ArtWise

Workshops, Tours, and Activities for Adults

Celebrating 30 years
Welcome to Artwise, Caponi Art Park’s program for adults. Schedule a visit to the park to experience all it has to offer or we can bring the beauty and creativity of the park to your group center or care facility, in-person or virtually.

ArtWise is specially designed for adults with an emphasis on art appreciation, and art concepts and techniques. Participants will engage with the materials and one another to foster a unique and creative space where all are welcome.

Join us and discover activities that are inspired by nature and Caponi Art Park’s own beautiful natural setting. We offer a wide range of workshops that cater to all interests and abilities. In ArtWise workshops, participants’ appreciation for art will flourish and their understanding of art concepts and techniques will grow.
ArtWise is adaptable.

Our staff has years of experience teaching art to participants of all abilities. We provide participants with nature-based materials and guide them as they create a project they will be proud to display.

ArtWise workshops can be modified to fit every participant’s needs. We will work with you to create activities and supplementary materials that meet the needs of all participants.

You can add a guided walking tour of the park to your onsite workshop experience at no additional cost. We also offer stand alone guided walking and golf cart tours.

ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE
We have teaching artists with special training in instruction for all facets of the senior community. If you are looking for classes specifically tailored for your residents, please contact lauren@caponiartpark.org to learn more about these specialized classes.

GUIDED TOURS
Guided walking tours with our staff are $7 per person with a $50 minimum per group. We also offer golf cart tours for people with mobility restrictions; $40 for groups with 5 people or less and $50 for groups with 6-10 people.
MANDALA ROCK ART
Keep calm and relax by learning the art of painting mandala rocks. In this workshop, participants will learn the history and meaning behind mandala art, and apply that knowledge to their own mandala rock art. You'll certainly enjoy this serene workshop, and share your newly-discovered art form with friends and family.

Price/participant: $11/participant
Length of class period: 1.5 hours

SEED MOSAICS
Every year the Minnesota State Fair showcases seed mosaics created by artists from all over the state. In our seed mosaic workshop, participants will continue this great tradition by creating their own works of seed art. Participants will learn about the history and techniques of mosaic art and create a design of their own! Once completed, participants will share their designs with others in the group and share this Minnesotan art form with their families.

Price/participant: $9/participant
Length of class period: 1.5 hours

NEW! ORGANIC WIRE SCULPTURES
Taking inspiration from the natural surroundings or images of plants and wildlife, participants will create their own 3D wire form by bending and shaping metal wire. Finished projects will consist of 3D shaped wire mounted on a base, culminating in a uniquely organic sculpture you will be proud to share with your family and friends.

Price/participant: $15/participant
Length of class period: 1.5 hours

NATURE JOURNALS
Engage the natural world through the art of nature journaling. You will learn basic bookbinding techniques to create nature journals prior to exploring the natural world. In an outdoor space, you will be encouraged to make rubbings and take notes about your observations. These journals will be a showcase of what you observed and learned from your time outdoors, and can be used on future adventures in nature, too.

Price/participant: $18/participant
Length of class period: 1.5 hours

NEW! WATERCOLOR LEAF PRINTS
Using watercolor paints and leaves from Caponi Art Park participants will create a unique and vibrant composition. After learning about the history of watercolor and a variety of techniques, participants will try their hand at a creative process that is part printmaking and part watercolor painting. Participants will leave with a better understanding of art terms and techniques related to watercolor, and a piece of art they will be proud of!

Price/participant: $15/participant
Length of class period: 1.5 hours

BIRCH TREE RESIST PAINTINGS
Learn how to paint the perfect woodland scene, featuring birch trees and accompanying leaves, using a few simple techniques and materials. You will be guided, step-by-step, through the painting process and be introduced to the art terms and techniques related to this project. Friends and family will be impressed by everything you learn, and create in this one-time nature-themed workshop!

Price/participant: $18/participant
Length of class period: 1.5 hours

NEW! MONET AT THE ART PARK: PLEIN AIR SPONGE GARDENS
Participants will learn about Monet’s influences on western art and use an untraditional tool to mimic his iconic style of painting. Young artists will pick their own Caponi Art Park scenery to paint in nature, plein air-style. Using sponges instead of brushes, participants will learn how to use color to create shapes and images in the style of the Impressionists.

Price/participant: $16/participant
Length of class period: 2 hours

INDOOR SUCCULENT GARDENS
Large spirals built into the Great Salt Lake and an entire crater worked into an observatory, the Earthworks movement has left its mark on the Southwest. We will embody this spirit, but on a scale fit for your coffee table. Using repurposed materials and beautiful small succulents we will explore the history of Earthworks, and elements of art and landscape design to create succulent gardens that bring joy and life into your home.

Price/participant: $30/participant
Length of class period: 1.5 hours
LINOCUT RELIEF PRINTING
Realize your true artistic abilities by learning how to create linocuts. With all forms of printmaking, it’s easy to print one image multiple times, with each print varying just slightly in appearance. Through carving images into a linoleum block, participants will carve out their place in the world of printmaking, rising to the ranks of other great print artists.

Price/participant: $18/participant  
Length of class period: 2 hours

ENCAUSTIC PAINTING (AFTERNOON CLASSES ONLY*)
Encaustic painting has its roots in Ancient Greece, but is still used today by several famous contemporary artists. Participants will learn about the history of, and methods needed to make their own abstract encaustic painting with pigmented wax. Come join us while we discover our inner Abstract Expressionist Painter.

Price/participant: $25/participant  
Length of class period: 2 hours

*The wax needs at least 3 hours prior to scheduled class time to be ready to use.

MINI MACRAME WALL HANGINGS OR MACRAME PLANT SHELVES
Enjoy a blast from the past with the once-again-popular art form, Macrame. A fixture of every 1970’s home, this art form is making a comeback on the contemporary art scene. In this project, participants will learn a variety of knot-tying techniques to create a unique macrame project perfect for any home.

Price/participant: $25/participant  
Length of class period: 3 hours

Contact lauren@caponiartpark or call 651.454.9412 to schedule your workshop. In response to the need for social distancing many of our ArtWise workshops can be done virtually.

We will ask for an estimated number of participants to be sure we have the right amount of staff and workshop materials.

If we’re bringing the park to you:
We ask that you provide a space, indoors or out, that is large enough for your group to fully participate in the activities.

Please note that some of the workshops, like Nature Journals, work best in outdoor spaces.

A travel fee will be added to the cost of the workshop based on the distance to your site.

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This fee covers travel expenses and setup time at your site. The travel fee will be added to the final invoice following the workshop.
Group Workshop Policies

**Scheduling:** Workshops can be scheduled any weekday the park is open, Tuesday through Friday. Workshops may be scheduled on Mondays based on availability of teaching staff. To schedule a workshop for your group, or for more information on our educational programs, please email lauren@caponiartpark.org, or call the park: 651-454-9412.

**Change in the Number of Participants:** If you know the size of your group will be significantly different than your original estimate, please contact us at least two weeks prior to your scheduled workshop, or as soon as you know.

**Rescheduling Policy:** If you need to reschedule your workshop, we will try to accommodate your request based on availability. Time slots fill up quickly and other times may not be available. Rescheduling is up to the discretion of the program manager.

**Weather Policy:** If severe weather is predicted that would prevent you from having a safe visit to the park, or keep park staff from being able to travel to your site we will contact you at least two hours prior to your scheduled time to reschedule.

**Payment Policy:** Payment may be made at the time of your workshop by cash or check, or online via electronic invoice sent following your visit.

COVID-19 Policies and Protocols

**Policies for groups:** We ask that you please maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance between your group members and Caponi Art Park staff, when possible. We strongly encourage participants, as well as staff that are present, to wear masks. We also encourage frequent hand sanitizing when possible.

**Policies for Caponi Art Park staff:** All Caponi Art Park staff are required to wear a mask when interacting with the public in an indoor setting. Staff are not required to wear a mask when teaching outdoors. Staff are required to sanitize their hands frequently. All art supplies used for workshops are sanitized before and after use, as well as in between back-to-back groups. Staff will do their best to maintain a social distance from each other as well as the visiting group when possible.

Where to find us if you want to visit in the future:
The entrance to the park is on the south side of Diffley Road. Look for the large park sign and red gate at the entrance. The park’s address is 1220 Diffley Road, Eagan, 55123.

While you’re at the park please:
- Respect those in your group and other park visitors.
- Walk, no running.
- Only use your hands to touch the sculptures.
- Do not climb on any of the sculptures, landscaping or walls.
- Listen while your guide is talking so that everyone in your group can hear.
- Ask questions. They help everybody learn!
For more information visit us www.caponiartpark.org
Or, give us a call 651-454-9412

PARK HOURS:
Closed Mondays
Tues-Sun: 9AM - Sundown