

Bowen Heritage Circle



Welcome to the Circle!

Bowen Heritage Circle is your source for quality adult educational and craft programs plus special historical programs for the entire family. Circle instructors usually own an art, craft, or other business and bring you the latest and finest instruction available. Bowen Heritage Circle classes are designed for beginners to advanced students. Whether your interest is in crafts, lectures or historic programming, give the Circle a try, you won't be disappointed.

Would you like to become involved in any of our special events at the Circle? Do you have a craft or class that you think would be of interest to the community? Do you know someone who might offer a great class? The Circle is always looking for volunteers and for people interested in sharing a new craft or lecture to the community.

Waukegan History Museum **FREE**

The Waukegan History Museum in Bowen Park is the home of the Waukegan Historical Society. The museum is the repository for all of Waukegan's rich history. The museum portrays life in 1870s Waukegan. Temporary exhibits rotate annually. Visit us during open hours or contact us for group tours. The Waukegan History Museum is located at 1917 N. Sheridan Road in beautiful Bowen Park. Visit Waukegan History Museum on Facebook!

Tour Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 10am-4pm

Saturday 1-4pm

You may call 847-360-4749 or 847-336-1859 to set up group tours.

Large Tour Groups

Please call to schedule your free guided tour of the museum for your group.

Volunteering

Are you interested in becoming involved in the Waukegan History Museum? Volunteers are essential and the Waukegan History Museum needs your help. Membership is only a phone call away. If you are interested in any aspect of our museum don't hesitate to contact Museum Supervisor, Ty Rohrer, at 847-336-1859.

J. L. Raymond Research Library

The Waukegan Historical Society research collections are located in Lilac Cottage in the Bowen Heritage Circle, 1911 N. Sheridan Road, Bowen Park. This extensive collection of maps, documents, photographs, books and vertical files may be accessed during open hours. Copy services are available for a slight fee, and volunteers are on hand to assist with genealogical or other research topics. Call librarian, Beverly Millard, at 847-360-4772 to learn more.

Library Hours

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-2:30pm and also by appointment.



The Waukegan History Museum in beautiful Bowen Park.

Lilac Cottage Rentals

1911 N. Sheridan Road- Bowen Park

Are you looking for a bride's room prior to your wedding in the Bowen Park Formal Garden? Are you interested in renting a space for a group of 24 for a bridal or baby shower? Are you tired of having your company "team" meeting at the office? Tables and chairs are available for small parties and meetings of 24. Amenities include coffee makers, punch bowl and ladle, stove, refrigerator and microwave. The main room at Lilac has a wonderful sun porch that overlooks beautiful Bowen Park. The "Blue Room" is perfect for family portraits. Rentals require a minimum of two hours and a \$75 deposit is required to hold the date. Contact the Jack Benny Center for the Arts at 847-360-4740 to inquire about room rentals at Lilac Cottage. This building is not suitable for children's events.



BASKET MAKING

NEW! Halloween Treat Basket #40603304 Age 12+

Be ready for Halloween and fall with this basket that starts with a 8" wood base is woven with natural flat oval reed and is finished off with a wire swing handle. Once the basket is finished, we will dip the basket in orange dye to complete the basket. This basket is perfect for filling with candy to handout treats to the little ghosts and goblins, or it makes a perfect fall center piece. Basket measures about 7" tall. Materials fee \$18.00 due to instructor Sandy Bulgrin at the first class.

LC TU 9/20 & 9/27 6-8pm Reg by 9/13 \$30/\$35 -1A

NEW! Towering Gretchen Tote #40603304 Age 12+

This filled bottom basket is woven with a 6" X 20" wood "D" handle. Some of the features of this basket are a twined arrow weave and sloped sides. The basket will have a natural, smoked and dyed reed accent. Students will finish off this basket with a beautiful Gretchen braided border using smoked round reed. Basket measures 6" X 14" X 12" high. Materials fee \$24.00 due to instructor Sandy Bulgrin at the first class.

LC TU 10/18 & 10/25 6-8pm Reg by 10/11 \$30/\$35 -2A

NEW! Star Basket #40603304 Age 12+

This holiday basket is woven over a D handle and is woven with natural reed and accented with a woven green reed tree. The top of the tree is finished off with a wooden star. The handle is then wrapped in a woven pattern that forms trees on the handle. A perfect basket to hold your holiday cards, or as a table/wall display. Materials fee \$24.00 due to instructor Sandy Bulgrin at the first class.

LC MO 11/14 & 11/21 6-8:30pm Reg by 11/7 \$30/\$35 -3A

HAT MAKING

NEW! Hat Making - Felt #40603306 Adult

Now you can learn the secrets and millinery techniques that hat makers never wanted to share. This two day hat making workshop will provide beginners and advance students with professional techniques with high quality material on wooden hat blocks. Learn how felt is manipulated to create professional hats with very little sewing. It will be fun, self-rewarding and can be profitable. Workshop fee includes materials for making one felt hat. Embellishments are not included and can be bought from the instructor, Linda Crawford. Saturday 10-5pm and Sunday 2-6pm.

LC SA&SU 9/17&9/18 Varies Reg by 9/10 \$312/\$342 -1A

LC SA&SU 10/15&10/16 Varies Reg by 10/8 \$312/\$342 -2A

SEWING

Familiar with sewing or looking to learn? Come spend an hour at Lilac Cottage to work on this relaxing craft. Materials fee of \$15 due to instructor Lydia Florez-Clemmons.

NEW! Intro to Sewing #40603306 Age 8+

Come learn the basics of sewing with this entry level class. Participants will cover sewing safety before moving into creating small hand sewn projects, like fill pillows and a tote bag. Material fee: \$15.00. FDFlorez-Clemmons

LC MO 9/12-11/7* 5:30-6:30pm Reg by 9/5 \$105/\$110 -1A

*No class 10/10

NEW! Intermediate Sewing #40603306 Age 14+

If you have a familiarity with sewing and would like to refine your work, take this class and enhance your sewing skills. FDFlorez-Clemmons.

LC MO 9/12-11/7* 6:45-7:45pm Reg by 9/5 \$105/\$110 -2A

*No class 10/10

Family Discount (FD): First member pays the fee listed, and the second and all following pay \$10 less than the listed price. This discount works between classes taught by the same instructor. This discount is noted at the end of the description – FDinstructor's last name.

SOAP MAKING

Soap Making Class #40603311 Age 12+

Learn how to make cold process soap (almost) the way our grandparents did – with fats, lye, and optional fragrance. We'll talk about what the different fats bring to the mix, and how to handle the materials safely. You'll leave with two pounds of your own hand-made soap, and some ideas and resources for doing this on your own. Material fee: \$30 due to instructor Katherine Hughes.

LC TH 9/29 6-8pm Reg by 9/22 \$20/\$25 -1A

LC TH 10/27 6-8pm Reg by 10/20 \$20/\$25 -2A

WEAVING

All weaving classes may be taken with a partner and you share the cost and the loom. Ages 12-15 may take the class with an adult. Materials fee of \$25 due to instructor Carol Kapheim. Want to learn to weave but these times don't work? Call 847-360-4745 or email bescobar@waukeganparks.org to discuss private lessons.

Beginning Weaving Class

#40603302 Age 16+ (12-15 w/Adult)

Have some fun weaving on a four shaft loom. Make a beautiful scarf or table runner once you have completed a sampler. You will learn how to use the loom, warp the loom, plan projects, select fiber and read a draft. You will be exposed to a variety of weaving patterns. This is a beginning class for anyone who has always wanted to learn how to weave. This is your chance to give it a try. You will be given all the basics that could lead to independent weaving.

VAC SA 9/3-9/17 10am-3pm Reg by 8/27 \$200/\$225 -1A

Intermediate Weaving

#40603302 Age 16+ (12-15 w/Adult)

Take your weaving skills a step further and become part of history. This class is an exploration of overshot weaving (think of Colonial coverlets). You will explore possible patterns for your project and then weave a beautiful table runner. Prerequisite: Must know how to warp and dress a loom.

VAC SA 9/17-10/1 10am-3pm Reg by 9/10 \$200/\$225 -2A

Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom

#40603302 Age 16+ (12-15 w/Adult)

Have some fun weaving on a Rigid Heddle loom. This is a beginning class for anyone who has always wanted to learn how to weave on a more portable loom. Make a beautiful scarf or table runner once you have completed a sampler. You will learn how to use the loom, warp the loom, plan projects, select fiber and read a draft. You will be exposed to a variety of weaving patterns.

VAC SA 10/8-10/22 10am-3pm Reg by 10/1 \$200/\$225 -3A

Loom Evaluation and Repair

#40603302 Age 16+ (12-15 w/Adult)

Do you have a loom that has been in your family? Did you find a loom in an auction or flea market? Do you think these looms might need a little repair? Do you want to know how they work? In this class, you will learn how to evaluate the possibility of restoring a loom to working condition. You will get advice, resources, and encouragement to take on the restoration project.

VAC TH 10/20 7-8:30pm Reg by 10/13 \$47/\$52 -4A

Learn to Use an Inkle Loom

#40603302 Age 16+ (12-15 w/Adult)

Become part of history and learn to use an inkle loom. Make beautiful belts, purses and ornamentation for your outfits. This is a beginning class for anyone who has always wanted to learn how to use this interesting, portable loom. You will learn how to use the loom, warp the loom, plan projects, select fiber and read a draft. You will be introduced to a variety of weaving patterns. Directions for building an inkle loom on your own will be made available. Looms will be provided.

VAC SA 11/5-11/19 10am-3pm Reg by 10/29 \$150/\$175 -5A