



Glass Arts Club Newsletter

November 2024

News You Can Use

- ❖ First order of club business is our **General Meeting next Monday, November 18, from 1 to 3 PM at Lakeview Clubhouse, Arrowhead Room.** Please plan to attend and renew your membership.
- ❖ New glass will be delivered soon which means the studio will be closed to sort, cut, label and stock these supplies. We will post a notice once that time is scheduled, ideally before the Arts & Craft Show setup begins on Thursday, November 21st.
- ❖ Debbi LoCicero has offered to sell glass from her personal collection and her list is posted on the bulletin board. Note that she has much more than is listed there.
- ❖ Finally, we need to clean up extra stuff left on counters when we set up the room for the Arts & Craft Show, so...

Claim it or lose it: If any of this is yours, please remove it or it will disappear



November 2024-at-a-Glance

Date	Day	Event/Activity	Store Hours
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7	Thurs	EXPO: 1 - 4 PM	None
8	Fri	Class: 8:30 - 10:30 AM	1 – 3 PM
9	Sat	Class: 1 - 3 PM	10:30 – 12:30 PM
10	Sun		
11	Mon		1 – 3 PM
12	Tues	Demo: 12 - 1 PM	1 – 3 PM
13	Wed	Board Mtg (cont'd): 4 PM on	1 – 3 PM
14	Thurs	Demo: 12:30 - 1:30 PM	1 – 3 PM
15	Fri		10:30 – 12:30 PM
16	Sat		
17	Sun		
18	Mon	General Meeting: 1 – 3 PM	None
19	Tues	Last Firing before A&C Show	1 – 3 PM
20	Wed	Pick up all Completed Projects	1 – 3 PM
21	Thurs	A&C Show Setup: 1 – 4 PM; Studio Closed	None
22	Fri	Arts & Craft Show: 9 – 3 PM; Studio Closed	None
23	Sat	Arts & Craft Show: 9 – 3 PM	None
24	Sun		
25	Mon		1 – 3 PM
26	Tues	Class: 10 – Noon	1 – 3 PM
27	Wed		1 – 3 PM
28	Thurs	Thanksgiving	
29	Fri		
30	Sat		

December 2024-at-a-Glance

Date	Day	Event/Activity	Store Hours
1	Sun		
2	Mon	Class: 9:30 – 11:30 AM	1 – 3 PM
3	Tues	Class: 10 – Noon	1 – 3 PM
4	Wed	Class: 9 – 11:30 AM	1 – 3 PM
5	Thurs		1 – 3 PM
6	Fri	Class: 8:30 – 10:30 AM	10:30 – 12:30 PM
7	Sat	Display Case Changeover: 9 AM	
8	Sun		
9	Mon	Class: 10 – 12 PM	1 – 3 PM
10	Tues	Class: 1 to 3 PM	1 – 3 PM

Fusing Notes

We've come a long way in the last couple of years. When we started, our projects were generally small and straightforward and their firing requirements were simple. The generic firing schedules programmed into the kilns at the factory worked well enough in most cases.

But as people add more layers of glass and do more sophisticated pieces, thermal shock is becoming a problem. Basically, thicker glass needs to be fired more slowly to allow the internal heat to get evenly distributed at each step before moving on to the next one. Otherwise, internal stresses can accumulate as the glass expands and then shrinks again and sooner or later it will crack. Problems get worse when a slumping step is involved, as thick glass does not bend as readily as thin glass.

The Firing Squad is addressing the problem by programming custom firing schedules in Kiln 1 that we think will better serve the club's needs. It's a work in progress, so please bear with us. With three different firing schedules, and only one run per day to work with, we're dancing as fast as we can. Once we have the schedules optimized, we will program them into Kiln 2 as well.

Our Volunteers

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