



Glass Arts Newsletter

August 2024

Featured Piece of the Month

Our new Display Case

After nearly a 3-year wait, we finally have a place to display the fabulous work our talented members continue to produce



DJ Miles and Sylver Kinsella will be keeping the displays updated about once a month with different themes to showcase the variety of both stained and fused glass being developed. Class work will often be featured along with monthly themes, holidays and other topics. The theme for September will be “Critters”, so gather up your stained and fused glass pieces of dogs, cats, insects, birds, fish, etc.

Notes from the Co-President, JoAnn Effron:

- **ALERT 1 – Open Shelves:** Some are using the open shelves at the front of the studio to store glass WITHOUT attaching their name and date, so if you are doing that you are now on notice to either remove it or identify yourself with a note giving your name and date when you first left stuff on the shelf – OR – unidentified pieces may become the property of the club. These shelves are for works in progress for up to 3-months time and not as extra storage for your glass. And if you no longer need your locker, please contact DJ Miles (dj miles1955@gmail.com) as there is a lengthy waiting list of members who want a locker.
- **ALERT 2 -- Club Officers:** By now you should know that Debbie and Doug Smith were in a serious accident in June while traveling cross country this summer. Due to her extensive injuries and subsequent surgeries, Debbie, our Glass Arts Club President, will not be resuming her board position anytime soon. The remaining board members will appoint a replacement which must then be voted on by the club membership. Since that will likely occur next month with many members still away from the desert, this vote will be conducted online by email. Fifty percent of the club membership must approve the appointment or the club will not have a valid president to complete Debbie's term through next February, so please respond in a timely manner when voting occurs.
- **ALERT 3 – New Club Officers:** Election of new board members will take place in February and we need someone to take the reins as club President beginning in March 2025, so if you might be interested, consider attending monthly board meetings to learn what goes on behind the scenes to keep this club thriving. And our Treasurer, Veda Gilman, will be having surgery this fall and may want some help with that position too, so please offer your financial expertise to her and the club. Without a full board of officers, this club will not exist so THE CLUB NEEDS YOU NOW! Contact one of the current board members listed at the end of this newsletter and let them know of your interest.
- **ALERT 4 – Committees:** We have many volunteers who support this club in a variety of ways: they teach stained and fused glass classes; load the kiln, cut paper for the kilns and tiles and keep fusing molds in good shape; keep our inventory of materials and supplies up-to-date; sell materials and supplies and help member signup for classes; keep us alerted to safety issues; plan events for the entire club to enjoy; showcase our works of art in the new display cases; coordinate the club's role in the Arts & Craft Shows and maintain our club website. Everyone enjoys the benefits of the work our volunteers do so whether or not you are in Sun City year-round or for just a few months, help out on a committee.

Classes

- **Summer 2024:** If you were lucky enough to be in the desert over the summer, you were given a wonderful selection of fused glass classes to experience. The Education Committee really rose to the occasion with classes like these (note the catchy titles):

Puppy Love, Flower Power Plant Stakes, Tiny Bubbles, Mystery Class (something to do with copper, brass and wire), Fritting the Bird, Tessellation (a 2-step process with diamond shapes), Winner-Winner-Chicken Dinner, Totems, Twinkle-Twinkle, and Star Trek. Check with the Education Committee about offering a repeat of some of these classes.

- **August 2024: Fused Glass Classes this month:**

- Star Trek: Friday, August 9, 8:30 to 10:30
- Equipment Orientation: Thursday, August 15, 9:30 to 11:30
- Beginning Fusion: Fridays, August 16 and August 23, 9 to 11:30
- Bye, Bye Birdie: Saturday, August 24, 8:30 to 10:30
- Tiny Bubbles with an Angle or Not: Monday, August 26, 10 to noon

Always check the calendars and flyers on the **Kiln Room door** for new and upcoming classes. Remember to ask for the info sheet when you sign-up for classes.

When a class is scheduled you will be asked to clean up your work space 30 minutes before it starts so the teacher and students have time to set-up and still have the class start on time.

If you are interested in sharing a new and fun project or technique, please email the Education Committee chair, Debbie Lewis, at bryjak24@yahoo.com

Store Hours

Check the monthly calendar of store hours on the front window of the studio for store hours as availability can vary from week to week.

Fusing Musings

The Kiln Committee, AKA the Firing Squad, needs more members to be able to fire kilns five or six days a week as more members return to the desert. You will never work alone; you'll always be with a partner. We ask firing squad members to work at least two days a month, but preferably four days a month usually in a two-hour shift. We will train you until you get comfortable with all three firings. We are a fun group and support each other. Contact NaDean Krasnove at nadeankras@gmail.com

Important Dates

- **Required Club Meeting Dates:** Here are the dates for our two required membership meetings. *Remember that we must have a quorum at both of these meetings.*
 - **Monday, November 18, 2024** -- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Arrowhead Room, Lake View Clubhouse. This is our semi-annual business meeting
 - **Monday, February 10, 2025** -- 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Arrowhead Room, Lake View Clubhouse. This is our annual election of officers and business meeting. There will be a potluck social following the meeting.
- **Boulevard Project Dedication** – Wednesday, October 30, 2024 (2pm to 4pm at Boulevard's)
- **Community EXPO** – Thursday, November 7, 2024
- **Fall Arts & Craft Show** – Friday, November 22, 2024 and Saturday, November, 23, 2024 (hours both days are 9am to 3pm)
- **Spring Arts & Craft Show** – Friday, March 28, 2025 and Saturday, March, 29, 2025 (hours both days are 9am to 3 pm)

Committee Chairs:

Education Committee Chair: Debbie Lewis -- bryjak24@yahoo.com

Inventory Chair: Julie Sribney – jsribney@gmail.com

Kiln Committee Chair: Doug Smith – dsmith@caltech.edu

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Executive Board

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