Caponi on the Road

Bringing the park to you!

Celebrating 30 years
Experience the beauty and creativity of Caponi Art Park without the travel plans. We’ll bring the art park to you through Caponi on the Road—in person or virtually.

Your group will experience Caponi Art Park through photographs, park facts, and a sculpture by Anthony Caponi, the park’s founder. You’ll explore the connections between art and nature, all at your site.

Caponi on the Road workshops are inclusive of all individuals and groups who wish to participate. We work closely with you to adapt the park experience to your site and program goals.
In Caponi on the Road workshops participants learn about art and artistic practices through exploring the natural world. Their appreciation for art will flourish and their understanding of art concepts and techniques will grow.

Our staff has years of experience teaching art to learners of all ages and our workshops can be adapted to every learner’s ability. Participants will use nature-based materials to learn about art while creating a project they will be proud to display. Our workshops run 45 minutes to an hour.

In addition to the workshops listed here we also have other specially-adapted workshops for groups serving participants with special needs. Contact lauren@caponiartpark.org to find out more about how we can tailor a workshop and tour for your group.

Make sure to check out all of our workshop offerings, including the new additions for 2022.
NATURE VIEWERS*
Appropriate for ages pre k-7, $9/person
Can you see that spider spinning its web on the sculpture or the tiny bits of moss growing at your feet? In this workshop, you will create nature viewers to get an up-close look at your surroundings. You will use paint, markers and collage to put your personal stamp on your nature viewers. Next your group will head outdoors where you can use your new nature viewers to focus on the different textures, shapes and colors around you!

PATTERNS OF THE PARK*
Appropriate for ages pre k-7, $9/person
Discover the simple pleasure of running outdoors with a brightly colored pinwheel. From the natural beauty around your classroom, you will take rubbings on paper which you assemble into pinwheels. The final product will be a whirlwind of fun as you carry them along on your outdoor adventures.

NATURE JOURNALS: BASIC BOOKMAKING*
Appropriate for ages 8-adult, $15/person
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.

NEW! TISSUE PAPER RESIST ART
Appropriate for ages pre k-10, $13/person
Have you ever thought of tissue paper as a painting tool? We’ll show you how! Use what you learn about geometric and organic shapes to create invisible resist art using a white crayon on white paper. Then you will combine bleeding tissue paper and water to make a vibrant multicolored background. Watch your art emerge like magic as the wax resists the color!

MANIPULATED MONOPRINTS
Appropriate for ages pre k-10, $11/person
Unlike other types of printmaking, a monoprint can only be printed once. You will create an abstract painting on plastic and then print it onto paper. Taking the non-traditional route, you will manipulate your monoprints using black pens. The final product will be unique to each participant, and is sure to impress their family and peers.

NEW! BIRCH TREE RESIST PAINTINGS
Appropriate for ages 6-11, $16/person
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 new 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!

SEED MOSAIC: A MINNESOTAN TRADITION
Appropriate for ages pre k-adult, $10/person
Every year the Minnesota State Fair showcases seed mosaics created by artists from all over the state. In our seed mosaic workshop, you will continue this great tradition by creating your own works of seed art. You will learn about the history and techniques of mosaic art and create a design of your own! Once completed, you will share your design with the group and share this Minnesotan art form with your family.

FUN WITH FIBER ART: CIRCLE WEavings
Appropriate for ages 7-12, $13/person
Weaving is one of the oldest forms of art. In today's world, you can weave using a variety of materials, and different kinds of looms. In this workshop, you will be led through the process of creating a simple loom using repurposed materials, and will produce a colorful, unique weaving using a variety of yarns.

*Seasonal—must be able to provide an outdoor space to use for a small portion of this workshop.
NEW! LEAF RELIEFS: RAISED TINFOIL ART
Appropriate for ages 8-14, $14/person
Learn about elements of art as you create a unique 3D relief project! See examples of relief sculptures that our founder Anthony Caponi made! Explore texture, shape and value as you combine tinfoil with leaves and other pieces of nature collected from around Caponi Art Park to create 3D leaf art. You’ll be amazed at how these simple materials are used to make a piece you’ll be proud to display.

PRINTMAKING: BASIC RELIEF PRINTING
Appropriate for ages 8-14, $14/person
Carve out your spot in the world of printmaking with this introduction to relief printing. Participants will learn a brief history of printmaking and the techniques needed to realize their image on paper. Using simple materials participants will create reproducible works of art. Move over Gutenberg, a new generation of printmakers are coming!

NEW! WATERCOLOR LEAF PRINTS
Appropriate for ages 8-adult, $13/person
Try our new leaf printing workshop! Using watercolor paints, and leaves from Caponi Art Park, participants will create a unique and vibrant composition that is sure to stand out. After a brief, yet comprehensive lesson about the history of watercolors and some 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!

POINTILLISM PAINTING
Appropriate for ages 6-12, $12/person
Capture the feeling of an old Marvel comic book page, or a Lichtenstein painting, using only dots to compose your picture. Pointillism uses tiny dots of pure color to compose a larger image. Using Q-tips and a variety of paint colors, you will use your imagination to produce a painting that any budding comic artist would enjoy!

NEW! ORGANIC WIRE SCULPTURES
Appropriate for ages 10-adult, $12/person
Select this workshop for the opportunity to create a metal sculpture, just like park founder Anthony Caponi. Working from an image of wildlife or plant life, participants will create their own 3D wire form by bending and shaping metal wire. Finished projects will consist of 3D wire art mounted on a base, culminating in a uniquely organic sculpture fit for installation at Caponi Art Park.

NEW! MONET AT THE ART PARK: PLEIN AIR SPONGE PAINTINGS
Appropriate for ages 10-17, $14/person
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.

ENCAUSTIC PAINTING
Appropriate for ages 8-adult, $26/person
Encaustic painting may have roots in Ancient Greece, but it is still used today by artists like Jasper Johns, Rodney Carswell and Esther Geller. You will learn about the history and methods needed to make your own abstract encaustic painting with pigmented wax. Discover your inner Abstract Expressionist Painter.

MANDALA ROCK ART
Appropriate for ages 8-adult, $12/person
Keep calm and relax by learning the art of mandala rocks. In this workshop, you will learn the history and meaning behind mandala art, and apply that knowledge to your own mandala rock art. You’re sure to enjoy this serene workshop, and want to share your newly-discovered art form with friends and family.
Scheduling your Caponi on the Road Workshop

Contact lauren@caponiartpark.org or call 651.454.9412 to schedule your workshop.

In response to the need for social distancing many of our Caponi on the Road 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.
- That you provide a space, indoors or out, that is large enough for your students to fully participate in the activities.

Please note that some of the workshops, like Nature Viewers, Patterns of the Park and 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.

**COVID-19 Policies and Protocols:**

**Policies for Participants:** While Caponi Art Park staff is visiting you, we ask that you 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 during our visit. 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 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. Park staff will do their best to maintain a social distance from each other as well as participants when possible.

Group Workshop Policies

**Scheduling:**

Workshops can be scheduled any weekday the park is open, Tuesday through Friday. Workshops may be scheduled on Monday's based on availability of teaching staff. We will ask for an estimate of the number of participants in your group to be sure we have the right amount of staff and workshop materials on hand.

To schedule a workshop for your group, or to learn more information on our educational programs, please send an email to 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 visit, 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 keep park staff from being able to travel to your site, we will contact you at least two hours prior to our scheduled visit 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.
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 while on the tour—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