



Glass Arts Newsletter

March 2024

Featured Pieces of the Month

This beautiful piece of fused glass was made by one of our new members, Bob Horne. I love to see that our new members are making beautiful and complex pieces.



Notes from the president, Debbie Smith:

I would like to give a special shout-out to our outgoing Executive Board members DJ Miles, Julie Sribney, and Betsy Polousky. They have guided this club through the hard times of the pandemic, the redesign and moving of the studio, and the introduction of fusing. The club owes you all a HUGE thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thanks to all of you who turned out for the Annual Election Meeting. We made our quorum! We were able to conduct the business needed and elect our new officers. The new executive board is:

President: Deborah Smith
Co-president: JoAnn Efron
Vice President: Glenda Batzer
Secretary: Anne Winchester
Treasurer: Veda Gilman

A high light of the meeting was Donna Du Fresne reporting as the new safety officer. Read On!!

ODE TO SAFETY

By Donna Du Fresne

When we enter the studio,
Where glass friends meet,
We must protect,
Our eyes, rears, and feet.

Glasses must we wear,
Prescription or safety
Every visit,
Not sometimes, maybe.
Glass chips will fly,
no matter how hard we try,
But will whiz on by
A well-protected eye.

To others be fair,
Please clean off your chair.
Your other chairs too,
For purse, toolbox, and tote.
And if you clean more,
You'll be a glass club GOAT.
(Greatest Of All Time.)
Our goals are aligned,
All glass must we find,
Before it lodges in a friend's behind.

We cannot snooze,

When selecting our shoes.
Cover heels, toes,
tops and soles,
With the shoes that you choose.
Clogs, sandals, and slides,
I will not abide.

Don't be chump,
And force others to bump,
Into your open locker door, supply drawer,
Or belongings on the floor in a lump.

Though this rhyme was in fun,
Safety is no pun,
Each time we arrive,
It is our Job One.

Update on “The Wall” for Boulevards restaurant. Thank you to the members who have volunteered to help with the building of the piece. We are making progress quickly with all the help. Our goal is to have the piece installed in June. As a heads up to all fusion members, there will be **no club firing on the weekend**. This time is reserved for “The Wall.” This was the best time that would not interrupt the regular firing schedule. We will keep this schedule until “The Wall” is complete. For those not at the Annual Meeting here is the design mock-up shown to the HOA board.



Craft Fair News

The Spring Craft Fair was a great success for the Glass Arts Club sellers. When the sale started the tables were overflowing with beautiful and colorful glass. By the end of the sale, not much was left! One of the first things to sell was this piece by Doris Tanaka. I think she is happy with the sale!



With all of the donations from our members we were able to raise \$482.00 for the Children's Discovery Museum. And of course, a big thank you to JoAnn Effron for being the Glass Arts Club Craft Fair organizer extraordinaire.

Things to Know and Reminders

- Remember to clean up your workspace! This includes the chairs!
- Please remember that the studio is closed when classes are in session. A calendar of classes is posted on the kiln room door and in this newsletter.

Important Dates for Your Calendar

The Spring Social is (Wednesday) March 27, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Big Bear Room in the Lake View Clubhouse. Our new social chairs are planning some fun! **GAMES! PRIZES!** Bring your favorite potluck dish to share. The club will supply the non-alcoholic drinks and the paper goods. If you wish to bring a bottle of wine for yourself, please do. Also, bring along your favorite project. We would all love to see and share in the joy of your art and accomplishments! We would like to take photos for the club's promotional materials. Who knows, you could be famous all over Sun City!!

The Las Vegas Glass and Bead Show 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 to get more information.

Inventory News

A Bullseye order was placed this week – We restocked Tekta and colors of glass we are short of in supply. Especially the reds, greens and oranges that we all love for the spring!

A few new things we have ordered:

- ❖ Pre-cut clear glass circles in 3 sizes -- 7.5", 9", and 12".



- ❖ Glass ribbons (1mm x 2mm).
- ❖ New colors of fine frit.

The Club has purchased a new light table. It is easy to use. It is located in the cabinet marked Light Box. Give it a try!



Store Hours for March

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, March 8 & 22: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Glass Arts Education

The next couple of months have many new and fun classes. Check them out!

March Classes

Ring Saw (twice), Mystery Class, Scraps into Bowls, Equipment & Beginners Class (in the late afternoon to accommodate those who are not morning people), and Plant Stakes. Some of these classes are already full.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1 Spring Craft Fair	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Ring Saw 1-3 Doug	9
10	11 Equipment Orientation 3:00- until finished Debbie S.	12 Beginning Fusion Pt1 4-6 Debbie S.	13 Circle Cutting 10-12 Kay D	14	15 Mystery Class 8:30-10:30 Ronna	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Beginning Fusion Pt2 4-6 Debbie S.	20	21	22 Scraps into Bowls 1-3 Doris	23
24	25 Ring Saw Easter Eggs 11-1 Doug	26	27	28 Plant Stakes 8:30-10:30 Betsy	29	30

April Classes

Lattice & Leaves, Tiny Bubbles, Wild & Crazy (aka Mystery Class 2), and the Equipment & Beginners Class.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5 Lattice & Leaves 8:30-10:30 Ronna	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Tiny Bubbles 1-3 Debbie L.	13
14	15	16 Equipment Orientation 9-12 JoAnn	17	18 Beginning Fusion Pt1 9-12 JoAnn	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Beginning Fusion Pt2 9-12 JoAnn	26 Wild & Free AKA Mystery 8:30-10:30 Ronna	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Please check the calendars and flyers on the Kiln Door OFTEN. We live in a changing world and classes change as well.

Please note: You can sign up for classes during store hours only. Students should never sign in the Blue Class Book. The Blue Book is for Storekeepers only. Class sizes are limited -- please do not ask for exceptions. If you sign the waiting list, you will be notified when the class is available again. You will need to pay ASAP since spaces cannot be held without payment.

We have enthusiastic instructors for a variety of projects. If you are interested in teaching a skill, please email the education committee's chair, Debbie Lewis at bryjak24@yahoo.com

Fusing Musings

DONATED MOLD POLICY:

Our limited mold-storage space is bursting at the seams. Thankfully, Lori Fischer has volunteered to put together a spreadsheet of mold usage. We will then be able to store the most-used molds in the easiest-to-get-to spots. Less-used molds will go deeper on the shelves and unused molds will be deep-sixed.

To further control mold growth, the Executive Board has voted to require that **any mold a member wishes to purchase must be reviewed and approved by Doug Smith or NaDean Krasnove, co-chairs of the Firing Squad, BEFOREHAND.** This applies even if the mold is for personal use and the member has no plans to donate it to the club down the road — any mold going into our kilns needs to be prepped by the mold team first. And people have been known to change their minds . . .

THE BOULEVARDS WALL FIRING PLAN:

As you read in the President's Message, the HOA was blown away by the sun-in-splendor design we proposed for Boulevards Restaurant. Let's hear it for the design team!

The fabrication process is already well under way. Six pieces have been completed, and another 14 have gotten their first firing. However, there are more than 40 pieces in all, and each one needs to be fired

twice. In order to have as little impact on the normal firing schedule as possible, we are going to fire as usual Mondays through Fridays.

Saturday firings will be reserved for Wall pieces. We expect to be done with the Wall by the end of May, give or take a week, and we thank you for your patience in the meantime.

FUSING TIP OF THE MONTH: There will be no weekend firings for the general membership until further notice. If you have deadlines in mind for specific projects (birthday gifts, for example), plan accordingly!

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