

# Glass Arts Club Newsletter

## March 2023

Please come and join us for the

### Glass Arts Club Social

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Arrowhead Room, Lakeview Clubhouse

Members and guests \$10.00 per person

Water and sodas provided

Bring your own wine!

RSVP by March 8<sup>th</sup>

To Kittie at [Kywwright@me.com](mailto:Kywwright@me.com)

- **A Note from Debbie:** I am honored to be the new president of this incredible club. If you have an idea or a need that you think should be addressed, please let me know. My e-mail is [deborlou@hotmail.com](mailto:deborlou@hotmail.com).

We are putting together a video of the work that comes from you amazing, talented people. If you have a piece that you would like to be included please contact Doug Smith ([dsmith@caltech.edu](mailto:dsmith@caltech.edu)).

If you are leaving for the summer, please make sure you have not left anything on the small project shelves. These shelves are not for long term storage.

- **Craft Fair News:** Craft Fair Sellers Meeting Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. It will be short.

We need more help in the studio/lab during the Craft Fair. Can you give us a couple of hours? See the sign-up sheet on the Kiln Room door.

Be sure to remove all of your fired pieces from the shelves. We will need these shelves for the Craft Fair.

We are once again collecting donated glass pieces to sell, with the proceeds going to the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert. We raised \$471.00 at the fall fair. Well Done!

- **Studio Closures:** Studio will be closed when classes are in session.

- **Annual General Meeting Election Results:**

The newly elected officers for 2023 – President: Deborah Smith

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e-President: Jule Sribney

All other officers remain the same.

For more news see the e-mail sent by Julie Sribney on March 13, 2023

- **Committee Reports:**

## Education:

- Education information can be found on the kiln room door in the studio.
- You can sign up and pay class fees during store hours (which are posted on the front window).
- *Demo Days*- No fee to attend. Drop in and see what you can learn!

March 16—Noon. Topic: Reverse Engineering Your Project & Mold Tracings.

- *Upcoming Classes:*

March 6, 2023, Monday. 9:00 a.m. to Noon – Equipment Workshop (Required prior to **ALL** Beginning Glass classes.)

### *Classes in Fusion:*

March 7, 2023, Tuesday. 9:00 a.m. to Noon – Beginning Glass Fusion- Part 1

March 11, 2023, Saturday. 9:00 a.m. to Noon – Fun with Fiber Paper

March 14, 2023, Tuesday. 9:00 a.m. to Noon – Beginning Glass Fusion- Part 2

March 24, 2023, Friday. 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Stacked Squares

### *Classed in Stained Glass:*

March 27, 2023, Monday. 9:00 a.m. to Noon – 3D Stained Glass

## Kiln and Molds:

### A VOLLEY FROM THE FIRING SQUAD

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The kilns will be off-line from 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16, through Monday, March 20 (and possibly longer) and the studio will be closed. The studio's chairs will be stored in the kiln room during the craft fair, and on Monday the SCPD maintenance department will be installing some new duct work in the kiln room. This added ventilation will draw hot air from the room, and will hopefully prevent the fire alarm from tripping when both kilns are heating.

**HELP US HELP YOU:** When the kilns are being loaded and unloaded, the Firing Squad has the exclusive use of the Purple Binder. PLEASE don't borrow it out from under us, even if it's "just for a quick second." Keeping track of everybody's pieces is complicated enough as it is, and the odds are that whatever it is you so urgently need to get entered in the logbook isn't going to make it into the current kiln load anyway. We also need enough room to set out the pieces being processed, so please leave us the area of the worktables closest to the firing shelves.

**BE CONSIDERATE:** Please do NOT glue a piece to be draped onto a mold (such as D-5, the "water glass" mold) unless you have checked the Purple Binder and made sure that nobody in the queue ahead of you wants to use that same mold. If you glue your piece to the mold, the other person can't use it.

**THE FOG IS LIFTING:** We are still experiencing some issues with pieces acquiring a hazy surface when fired. However, steps are being taken to minimize it, and the problem is much less pronounced than it used to be.

**HELP WANTED:** We need some volunteers to help prepare the molds and to assist with the weekend firings. Please contact Doug Smith <[dsmith@caltech.edu](mailto:dsmith@caltech.edu)> or NaDean Krasnove <[nadeankras@gmail.com](mailto:nadeankras@gmail.com)> if you're interested.

**FUSING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Glass expands when fired, especially pieces in excess of two layers. Pieces to be slump-fired must be cut slightly smaller than the mold size.

## Inventory and Storekeepers:

- Exciting news from Inventory. Credit card use in our store is coming! It will be on a trial basis to see how it works in our store. There is a charge to the club, so there will be a small fee.

Barcodes are being put on all fused glass so the size and price is clear, and the item is charged correctly.

- As always, we are looking for storekeeper volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Helen Nielson ([helennielsen@msn.com](mailto:helennielsen@msn.com))
- For store hours, see the posted sign on the front window of the studio.

***I would like to give a special Shoutout/Thank you to our Committee Chairs:***

Education Committee Chair: Glenda Batzer – [nanabatzer@gmail.com](mailto:nanabatzer@gmail.com)

Kiln Committee Chair: Doug Smith – [dsmith@caltech.edu](mailto:dsmith@caltech.edu)

Kiln Committee Co-Chair: NaDean Krasnove [nadeankras@gmail.com](mailto:nadeankras@gmail.com)

Store Committee Chair: Helen Nielsen – [helennielsen@msn.com](mailto:helennielsen@msn.com)

Social Events Coordinator - Kittie Wright [kywwright@me.com](mailto:kywwright@me.com)

Webmaster – Wes McNeel