



# *Glass Arts Newsletter*

## *September 2024*

### **A Club in Transition**

#### **A Huge “Thank You” to Debbie Smith**

Due to Debbie and Doug’s unfortunate auto accident this summer, Debbie Smith has resigned her position as club President. With a background in both stained glass and glass fusion, Debbie focused on a future for both media and made it her priority to find ways for the club to adapt to the changing needs of a growing and expanding club, one that more than doubled in size with the introduction of glass fusion. We are grateful for the vision she had for the club and the board will continue working to complete the initiatives that Debbie started this past year, including reviewing, and where necessary, revising club bylaws, policies and procedures. We wish her good health and a swift recovery from her injuries.

#### **New Club President**

The Executive Board has appointed Co-President Jo Ann Effron to serve as club President until the next election cycle which begins in March of 2025. JoAnn has served the Glass Arts Club since the inception of glass fusion in 2021. In addition to serving as Co-President this last year, she continues to teach glass fusion classes, works as part of the Kiln Committee’s ‘Firing Squad’, and acts as coordinator for the club’s Arts and Craft Shows which means new leadership will be needed to fill some of those roles.

#### **Other Board Issues**

The board will continue to be short-handed once Veda Gilman has surgery on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We wish her a successful operation and an easy recovery in Northern California. Although Liz Young has been handling some of the Treasurer’s duties for some time and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future, she will not assume the Treasurer’s position on the board.

#### **Nominating/Elections Committee**

The Executive Board has decided to initiate a Nominating/Elections Committee to begin the process of identifying candidates for board positions for our upcoming election. The committee’s goal is to see that the club has a fully staffed Executive Board installed next March. **Glass Arts can’t continue as a Chartered Club unless all required board positions – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer – are filled by a vote of club membership and elected to serve as officers for the following year.**

**If you are interested in knowing what our board does, ask about attending the next Executive Board meeting. We need your support in other ways too.** With the expansion and growth of the club has come the need to provide more support to an ever-increasing membership. More members mean more volunteers to help them create glass artwork. Talk to a committee chairperson to learn how you can help.

## ***An Update from the Smiths***

### **Gee, But it's Great to Be Back Home . . .**

. . . And it's even better to be alive!!

As you probably know, Debbie and my annual summer trip to Maine was cut short on the way there when our presidential motorcade briefly turned into Air Force One.

We were just shy of the Illinois-Indiana border when I tried to straddle what I thought was a two-by-four in the lane. The car pole-vaulted tailgate-over-hood and then rolled several times. Fortunately, nobody else was involved — we didn't even make the local news. We did, however, spend a month in a Level One trauma hospital, and Deb spent a second month recovering from skin-graft surgery.

We're still pretty banged up, but we're better every day, and we're SOOOOO conscious of all of our blessings! Including all of you — thank you for the cards, for the hearts, for the meals, for the thoughts and prayers, for all the offers of help, for coming over for a while just to visit . . .

Doug & Debbie Smith,  
Captain of the Firing Squad and ex-President, respectively

### **Classes**

9/12 – **Garden Delight Plant Stakes:** 10 to Noon  
9/17 – **Trick or Treat:** 10 to Noon  
9/19 – **Equipment Orientation:** 9:30 to 11:30  
9/20 – **Beginning Fusion 1:** 9 to 11:30  
9/23 – **Drip & Drape Mold:** 10 to Noon  
9/27 – **Beginning Fusion 2:** 9 to 11:30  
10/1 – **Blooming Bowls:** 9 to 11

**All classes are listed on the Kiln room door**

**Note class times above and avoid studio use then**

### **Store Hours**

Monday: 1 to 3  
Tuesday: 1 to 3  
Wednesday: 1 to 3  
Thursday: 1 to 3  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday: 10:30 to 12:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: 10:30 to 12:30

### **Important Dates**

- ***October Display Case Changeover: Saturday, September 28, 2024*** – 9 a.m. Bring your Halloween-themed pieces to the studio that morning or leave your items on SHELF A next to the white cabinet on Friday
- ***Boulevard Project Dedication: Wednesday, October 30, 2024*** – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Boulevards
- ***Club General Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2024*** – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Silverwood/Big Bear rooms, Lake View Clubhouse. **This is our semi-annual business meeting and we must have a quorum at this meeting.**
- ***Community EXPO: Thursday, November 7, 2024***
- ***Fall Arts & Craft Show: Friday, November 22, 2024 & Saturday, November 23, 2024*** – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days

- **Club General Meeting & Annual Elections: Monday, February 10, 2025** – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Silverwood/Big Bear rooms, Lakeview Clubhouse. **This is our semi-annual business meeting and election of board members. We must have a quorum at this meeting.** There will be a potluck social following the meeting.
- **Spring Arts & Craft Show, Friday, March 28, 2025 & Saturday, March 29, 2025** -- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days

## **Committee Chairs**

Education Committee Chair: Debbie Lewis -- [bryjak24@yahoo.com](mailto:bryjak24@yahoo.com)  
Inventory Chair: Julie Sribney – [jsribney@gmail.com](mailto:jsribney@gmail.com)  
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Store Committee Chair: Helen Nielsen – [helennielsen@msn.com](mailto:helennielsen@msn.com)  
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Display Case Chair: DJ\_Miles - [djmiles1955@gmail.com](mailto:djmiles1955@gmail.com)  
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## **Executive Board**

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