



# *Glass Arts Newsletter*

## *May 2024*

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

This piece was created by Dan Lewis. He has not been with the club long, but I think he is getting the hang of it!

Truly a lovely example of painting with glass.



## **LATE-BREAKING NEWS!**

**The studio will be closed starting at NOON on Friday, May 24, through Tuesday, May 28.**

There are 45 pieces of glass that need to be prepared for mounting in Boulevards. This will require all the table space in our studio.

**The studio will re-open on Wednesday, May 29.**

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

**Update on “The Wall” for Boulevards restaurant.** Again, a HUGE thank you to the members who have volunteered to help. With all your help we are on schedule to install the piece in early June. My hope is by the next newsletter we will be able to share a picture of this beautiful piece on the wall!

A couple of weeks ago we were able to put the pattern pieces on the wall for their final placement. Looking good!



**And a big thank you to everyone in the club for your patience and flexibility during this process. The Wall is going to look amazing once it's up.**

**A request from the Kiln Committee.** Please be mindful of using the extra-large firing tiles. ONLY USE THEM WHEN YOUR PIECE IS AS LARGE AS THE TILE. They are very heavy and difficult to manage when getting into the kiln.

## Things to Know and Reminders

- **RING SAW NEWS!**

Since the last newsletter we have purchased a new ring saw. Our 20-year-old saw had given its all for the club, and it was time for a new one. We will continue to use the logbook to track its use.

Be sure to look for the WHITE binder stored on top of the saw and whenever you use it, please note the date, your name, and the length of time you used it. Thank you!

- Please remember that the **studio is closed when classes are in session. Watch for the “STUDIO CLOSED” sign as you enter.** A calendar of classes is posted on the kiln room door and in this newsletter.
- In order to give our teachers and students sufficient prep time, the new policy is the studio will close 30 minutes before a class begins.
- We are still finding that the grinders have not been thoroughly cleaned. **Please take the extra couple of minutes** to make sure the equipment is properly cared for and ready for the next person.
- To all you bleeders out there, and you know who you are! We have a first-aid kit in the studio FULL of Band-Aids. Look for it on top of the glass sales cabinets. Also, be sure to clean up your spatters. I have cleaned up far too many crime scenes in the studio.



## Inventory News

Our shelves are jam-packed with beautiful glass. Come in during store hours and get started on your summer projects!

## Store Hours for May

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, May 10 & 24: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Glass Arts Education

The weather might be getting hot, but our classes are hotter!

### MAY CLASSES

On May 3 our ring saw class made a comeback with the new ring saw.

We also have: Fractured Flowers, Lattice & Leaves, Rockin' Ribbons, and R U Wired.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3 Ring Saw Easter Eggs 1-3 Doug	4
5	6	7 Fractured Flowers 10-Noon DJ	8	9	10 Lattice & Leaves 8:30-10:30 Ronna	11
12	13	14	15 Rockin' Ribbons 10-Noon Kay D.	16 Education Committee Meeting 1:00	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 R U Wired 8:30-10:30 Ronna	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

## JUNE CLASSES

Two never before seen classes: Bloomin' Bowls and Puppy Love.

And of course, the Equipment Orientation and the Beginning Fusion classes for our new members.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Bloomin' Bowl 1-3 Debbie L.	8
9	10	11 Puppy Love 10-12 Kay D.	12	13	14	15 Equipment Orientation 1:00-2:30 Glenda/JoAnn
16	17	18	19	20 Education Committee Meeting 1:00	21	22 Beginning Fusion Pt1 9-11:30 Glenda/JoAnn
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Beginning Fusion Pt2 9-11:30 Glenda/JoAnn
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Please check the calendars and flyers on the Kiln Door OFTEN.

Make sure to ask for the info sheet when you sign up for a class.

We have fun and enthusiastic instructors for a variety of projects. If you are interested in sharing a new project or technique, please email the education committee's chair, Debbie Lewis, at [bryjak24@yahoo.com](mailto:bryjak24@yahoo.com)

## Fusing Musings

### SUMMER SCHEDULE: HELP WANTED

With the snowbirds on the wing for cooler climes, you might think the Firing Squad's workload would slacken. WRONG. The fusers who remain go into overdrive to take advantage of the empty shelves. The Firing Squad's workload remains constant all year, putting an enormous

strain on the few Squad members who stay for the summer. Some people already cover three shifts a week, and this is not sustainable. You won't be able to work in fused glass without the Firing Squad, so if you've been enjoying the benefits of our labors and don't already volunteer in some other capacity, you might want to sign up. We'll be happy to train you!

Contact NaDean Krasnove at <nadeankras@gmail.com> to get started.

### **AVOID THE RUSH . . .**

With the departure of the snowbirds comes another annual ritual: the frantic pleas to please, *please*, **PLEASE** let me jump the queue in the Purple Book and fire this piece to take to the Folks Back Home. And not one piece, but several . . . The Firing Squad has been cutting folks, especially the newbies, a little slack so far. That's unlikely to happen in the future if our membership continues to grow and we have more people in line for the same amount of kiln space.

**FUSING TIP OF THE MONTH:** If you have a piece that needs to be finished by a certain date, make sure that you have it on the firing shelves and in the Purple Book at least two weeks in advance.

### **Committee Chairs:**

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