

Newsletter

Wichita, Kansas

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Monthly Meetings

- 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Evergreen Library
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Useful Web Sites

Stained Glass Guild of Kansas
stainedglassguild.tripod.com

Publications

www.glasscraftsman.com
www.hotglass.com
www.glassfocus.net
www.stainedglass.org

Free Patterns

groups.msn.com/
StainedGlassPatterns

www.suzannecooper.com

www.sgw.net/
monthpattrn.html

Points Of Interest

Tiffany By Design

Once again, the Wichita Art Museum has seen fit to bring a significant traveling art glass exhibit to Wichita, which will be on display from September 25th through January 8th, 2006. The 40 pieces in the *Tiffany By Design* exhibit are from the Neustadt Museum of Tiffany Art.
www.wichitaartmuseum.org.

Rayer's Bearden Stained Glass has been invited by the Wichita Art Museum to be a part of the *Tiffany By Design* event. Randy Rayer and his staff will be on hand at the Museum to answer questions and give demonstrations Friday Sept. 23rd from 6 to 8 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays Oct. 15th & 22nd,

Nov. 12th, and Dec. 10th. The Museum has also scheduled lectures, symposiums, video screenings, teacher workshops, Family Artventures, and an afternoon of glass appraisals. The Traditional Fine Arts Organization web site lists a detailed Schedule of Events provided by the Wichita Art Museum. www.tfaoi.com/aa/6aa/6aa22.htm

Glass Ornaments Fest, showcasing blown glass ornaments, is being held by City Arts on September 16th & 17th.

Wichita Collects Tiffany on display Sept. 30th to Oct. 30th at Wichita Center for the Arts, 9112 E Central.

The Colors of Tiffany on display at Newman University, 3100 McCormick Ave, from Sept. 30th



to Oct. 21st in the Steckline Gallery.

Permanent collection and loaned collections on display at the Wichita - Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 S. Main.

The Neustadt Museum has a permanent exhibition space at the Queens Museum of Art in Queens, New York. For more information, visit their web site or call 718-361-8489.

www.neustadtmuseum.org
www.queensmuseum.org

Meeting News

This month's meeting is on Tuesday the 20th.

A big thanks to Bud Fair for making the tree bases for those who signed up for them at the last meeting. The brass for the frame will be cut and ready to hand out with the bases at the

meeting, along with a revised pattern for the pieces on the bottom two rows.

In the process of making his tree, Troy Welty discovered that the bottom two levels of the tree need to have the pieces cut wider at the base

than shown on the pattern. If you've already cut your glass, there is a workaround for making the bottom rows more angled.

Lastly, Thanks to Valerie Burgdorf for the treats this month.

STAINED GLASS GUILD OF KANSAS



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Classes

Beardens is having both a beginning and an advanced sandblasting class this fall. The beginners class is September 17th and the advanced class is October 15th. Other classes are Basic Fusing, Beadmaking, Wire-Wrap Jewelry, Angel Building, Advanced Stepping Stone, Beginning Stained Glass, Better Techniques, and Mosaics. Visit their web site or stop by the store for a current class schedule. And don't forget their free Wednesday night workshop from 6 to 8 p.m.

City Arts has several glass classes this fall with Glass Blowing, Glass Casting, Kiln Work Glass, Kiln Work - Glass Jewelry, and Kiln Work - Glass Tiles. For the teens there is a Mosaics class.

Antique Roadshow

In conjunction with the *Tiffany By Design* exhibit, Arlie Sulka, frequent appraiser on the Antiques Roadshow, will give local appraisals of glass pieces at the Wichita Art Museum on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 14th. All appraisal requests must be pre-screened by the Museum. Contact Randy Rayer at 942-2929 if you have antique glass pieces that you would like appraised. Panels, lamps, blown glass, etc., they just must be glass.

Tree Ideas

Unleash your creativity!

And what a color palate to choose from. Green, definitely. All the glass manufacturers seem to make at least one green. Do you want something easy to cut like Spectrum? Or do you want to buy a piece of art glass that is so difficult to cut that you'd only want to cut it with a saw? Are you looking for texture? Beardens has one green sample that looks like a piece of material all gathered up. The green Silvercoats is beautiful. Iridescent green is always striking. Chartreuse is the fad color this year.

How about a silver tree that harkens back to the 60s? You could use mirror or you could use Silvercoats. Don't forget a color wheel for shining blue, yellow, red and green lighting onto your silver tree.

Wouldn't a white tree be beautiful? White would look really good with any color lights that you'd put up inside of it. You could fuse on decorations or frit. Can't you just envision a white tree with dichroic glass fused onto it?

How about a black tree with white polka dots fused on? Or a pink tree? Or an etched tree? Attach some jump rings and hang tiny ornaments. Let your imagination go!

Sandblasting

Do-It-Yourself

Vicki Payne had a recent show on sandblasting. She made a blast cabinet out of a large Sterlite storage container, which is made of see-through plastic. She cut two holes in one side of the storage container so she could reach inside to hold her glass in one hand and her blaster in the other. She replaced the storage container's lid with a flat piece of tempered glass. The blaster she used was part of a kit that also included the abrasive and resist with precut patterns. She connected the blaster to a regular air compressor that you can buy at a local retailer such as Sears. You can make a fancier blast cabinet. Or, buy one. You can get a new tabletop model online at eBay for less than \$200. Or pay significantly more for a larger cabinet.

Beautiful Pieces

www.alpineglass.com/showcase/index.php

www.glassetchingsbyperrett.com

www.clearlightdesigns.com.au

www.alrawaa.co.ae

www.empsgraphicseye.com

www.creativesandblasting.com