



OWL Women's Weekend
June 9 - 11, 2023 Class Descriptions



1. **Alpaca Ranch Tour** – Quarry Critter Alpaca Ranch could be your next adventure. Take a scenic ride to Littlestown, PA to tour the home of some beautiful, friendly Alpacas. See how the wool turns from fuzz to socks and sweaters while having the opportunity to purchase some of these amazingly soft articles. Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 20 minute drive each way.
2. **Archery** – Barry Kemery and Ray Harner (retired MD DNR police officer) to guide novices and help experienced archers hone their skills. Bullseye targets as well as 3-D targets will be available.
3. **Basket Weaving** – Sharon Schaeffer (member of the National Basketry Organization and active in local guilds) will patiently guide students of all levels in two different sessions. Students should bring: a hand towel, scissors or reed clippers and clothespins. If you have any other standard basket making supplies, you could bring them. Water buckets and other supplies will be provided for use during class. Each session is limited to 12 students.

The morning session students will have a choice of two baskets - you must make your selection when registering.



Door Knob Basket - The basket begins with a woven 4" x 5" base. The shape is woven with flat reed in a stop/start pattern. A wooden handle is attached to the back rim. The basket can be used to hold a variety of small items. The Basket stands alone or can be hung from a hook or door knob. A variety of colored reed and natural embellishments will be available for accent. **Fee: \$30.**



6" x 6" Flat Reed Handled Basket – This versatile basket starts with a woven base. Participants use stop/start rows of reed as they bring up the sides. Colored reed is available for decorative highlights. An optional accent of natural embellishments (walnut slices, pods or shells) can be inserted to the basket. This a good beginner basket to learn bringing up the sides, creating a handle and riming a basket. **Fee: \$30.**



The afternoon project is a **Reed Wreath**. Participants will use weaving technique to wrap a 8" round wreath form with reed and rib spokes. Participants will learn to weave around a form with a variety of materials and colors. Each wreath will be completed with an accent embellishment of natural items and reed. Previous basket making experience is not required to complete this wreath. **Fee: \$30.**

4. **Battery Powered Tools** – New this year! Woodie (owner of Schmuck Lumber Co. in Hanover, PA) will instruct this hands on class about the simplicity of battery powered tools. Learn how to safely use these easy to use tools for all kinds of jobs around your home and yard.
5. **Chainsaws** – Dave Poe, ISA Certified Arborist, Maryland Licensed Tree Expert and the Branch Manager of Cumberland Valley Tree Service and Landscaping will instruct you in safety, correct cutting methods, as well as falling a tree. Truly an exciting class.
6. **Cork Wreath** – Are you a cork collector (also known as a wine drinker!)? Ever thought about doing something more with the corks rather reminiscing about the wine and the good time? Well, here's your chance to get crafty with them! Darlene Leboeuf will reminisce with you while helping you turn those corks into a decorative wreath! You are invited to bring your own corks and glue gun (don't forget glue sticks). A variety of ribbons and trinkets will be available (or bring your own) for you to personalize your wreath and adorn it for any (and every) holiday or event you want! Limited to 10 students. Fee: \$10.



7. **Eisenhower Farm Tour** - Eisenhower National Historic Site is the home and farm of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Located adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield, the farm served the President as a weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders. Tour the President's home, enjoy a self-guided walk around the farm, or join a park ranger for an exploration of 1950s Secret Service operations or a look back at WWII and Ike's problems as Supreme Commander. Shuttles from the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center must be taken to Eisenhower National Historic Site. Participants will need to drive/carpool to Gettysburg National Park (approximately 30 minute drive each way).
8. **Firearm Safety** – Terry Oland, certified NRA range officer and hunter education instructor, explains all the safety aspects of firearms safety. You will be shooting various gauge guns to determine proper fit and ease of handling. *If you wish to sign up for another shooting class and have not previously taken this class or do not have a valid hunter education course card, this class is required!*

9. **Fun Shoot** – *For experienced shooters only please!* Enjoy a different shooting experience with games that include a good hint of friendly competition for nice prizes. Challenge your buddies to this competition. You are welcome to bring your own gun and shells. *OWL reserves the right to remove shooters from this class who do not meet the minimum skill level required to participate safely.* **Cost of Shells: \$12 per box of 25.**
10. **Handguns** – Learn about different types of handguns, safety, and how to hit your target. Those new to handguns will be versed in all aspects of safety surrounding the handling, loading, unloading and shooting of handguns. Those who are familiar and have shot handguns previously, will be given a safety refresher course and then spend time hitting the bullseyes. A variety of handguns will be available for you to try. You are welcome to bring your own gun and bullets. Shooting will take place at Bridgeport Farm. **Cost of Ammo: TBD.**
11. **Hiking/Tree ID/Flora & Fauna** – Frank Ryan (retired MD DNR police officer) will lead a walk around the Bridgeport Farm and along the Monocacy River where you'll observe a variety of trees and vegetation including flora and fauna, and maybe some wildlife. How many can you identify? Come along and learn what you've been seeing. Bring your camera if you like. Recommend wearing comfortable, closed toe shoes.
12. **Natural Medicine** – Learn techniques to incorporate nature into your healing process. Natural medicine revolves around vitalism and self-healing. It aims to incorporate gentle therapeutic techniques involving the body, mind and emotions to aid in healing process.
13. **Nature Photography** – Nature photography focuses on landscapes, wildlife and plant life as found in their natural environment. Other types of nature photography include celestial bodies such as the sun, moon and stars. Now is your opportunity to learn basic techniques and tricks, apply them to your camera and capture that amazing moment in nature.
14. **Pool Playtime** – Spend a few hours lounging around the pool, swimming, or playing pool games. Highly refreshing after a hot round of shot gunning. Please bring your own towel. *Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 10 minute drive each way.*
15. **Self Defense** – Chris Jordan and his team from The Education Armory, LLC will instruct participants on useful techniques to protect yourself in a variety of situations. This is very much a hands on class!! What situations do you want to be prepared for? How can a woman of my age/height/weight best defend myself in a certain scenario? Specific questions and topics will be solicited after your registration is confirmed. **Fee: \$15.**
16. **Shooting (for advanced)** – Ladies who have confidence in gun handling and safety and in their level of shooting skills should sign up for this fun filled session where targets will be thrown at a challenging pace and angle. Shooting will take place at Bridgeport Farm. You are welcome to bring your own gun and shells. **Cost of Shells: \$12 per box of 25.** *OWL reserves the right to remove shooters from this class who do not meet the minimum skill level required to participate safely.*
17. **Shooting (for beginners)** – If you are a novice shooter, this is an opportunity to learn gun safety, handling, range etiquette, proper technique, stance, rules, etc. Our certified instructors will have you hitting the targets very quickly. The targets will be set specifically for making it easy to learn a new skill. Shooting will take place at Bridgeport Farm. You are welcome to bring your own gun and shells. **Cost of Shells: \$12 per box of 25.**
18. **Sporting Clays** – New location! Nestled in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains, enjoy the panoramic scenery as you shoot your best round of sporting clays in an exciting forested course. Orvis Hill Country (<https://www.orvis.com/orvis-hill-country.html>) will host your morning adventure. You may use your own shells (target load 7 1/2 or 8). *Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 25 minute drive each way.* **Fee: \$45 per round of 50.**
19. **Stream Fishing** - Fish along the scenic Monocacy River. The Monocacy is home to a variety of fish: largemouth and smallmouth bass, black and white crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, sunfish, channel catfish, yellow and brown bullheads, common carp, and rainbow trout. All tackle and worms will be provided but you may bring your own gear. Fly fishing is permitted. *A Maryland fishing license is required and may be purchased online.*
20. **Tomahawk and Knife Throwing** – We welcome back long-time re-enactor Mike Shubert for this popular class. Distance, timing and letting the axe do the work are the keys to success. You will hit the target like an expert after receiving tips on the correct way to hold and release tomahawks and knives.
21. **Tubing/Kayaking on Monocacy River** – Take a leisurely trip down the Monocacy and enjoy the peacefulness of one of Maryland's oldest waterways. Be thrilled with all of the wildlife you see. Justin at River Island Outfitters is happy to have us return! (<https://riverislandoutfitters.com/faq/>). *Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 1 hour each way to put in/take out point.* **Fee: \$39/person.**