The Jack Benny Center for the Arts

The Jack Benny Center for the Arts is the home of the Waukegan Park District's Cultural Arts Division. The Jack Benny Center provides fine arts instruction for music, dance, theatre, art, and traditional craft and lecture programming through the Bowen Heritage Circle, Visual Arts Center and Waukegan History Museum.

FACULTY

Strings
Jack Dudley - Cello and String Bass
Kate Dudley - Violin and Viola
Bart Medlicott - Violin, Viola, Cello and String Bass
Lisa Shaw – Suzuki Violin
Roxanne Swanson - Violin

Piano
Paul Anthony
Richard Schwinn
Roxanne Swanson

Voice
Jacob Voigt

Woodwinds and Brass
Paul Anthony – Sax
Jane Hager-Flute/Suzuki Flute

Guitar and Bass
Paul Anthony – guitar and bass guitar

Hammered Dulcimer
Jane Hager

West African Drums
Helen Bond

Art
Tom Bartlett
Tim Flynn
Mary Haas
Pat King
Derry Sexton

Dance Studio
Anne Balasa
Jacquelyn Cotey
Ryan Hughes
Robert Schwartz

Theatre
Compass Creative Dramatics

Comcast Literary Arts & Digital Photography Lab
Sade Jarett

Academia Cultural Xilotl
Maria Calderone*

Maker Space/TECCH
Bryan Escobar
Derry Sexton

Bilingual

The Jack Benny Center Annex

The Visual Arts Center at 533 Grand Avenue Entry to the Visual Arts Center is off Sherman Avenue (one block west of West Street). Students should enter the building by going south on Sherman Avenue to the first drive south of Grand Avenue. Follow the blue signs to locate the Visual Arts Center. The bathroom is on the lower level and stairs are used.

ART

Beginning Drawing #10601202   Age 8+

No experience just interest needed for this drawing course. It will cover the basic principles of drawing. Please bring a pencil and a 9x12 sketch pad (Drawing pencils HB, 2B, 4B, and 6B may be helpful but are not required). Instructor FDBartlett

VAC   TH   1/11-2/15   5:30-6:30pm   Reg by 1/4 $40/$50   -1A

Adult or Intermediate Drawing #10601304   Age 14+

This class will cover the basics of drawing including perspective, line, light and shadow. This class is suitable for the adult beginner or any age intermediate student. Please bring a pencil and drawing pencils HB, 2B, 4B, and 6B and a 9x12 sketch pad. Instructor FDBartlett

VAC   TH   1/11-2/15   4-5:30pm   Reg by 1/4 $55/$65   -1A

> "Beginning Drawing" and "Adult or Intermediate Drawing" have a family discount that works across the classes. The first pays the fee listed and the second and all following pay $10 less than the listed price.

Watercolor #10601305   Age 14+

Join local artist Pat King to develop your skills at watercolor through individual instruction and instructional demos. This workshop will guide students on different techniques like concentrating on light and shadows on the winter landscape. Please bring a photo reference to work from and a sack lunch. This class is appropriate for new students and continuing artists. Supply list is available online and at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts.

VAC TU & WE 1/23-1/24   10-3pm   Reg by 1/16 $85/$95   -1A

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Wire Sculpture

Interested in learning how to create art out of wire or other mixed media? Call 847-360-4745 or email bescobar@waukeganparks.org to discuss private wire sculpture lessons with local sculpture Tim Flynn.

Beginners Crochet #10603303   Age 12+

The beginners crochet class will cover basic crochet stitches. Students will be provided with a crochet hook, yarn, handout, and pattern. A bookmark and coaster will be created in the beginner class. Materials fee of $15 for beginners crochet and $20 for special projects due to instructor Susan Pickens at first class. The special projects require basic crochet knowledge.

Beginners Crochet						
JBC	WE	12/6 & 12/13	6-8pm	Reg by 11/29	$40/$45	-1A
Make a Snowman						
JBC	WE	1/10 & 1/17	6-8pm	Reg by 1/3	$40/$45	-2A
Make a Hat						
JBC	WE	2/14 & 2/21	6-8pm	Reg by 2/7	$40/$45	-3A

TEC|CH
Tinker–Explore–Collaborate/Create–Hands-On

This creative space will provide a space for young people to share ideas and knowledge as well as a place for creating through technology. See Bryan at Jack Benny Center for the Arts or call him at 847-360-4745.

3D Computer Art # 10601306   Age 15+

Students will cover the basics of 3D computer art and learn various techniques. The class will cover software use and have students create their own 3D art. Limited space in class.

JBC	WE	2/7-3/28	6-7pm	Reg by 1/31	$70/$80	-1A

New! Introduction to Computer Programming # 10601307   Age 15+

Software design/engineering is a highly sought-after skill and the path starts with an understanding of general computer programming. This class teaches the skills necessary to learn the basics of Java and computer programming. Approachable for all skill sets, but the class is geared to beginners with no exposure to Java or programming. Learn a skill that can grow into something bigger! Limited space in class.

JBC	MO	1/8-2/26*	6-7pm	Reg by 1/1	$70/$80	-2A

*No Class 1/15 & 2/19

New! 3D Printing Workshop #10601208   Age 10-15

Start off the New Year by learning something new! Come learn the basics of creating your own 3D prints. This workshop will give an overview on how to begin making 3D models that can actually be printed in plastic. Once you are satisfied with your model we will send the file over to the 3D printer. Limited space in class.

JBC	TH	1/4	6-8pm	Reg by 12/28	$5/$10	-1A

LITERARY ARTS AND DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY LAB

Through a generous donation from Comcast, the Cultural Arts Division of the Waukegan Park District will be offering free and paid programming in the Comcast Literary Arts and Digital Photography Lab. Cameras are provided for use during the class.

New! Novel Writing 101 #10607302   Age 18+

Come learn and be guided through the essentials of writing your first book. Work on topics like: story line, plot, characters and personality, how to start and how to end it, and how to pitch your book. Bring your ideas and preferred writing equipment with you to class.

JBC	SA	11/4-12/16*	9-10am	Reg by 10/28	$63/$70	-1A

*No class 11/25

NaNoWriMo

November is national Novel writing month. For more information on NaNoWriMo please visit www.nanowrimo.org/
Jack Benny Center for the Arts is partnering with NaNoWriMo and opening the building for writers to get away from home and family and work in a quiet space with fellow writers to get more words toward their NaNoWriMo goals! On Tuesdays from 10:30am-8:30pm and Saturday from 10:30am-3:30pm. Drop in whenever you can and Write!

The Benefits of Art

- Students gain insight from visual experience to construct meaning by observation, reflection and application of ideas.
- Art students recognize similarities and differences in the world.

Visual Arts Center • OPEN HOURS

Join us the second Saturday in the months of December, January, and February for open hours at the Visual Arts Center. These open hours are a way for beginning or experienced artists to spend time in the Visual Arts Center working on drawings, paintings, and more. Youth ages 8 - 18 may take part in the open hours and should bring their own supplies. The Cultural Arts - Arts and History Specialist will be there to assist.

Saturday, December 9, 10 am - 12 Noon
Saturday, January 13, 10 am - 12 Noon
Saturday, February 10, 10 am - 12 Noon