

# BOTTLE & BOTTEGA in the news...

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## Bottle and Bottega targets Libertyville for expansion

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The entrepreneurial women behind Bottle and Bottega describe their create-your-own-art events as one part artistic adventure and one part cocktail party.

Nancy Bigley (left) and Stephanie King-Myers say their Bottle and Bottega business franchise is part artistic adventure, part cocktail party. | Submitted photo

Here's why. Individuals, groups of friends or workplace colleagues meet in some venue, bring their own wine and with the help of an art instructor, discover their inner Renoir or Modigliani between sips and conversation.

Founder Stephanie King-Myers and president Nancy Bigley hope to complete their Chicago area franchise expansion in 2014 by selling territories in the Libertyville area and five other open markets.

"We are aggressively focusing on the Chicago area right now," said Bigley, who formerly worked as a franchise executive for Dunkin Brands, parent of Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robbins. "That is our home base."

The company currently has studios in the Lakeview and South Loop neighborhoods of the city and franchises in Evanston, Glen Ellyn and La Grange, all with their own studios.

Studio locations are open for public participation as well as private parties.