

Heritage Skills Classes Saturday, March 7, 2026

Hosted by the Elkhart County Extension Homemakers

The Heritage Skills classes provide the opportunity to learn family heritage and heirloom skills. Please plan to arrive prior to your starting time. Classes will be in Maple Hall (former Home & Family Arts building). The same information is available on our office website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/elkhart/elkhart-county-extension-homemakers.html> **Registration accepted through February 26, 2026.** Prepaid registration is required. Registration requires a check, but it is held until the class is completed. If we do not get enough people, we will return your check. A light lunch will be served from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Feel free to bring your favorite beverage. Water and coffee will be available. Contact Jenny Huffman at 574-370-0699 with questions.

Full Day Classes (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Basket Tote – \$60

- Taught by Lisa Hernley – limited to 6 participants
- Participants will weave a useful tote measuring 12" wide, 10" tall, and 5-1/2" deep. It is a great size for carrying books. You may choose blue, red, or gold for straps. It is easy enough for any level weaver and a fun day to weave with family or friends.
- Materials provided include all weaving materials, reed, straps, and tools.
- Participants do not need to bring anything to class.
- **Pre-requisites: None required.**



Morning Classes (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Acrylic Painting – Cherry Blossoms (Morning) – \$30

- Taught by Linda Pieri – limited to 16 participants
- Participants will observe and follow step-by-step instructions to paint their masterpiece. Participants will mix paints and discover different brush strokes.
- Materials provided include a 9"x12" canvas board with pre-drawn image, acrylic paints, brushes, easel, paint apron, water/brush basin, and paint rag.
- Participants do not need to bring anything to class other than enthusiasm to paint.
- **Pre-requisites: None required.**



Australian Binding Book (Morning) – \$30

- Taught by Jamie Pontius-Anthony – limited to 8 participants
- Participants will make a unique journal made with found items such as envelopes, various book and music pages, vintage sewing patterns, paint chips, fabrics, buttons, and others. As time allows, the following techniques will be discussed or demonstrated: tape image transfer, origami folded pouch, stamp made from foam tray, asemic or other writing techniques, and easy botanical doodles. We will also discuss some mindfulness techniques that can be incorporated into your journaling practice.
- All materials will be provided including base construction materials, decorative papers, fabric scraps,



buttons, tapes, writing supplies, etc. Please note that because we will be working with found items that papers and embellishments will not be exactly as pictured. Handout with instructions for all techniques will be included as well.

- Participants are welcome to bring the following, but it is not required: scissors, your favorite adhesive, craft knife and cutting pad, straight blade cutter (no guillotine paper cutters please), and marker(s) to write with.
- **Pre-requisites: None required.**

Card Making 102 (Morning) – \$30

- Taught by Sherry Weaver– limited to 8 participants
- Participants will make 5 different cards made with different techniques.
- All materials will be provided except participant list below.
- Participants will need to bring Tombow double-sided tape and refill. If you already own, please bring scissors, scoring board, bone folder, circle hole punches of various sizes.
- **Pre-requisites: None required.**



Old Fashioned Animated Dog Toy (Morning) – \$30

- Taught by Andy Langdon – limited to 12 participants
- Participants will make a replica of an old-fashioned animated dog toy that is pulled by a rope. The hound dog has moveable ears, google eyes, and legs that move forward and back as it is pulled. It stands about 6 inches tall and is over 16 inches long. It is made of pine 2x6.
- Kit provided includes all items needed such as a wooden body, upper legs, lower legs, ears, four wheels, movable eyes, twine, wood glue, and all hardware.
- Participants can bring a battery-operated drill if they have one though some will be provided. Drill bits and screwdriver bits will be provided as well.
- **Pre-requisites: This is a class for all ages though anyone under 10 years old will need adult supervision to build this.**



Paper Bead Making (Morning) – \$30

- Taught by Kay Stewart– limited to 6 participants
- Participants will make paper beads, hard coat them, and string them into a bracelet.
- Kit provided includes all items needed such as paper, templates, precut strips, drying rack, scissors, cord, spacer beads, rolling tool, glue, tape, topcoat, and paint brush.
- Participants do not need to bring any supplies.
- **Pre-requisites: Participants must be adults.**



Sourdough Bread 101 (Morning) – \$35

- Taught by Shari Graber– limited to 15-20 participants
- Participants will learn sourdough bread making and create a take home sourdough starter.
- Materials provided include a quart jar with lid, bread flour, and non-chlorinated water with instructions to create your own starter.
- Participants should bring their questions and a desire to learn.
- **Pre-requisites: No prior knowledge required. Note taking and screenshots are encouraged.**



Afternoon Classes (12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Card Making 201 (Afternoon) – \$30

- Taught by Sherry Weaver– limited to 8 participants
- Participants will make 5 different cards made with different techniques.
- All materials will be provided except participant list below.
- Participants will need to bring Tombow double-sided tape and refill. If you already own, please bring scissors, scoring board, bone folder, scrap Christmas paper, favorite alcohol ink colors, and cutting board.
- **Pre-requisites: Cardmaking class 102 or equivalent experience.**



Cookie Decorating (Afternoon) – \$45

- Taught by Danielle Neese – limited to 15-20 participants
- Participants will learn how to decorate eight sugar cookies in a step-by-step process. Cookies, icing, sprinkles, towels, decorating supplies, and take-home boxes will be provided by the instructor.
- Participants do not need to bring any supplies – just their talent!
- **Pre-requisite: None required.**



Mosaic Stone Painting (Afternoon) – \$30

- Taught by Linda Pieri – limited to 20 participants
- Using folk art images pre-drawn on flat mosaic stones, participants will use a stylus to paint an unforgettable piece of artwork.
- Materials provided include mosaic stones with images pre-drawn (2 stones per person), acrylic paint, stylus, and paper towels.
- Participants do not need to bring anything to class.
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Registration Form – Heritage Skills 2026

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Please print all information clearly. Thank you.

Participant 1

Name:

Daytime Phone:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Participant 2

Name:

Daytime Phone:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Please list the classes you'd like to sign up for below. Indicate which classes each participant (1 or 2) would like to sign up for and the total fee amount for each class. Note total amount enclosed for all classes.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Elkhart County Extension Homemakers

Mail check and completed registration form to:

Jenny Huffman 4 The Willows, Goshen, IN 46526