



# *Glass Arts Newsletter*

## *January 2024*

### **Featured Piece of the Month**

This beautiful piece was made by Helen Nielson.

These flowers look just like the lilies my mother would grow in her garden.



### **Notes from the president, Debbie Smith:**

Since the last newsletter several members have stepped up to run for the positions coming vacant on the Executive Board. Thank you! Thank you! (To make it clear to everyone, all Executive Board positions are open for election every year.)

However, we still require a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Since we did not have a quorum at the meeting in November, we **MUST have a quorum at the Annual Meeting in February.**

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

**As a reminder: if we do not have a quorum, we cannot elect an Executive Board. If we have no Board, we have no club!!**

A thank-you to Darlene Atteberry for coming forward and becoming the Nomination/Election Chair. She will present the nominees, call for nominations from the floor, and conduct the vote.

Another thank-you to Donna Du Fresne for taking the job as our Safety Committee Chair. The Safety Chair follows the procedures outlined in the Chartered Club Rules and Regulations.

### **Craft Show News**

The Spring Craft Fair is coming up fast on March 1 (Friday) & 2 (Saturday). If you plan on selling at this show you **must** contact JoAnn Effron (619-642-9595) by February 15 (Thursday).

### **Things to Know and Reminders**

- **It is time to renew your membership.** Our basic membership fee for all members 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.
  - **IF YOU ARE NOT RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HAVE A LOCKER, THE LOCKER MUST BE EMPTY BY MARCH 1, 2024.** After March 1 all contents of the locker will be removed and will become the property of the Glass Arts Club. If you are out of town, and returning after March 1<sup>st</sup>, please contact me (Debbie Smith at (626) 824-6063 or [deborlou@hotmail.com](mailto:deborlou@hotmail.com)) to make special arrangements.

- Remember to clean up your workspace. This includes the chairs! Who wants to come in and sit on glass shards? Not me!
- 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 removed from the shelves and 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 a prolonged amount of time, be sure to remove your projects.
- Please remember that the studio is closed when classes are in session. A calendar of classes is posted on the kiln room door.

### **Important Dates for Your Calendar**

**One more reminder!!**

**Save February 19, 2024, (Monday) 1:00 p.m.**

**Arrowhead Room at the Lake View Clubhouse for the Annual/Election Meeting.**

- The Spring Arts and Crafts Show is March 1 & 2. Even if you are not planning on selling, come to the show. Let's support our fellow artists.
- Several of our members have gone to the Las Vegas Glass and Bead Show and say it is a great opportunity to take classes, learn new techniques, and see new and interesting products at the exhibit hall. The dates for the 2024 show are Wednesday, April 3 – Sunday, April 7, 2024. Go to [www.glasscraftexpo.com](http://www.glasscraftexpo.com) to get more information.

## **Inventory News**

I am sure you all remember the announcement in last month's newsletter that we received a very large order of glass from Bullseye. Our shelves are bulging with beautiful glass. Come in during store hours, browse, and see what will inspire you! If there is a specific glass you are looking for and don't see on the shelves, check with the Storekeeper. It may be in the inventory/storage area needing to be cut.

### **Store Hours for January**

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, Jan. 12 & 26: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **Glass Arts Education**

- GLASS SWAP & TEA TIME!!



Sunday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m.  
In the Studio

Bring glass you would like to swap and some yummy goodies to share.  
Debbie Lewis will bring the tea.

We have some exciting and fun classes planned in the next couple of months. See the list below. Check the calendars and flyers on the kiln room door for dates and times.

## **January**

Easy Hearts, Jewelry/Pendant, Circle Cutting, Scraps in Bowls, 3-D Illusion, Ring Saw, and our Beginners Fusion Class.

## **February**

Plant Stakes, Lattice & Leaves, and our Beginners Fusion Class.

We have a terrific group of instructors for a variety of projects. If you are interested in sharing a project with the club, join us and become a teacher. Please email the Education Committee's (temporary) Chair, Debbie Lewis at [bryjak24@yahoo.com](mailto:bryjak24@yahoo.com)

## **Fusing Musings**

### **ICICLES, TILE OF FOUR, YOUR KILN IS WAITING . . .**

A lot of good classes were offered in the studio this past December. I hope you had the opportunity to partake in at least one of them! The folks who did clearly enjoyed what they were doing, as the Christmas trees, icicles, and other trappings of the season were piling up on the firing shelves as if the elves themselves were making them.

Checking the "CLASS PROJECT" box on your firing paperwork jumps your piece to the head of the queue for that particular type of kiln load. This is intended to let you see your completed project while you're still fired with enthusiasm, so don't forget to check that magic box!

Which brings us to the fine print: while your imagination may be infinite, kiln space isn't. Most classes are geared toward producing one finished project per student. If the instructor intends for you to make multiple pieces, the class materials will say how many. Please do not check off more than that number of items in your firing paperwork; any excess pieces are not eligible for priority firing.

There is, of course, an exception: some class projects, such as weaves, need to make more than one trip through the kiln. In these cases, be sure to check the “CLASS PROJECT” box every step of the way. Don’t expect the Firing Squad to remember your piece’s special status.

**FUSING TIP OF THE MONTH:** If your project has straight edges (such as Morton board cuts) that you want to join cleanly in the finished piece (in a checkerboard, for example), lay the pieces out on your backing plate and then full-fuse the project upside-down. The backing plate’s weight will compress the cut pieces and force them to expand sideways, butting them into one another to make nice even joints.



**Top:** A pattern of black-and-white pieces as seen through the tekta backing layer before firing. Note the gapolis between the white crosspiece and the ends of the black and white pieces above it.



**Bottom:** The same piece, right side up, after firing. The gaps are all but gone!

### **Committee Chairs:**

Education Committee Chair: Debbie Lewis -- [bryjak24@yahoo.com](mailto:bryjak24@yahoo.com)

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