

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Summer Visual Arts Classes

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DIVISION- Coming up in July and August, the Waukegan Park District Cultural Arts Department will be offering five visual arts classes that will give people of all ages the chance to use their creativity. Three of the classes are familiar names to the programming list, Beginning Drawing, Adult/Intermediate Drawing, and Watercolor. The two newest classes are wire sculpture classes, Wire Sculpture, and Mobiles/Kinetic Art, with local artist Tim Flynn. All of these classes are held at the Visual Arts Center located at 533 Grand Avenue.

Beginning on July 12, instructor Pat King will be offering a two-day workshop in Watercolor from 10am-3pm. The class will allow students to develop skills in watercolor by observing various demonstrations and techniques. All skill levels are welcome to join the class. Students will bring their own supplies from a provided supply list.

Starting July 21, instructor Tom Bartlett will be holding two five-week long classes for Beginning Drawing, and Adult or Intermediate Drawing. Held once a week on Thursdays, Beginning Drawing will run from 5:30pm-6:30pm. This course requires no experience, just an interest for drawing. Adult or Intermediate Drawing will run from 6:45pm-8:15pm. The Adult or Intermediate Drawing class is open to adults who are interested in drawing, as well as adults with more experience. Students will cover the basics of drawing, including perspective, line, light and shadow. Students only need to bring a 9x12 sketch pad and pencils.

New to the visual arts line-up are two wire sculpture classes instructed by local artist Tim Flynn. During the summer, these classes will both be week-long courses from 1pm-3pm. Starting on August 1 and running through August 5, students ages 10-15 can join Mr. Flynn in creating wire sculptures. In the classes offered from August 8 through August 12, students will be creating mobiles and other moving art pieces. Wire Sculpture and Mobiles/Kinetic Art allow students to create and explore three-dimensional art in a unique way. The classes will cover the basics on bending and twisting wire into different shapes and objects, how to use sculpting tools, and safety. These courses will be offered again in the fall, with both youth and adult opportunities.

For further information, please call the Waukegan Park District Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740. The Center is located at 39 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park. Register online at www.waukeganparks.org.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 full-time and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park

District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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