuns Cabin with lamps, if needed



Indigo Dyeing

Indigo was used for more than 6,000 years across the world and in Colonial America. Some plantations grew Indigo during the Colonial period.

Students will learn to prepare wool yarn for dyeing. They will learn to prepare the indigo dye bath and dye the wool yarn. The Indigo dyeing technique is completely different than any other dyeing technique. Students should wear old clothes and/or bring an apron.

Instructor Beth Cripe spins Suri Alpaca fiber, which she has won awards with her hand spun yarn. Yarn will be used in the dyeing process. (more details to come)

Saturday May 2

9:00 – 12:30

Instructor: Beth Cripe

Class Fee: \$63.00, includes materials

Skill Level: No previous experience needed. Age limit 12-14, depends on attention span as it is a long class

Class size: Minimum 2, Maximum 6

Location: Outside at Pavillion (or Kuns Cabin, if rain), Need electricity

NOTE: Participants wear old clothes and bring an apron



Hand Quilting

Learn the basics of cutting fabric pieces, sewing those pieces back together to form a block, putting a border on the block, putting three layers of a quilt together, and quilting those three layers, then putting together a **small pillow**.
OR make an **1850's sunbonnet** with quilted brim.

Saturday May 30

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

Becky Crabb was inspired to quilt as a child while watching her grandmothers quilt. After teaching herself the basics, she joined a group of older women quilters in Florida in the early 1970s. She taught basic hand quilting in adult education many years as well as occasional classes at libraries and quilt stores.

Class Fee: \$72.00, includes materials

When register: indicate whether making a pillow or sunbonnet.

Skill Level: Beginning, age limit 14 unless special permission.

Class size: Minimum 3, maximum 10

Location: Fouts House, or if too many and if room available, in Interpretive Center

Participants bring fabric scissors, heavy thimble that fits middle finger, pencil.



Advanced Spinning

This class is designed for those students who have taken the Beginning Spinning Class or have some previous experience in spinning. Students will learn to draft the wool fiber and spin it into yarn using the traditional spinning wheel. Students may bring their own spinning wheel. Students may try on e-spinner.

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Saturday June 13

9:00 – 12:30

Instructor: Beth Cripe.

Class Fee: \$63.00, includes materials

Skill Level: Have taken Beginning Spinning class or have some spinning experience

Class Size: Minimum 2, maximum 6 (unless you bring your own spinning wheel, then 8)

Location: Kuns Cabin with lamps, if needed



Hearth Cooking – Bread Making

Make breads as you 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 (dumplings), frying using a trivet (fried biscuits), baking using a dutch oven (breads and cornbread), and baking next to the fire (corn dodgers). Also if time, make an extract. Helpful for participants to wear a sturdy apron. This is a one-day class.

Saturday June 20

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, Maximum 6

Location: Fouts House



To register, visit: <https://wabashanderiecanal.org/classes>. You can also call our office: 765-564-2870. Each student needs to fill out a form. 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.
- 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:

CHECK Please provide check # _____

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How would you like to receive your confirmation: email regular mail

Class Name	Date	Class Cost
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Please list classes you would like to see offered:

Please list classes you would be willing to teach: