



Glass Arts Newsletter

December 2023

Featured Piece of the Month

This beautiful winter scene was made by Glenda Batzer.
Do you see the Big Dipper? The North Star? Orion's Belt?



Notes from the president, Debbie Smith:

The Annual Meeting with the election of officers is February 19, 2024. We have several members who are stepping down from the Board: DJ Miles (Co-President), Julie Sribney (Vice President) and Betsy Polousky (Secretary). We **must** fill these Board positions. If we do not fill these positions, we cannot remain a Chartered Club. Since we did not have a quorum at the meeting in November, we **MUST** have a quorum at the Annual Meeting in February.

I cannot stress this enough:

Not a full Board—NO GLASS ARTS CLUB

No quorum at the meeting=no election—NO GLASS ARTS CLUB

If we do not have a full Board, we could lose our Chartered Club status!

All officers are elected for one year. If you have questions about positions on the Board, please see any of the current board members. Attached at the end of the Newsletter is the description of all Board officers.

******* Save February 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m., in the Arrowhead Room at the Lake View Clubhouse for the Annual/Election Meeting.**

We are also in need of a Nomination/Election Chair to present the nomination of officers at the Annual Meeting, call for nominations from the floor, and conduct the vote.

Our Club By-Laws state that we must have a Safety Committee Chair. The Safety Chair will follow the procedures outlined in the Chartered Club Rules and Regulations.

CRAFT FAIR NEWS

The Craft Fair was a wonderful success. We had so many people coming through the studio that at one point we had to control traffic coming in the door! I heard many people talking about how impressed they were with the beautiful art that is produced in our studio. We raised \$448.00 for our charity, The Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert. Well done, everyone!

Just as an FYI, the Spring Craft Fair is March 1 (Friday) & 2 (Saturday).

Things to Know and Reminders

- We all need to be aware that there is an **AED (defibrillator)** in the clubhouse across from the Daily Grind. If there is a need to use it there are instructions inside the box.
- **It is time to renew your membership.** If you want to retain your locker you must renew before December 31st. Our membership fee for both stained glass and fusing remains the same: \$15.00. All fees for fusing (\$50) and lockers (\$20 when available) also remain the same.

Come to the studio during store hours to fill out the renewal form and pay your fees.

- A member that moved donated a Frit Maker. It looks like this:



It is in cabinet “U”. When you use it, please go outside. The banging can get LOUD!

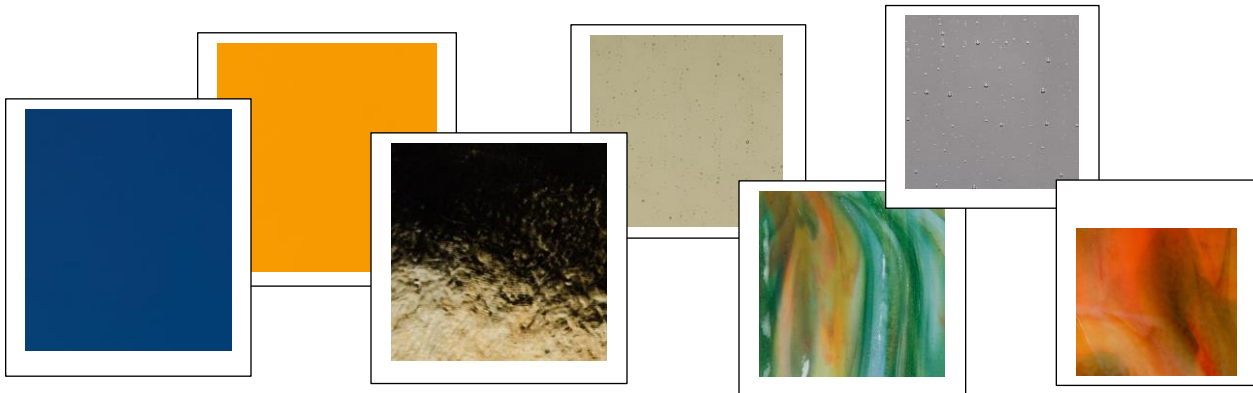
- We have purchased two new circle cutters for the studio. Watch for a class in January on how to use them.
- **A reminder that there has been a change in policy:** All projects on the open shelves must have your name and date. No project is to remain on the open shelves for more than 3 months. If it is there longer, it will be stored for another 3 months. After that time, it becomes the property of the Glass Arts Club. If you are going to be gone for the summer or a prolonged amount of time, be sure to remove your projects.

Important Dates for Your Calendar

- Don't forget the Holiday Party Potluck at Debbie and Doug's house (78204 Rainbow Dr). December 15, Friday at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome, bring your partners/spouses. RSVP to Debbie at (626) 824-6063 or Deborlou@hotmail.com. Bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$20.00 for a fun gift exchange.
- **And of course, save February 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Arrowhead Room/Lake View Clubhouse for the Annual/Election Meeting.**

Inventory News

We have 23 new Bullseye glass colors arriving!
Come and see the new colors!



We will display the new glass on the tables from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18th. Members will be able to purchase new glass before we move it to the storage cabinets.

Many of our glass colors are available in 10"x17", as well as 10"x7" and 10"x10". Ask a store keeper if the color you want is available in a larger size.

Also, there are two copies of the Bullseye catalog to the right of the Kiln Room door that have been marked to indicate the glass we have in our store. If you see a color marked and we do not have it on the shelves, check with the storekeeper. It may be in stock, but not on the shelves.

Store Hours for December

Monday: 1:00 p.m. -- 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 8 and 22: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The store will be closed Monday, December 25, and
Monday, January 1.

Glass Arts Education

Here's what's happening!

December

Classes scheduled in December are: [Equipment Orientation](#), [Beginning Fusion](#) (already full), [Icicles](#), [Tree Ornaments](#), [Make Life Beautiful](#) (a lattice project), and [Fun with Frit](#).

In the New Year we have a very full calendar of classes:

January

[Easy Hearts](#), [Jewelry/Pendant](#), [Circle Cutting](#), [Scraps in Bowls](#), [3-D Illusion](#), [Ring Saw](#), [The Weave](#), and [Beginning Fusion](#).

February

[Plant Stakes](#), [Lattice & Leaves](#), and [Beginning Fusion](#).

Please check the calendars and flyers on the Kiln Room door for dates and times. See what fun things you can sign up for!

We have a terrific group of instructors for a variety of projects. If you are interested in joining us, please email the education committee's temporary chair, Debbie Lewis at bryjak24@yahoo.com

Fusing Musings

UH, ONE MORE THING, MA'AM . . .

Fans of old-school television detectives will recall Lt. Columbo's trademark investigative technique of having one foot out the door before casually turning and asking one final question. In that spirit, here are some questions to ask yourself as you place your project on the firing shelves and head for the exit:

IS MY PROJECT STURDY ENOUGH TO HANDLE? Try tilting it slightly. If you see pieces starting to slide, or find loose frit in the bottom of your

basket, the answer is no. The Firing Squad treats every project as if it were their own, but if something shifts in the loading process, it's not our responsibility to second-guess how it was supposed to have been positioned. And falling frit is a danger to all the projects in its flight path.

DID I MEASURE MY PROJECT PROPERLY? If the project(s) are on a tile, use the dimensions of the tile; that's what's taking up space in the kiln. If the project has an odd shape, measure it at the longest and widest parts.

DID I DATE MY PAPERWORK PROPERLY? Dates have been missing or misreported on both the firing slips and the Purple Book. Some folks are still writing November (i.e., 11/4), and others have already leapt ahead to January!

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR . . .

Did you know that the Glass Arts Club doesn't own the kilns we use? We don't pay for the electricity, either. And, of course, we don't own the studio space. All of these things come courtesy of the SCPDCA's Homeowners Association because of our status as a Chartered Club. And one of the basic requirements for maintaining an organization's status as a Chartered Club is a full slate of officers to manage the club's affairs. Said officers are elected by the membership at the club's Annual Meeting, in our case on **February 19, 1:00 p.m. in the Arrowhead Room, Lake View Clubhouse**. But there's a catch: **there must be a quorum** of the membership present in order for the club to legally conduct business.

So let me break it down for you:

You don't show up at the meeting; we don't have a quorum.

We don't have a quorum; we don't have a legit meeting.

We don't have a legit meeting; we can't elect officers.

We don't elect officers; we don't meet the requirements for a Chartered Club.

We don't have status as a Chartered Club; we don't have a studio. Or kilns. Or much of anything except for the glass in the store, which we will somehow have to get rid of. . .

And, of course, we can't elect officers if nobody runs for the positions.

FUSING TIP OF THE MONTH: Think about it.

Board Officers Responsibilities

President:

1. Conducts monthly Board meetings.
2. Conducts two General Meetings per calendar year.
3. Represents the club to the HOA and ensures compliance with Chartered Club Bylaws.
4. Ensures that club operating procedures and rules are followed.

Co-President:

1. Takes on the on-site role of President during the off-season months (April through September).

Vice- President:

1. Acts as liaison between the club Board and the Education, Kiln and Inventory/Storekeeping Committees by either attending committee meetings or receiving minutes/reports from said meetings.

Secretary:

1. Takes minutes at the Board and Annual Meetings.
2. Maintains possession of the Club's binders and is responsible for updating and maintaining the Club's records contained therein.
3. Maintains the membership roster and workshop/meeting attendance reports.
4. Provides the updated membership list to the HOA in February each year.
5. Posts the updated membership roster in the studio Admin Center.
6. Checks the mailbox weekly.
7. Prints, collects, and changes out sign-in forms as required.
8. Submits 'News and Views' articles.
9. Submits monthly participation reports to the HOA.
10. Maintains the club library.

Treasurer:

1. Collects and deposits all income.
2. Pays bills.
3. Performs monthly back-reconciliations and maintains financial records for seven years.
4. Collects and disburses all income from the Arts and Crafts Fairs.
5. Prepares reports for the HOA, including the Financial Report and annual budget.
6. Maintains the clubs inventory records.

Committee Chairs:

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

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

Kiln Committee Co-Chair: NaDean Krasnove nadeankras@gmail.com

Inventory Chair: Julie Sribney – jsribney@gmail.com

Store Committee Chair: Helen Nielsen – helennielsen@msn.com

Social Events Coordinator - Kittie Wright kywwright@me.com

Webmaster – Wes McNeel

Executive Board:

President: Deborah (Debbie) Smith – deborlou@hotmail.com

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Treasurer: Veda Gilman – vedacpa@aol.com

Secretary: Betsy Polousky – ewp@owenpolousky.com