

Sun City Palm Desert Glass Arts Club Newsletter – July 2021

Warm greetings from way up north in Alberta! I'd love to be with you all especially now that our new studio is up and running. There have been so many changes this past year that the executive board felt it was time for a members update.

First, as you are aware, DJ Miles has stepped down from her position as president of our club. Julie Sribney will take on the Presidency and Cheryl Lund has been appointed by the executive board as Vice President until our AGM and election of officers in February 2021. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021 at which time we will be asking all of you to consider filling volunteer positions with the club. Elections will be held at our February meeting. DJ has done a fabulous job through the construction of our new studio and amid COVID. She will continue to work with the executive board as we transition from Stained Glass to Glass Arts and in particular glass fusion.

Second, we need a 'Kiln Committee'. This will be a group of enthusiastic individuals willing to commit their time and energy to establishing protocols for the use of the kilns for glass fusion. This group will also have the first opportunity to create pieces to demonstrate the possibilities in glass fusion and to test the various kiln programs. DJ and Cheryl will head up this committee and are looking for volunteers. If you would be interested in being part of the 'kiln committee' and be amongst the first in our club to experience glass fusion please contact either DJ (360-931-1884) or Cheryl (760-200-4977).

Third, daily operations will continue as they are now at least until fall. The studio door is locked so if you would like to work in the Studio please contact Cheryl Lund (760-200-4977), Simone Bocanegra (760-972-7474) or DJ Miles (360-931-1884) to have the door opened.

Studio procedures remain much the same except that our grinders etc. are now available anytime the studio is open. Please be sure to set up and clean up each time you use any piece of equipment and return it to its proper place. On that note, we seem to have misplaced three grinder backsplashes. Would you please check your lockers etc. to make sure that you do not have them and return them if you do?

The new studio has provided us with a facility to offer more classes that we've had in the past. Keep posted for offerings starting in the fall!

We have also had requests for social activities. This has been discussed by the executive board and we will organize some events throughout the winter season ...

There was very little interest shown in the fall craft fair thus we will not participate this year however the Camera Club will be prints etc. for sale during the craft fair so there may be an opportunity to display glass work as well.

Lastly, with the addition of glass fusion, the club will be stocking not only glass for stained glass projects but also for glass fusion. While the glass may all look alike, they are very different and as such MUST be kept separate. We will have a bin for scrap glass for fusing on the metal fused glass rack. **Please put ONLY FUSIBLE GLASS in this bin!** If you are unsure whether your scrap is fusible, put your scraps in the stained glass bins on the storage shelves at the back right (east side) of the room, as fusible glass can be used in stained glass projects.

Please feel free to contact myself or Cheryl (760-200-4977) if you would like to volunteer in any capacity; monitor, kiln committee, teaching, events co-ordinator or anything else you can think of ... we'd love to include you.

Cheers

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