

# BOTTLE & BOTTEGA in the news...

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## Art, wine event franchise scopes out Barrington

**Bottle and Bottega to offer city-scale fun in the suburbs**

**BARRINGTON** – Local residents soon may be able to hit the town for an alternative night out with friends – an evening that includes sipping wine and painting a masterpiece.

Bottle and Bottega, a national, hands-on, create-your-own-art franchise founded in 2009 allows virtually anyone – experienced artists or beginners – to paint with friends in a special night out. Bottle and Bottega Co-owner Nancy Bigley said she would like to see the business expand to Barrington in the near future.

"We like markets that are art- and entertainment-focused," Bigley said. "Barrington is so conducive to that."

Bottle and Bottega now has two Chicago-area locations (in Lakeview and the South Loop) and eight franchise locations spreading from Evanston, Ill., to New Jersey and Miami. Bigley said that the Chicago create-your-own-art market is competitive, and she would like to expand the brand to six more markets before the end of this year – including Barrington, Schaumburg and Naperville.

Bigley joined the business in 2011 with a professional background in branding and franchising, specifically with DunkinBrands. Bigley had been mentoring then-solo owner Stephanie King-Myers since 2009, and said she was intrigued by what the franchise concept had to offer – fun and stress relief through various forms of art (mosaics, glass painting, mixed media and canvas).



National wine and painting event franchise Bottle & Bottega owners Nancy Bigley (left) and Stephanie King-Myers are looking toward Barrington as a location for their next studio. The Chicago-based business, started in 2009, was recognized by USA Today as a "Hot Franchise for 2013" in February. (Photo provided)