

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

Free Patterns

www3.telus.net
/nugget/design.html

www.stained-glass-
directory.com/patterns

www.chantalstained
glasspatterns.com

www.dodgestudio.com

Publications

www.ebsqart.com

Points of Interest

Electroplating

Electroplating is the coating of an electronically conductive item with a layer of metal using an electrical current. The result is a thin, even, smooth coat of metal on the object.

Sounds easy? Actually, it's a process that takes skill and experience. And, it can be expensive to do yourself. Plus, the process uses harmful chemicals.

Still want to do it yourself? Caswell, Inc. sells kits for the hobbyist. You can get a free catalog by calling 315-946-1213, or visit their website at www.caswellplating.com

The easier option is to pay someone to electroplate your pieces for you. At our last meeting, Bud Thornton showed us the

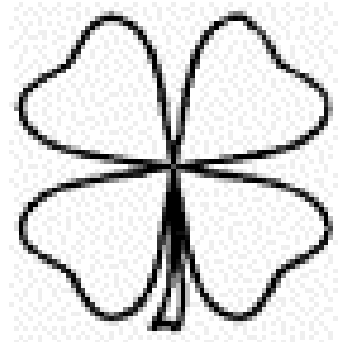
beautiful stained glass piece that he had electroplated for a reasonable price right here in Wichita at **River City Plating**, 1933 N Topeka, 316-262-5220.

Water Jet Cutting

Pacific Artglass, maker of FireSticks and FireThings, now offers water jet cutting as one of their services. They also do custom beveling. Call 800-354-5277 for prices. www.pacificartglass.com

Video Rental

Want to watch a how-to video but don't want to buy it? Here's a perfect solution for you. **Technical Video Rental** has a very large and diverse selection of how-to videos. Look under Arts & Crafts for the Glass list that covers a wide variety of top-



ics. Most videos cost \$9.99 per week to rent, which includes shipping in both directions. Their address is 39 Evergreen Lane, Arlington, MA 20474. technicalvideorental.com

Warm Glass

Want to learn more about fusing, slumping, casting, kiln-forming, etc.? Visit the Warm Glass web site. It is full of links and information for everyone from the beginner on. www.warmglass.com

Meeting News

Our new project is "The Fan Project". Attendees at the February 21st meeting will receive an outline pattern for making a fan. Bigger than a fan lamp, this fan will be big enough to hang in a window. We will discuss pattern design for ways to finish our fans.

Also, by request, examples of dalles and equipment used for making faceted glass will be at the meeting for you to look at.

Working meetings will be the norm this year, so always bring something to work on. Even if you

are just foiling while you visit.

Thanks to Jan Lister for the treats this month. If you want to sign up to bring treats in the future, Suzanne has the list. Also, let us know if you would like to have a specific subject demonstrated.

STAINED GLASS GUILD OF KANSAS



c/o Suzanne Hamilton Mies
4444 S West St #55
Wichita, KS 67217

Free Demo

Morton System

Beardens—Saturday, Feb. 25th,
11 a.m. Thanks, Randy!

Lab Time

Sandblasting

Beardens—Open to former students only, by appointment. There is a two hour minimum, and the rate is \$25 an hour. At last, lab time to get that dream project done.

Classes

Beardens

Upcoming classes are Sandblasting 101, Advanced Stepping Stone with Karen Russell, Beginning Stained Glass, Intermediate Stained Glass, Better Techniques. www.rayersinc.com/classes.html

City Arts

Classes through April are Glass Blowing, Glass Casting, Kiln Work Glass Jewelry (create glass cabochons), Kiln Work Glass Tiles (using the techniques of fusing, slumping and enameling), Mosaics, Silversmithing and Spring Break Youth Workshops. www.wichitaarts.com

Annual Dues

*Make checks payable to
Stained Glass Guild of Kansas.*
\$24 for single, \$36 for couples.

Send to
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Cosmosphere

The triptych is finally complete and will be installed this month at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson. The dedication of this stained glass memorial, which pays tribute to the lives lost in missions for Challenger, Shuttle Columbia and Apollo 1, will be made March 1st at the Cosmosphere. Objects from these missions have been incorporated into the piece. A big kudos to the Beardens' staff who volunteered their time to this project. To see these artists' names, look closely at the piece. Their names, and the lost crew member names, have been sandblasted onto the glass border.

Las Vegas

Glass Craft & Bead Expo

Classes are filling up fast. Are you planning to attend this year? Don't miss out on the hotel's special room rates for attendees. www.glasscraftexpo.com

Final Friday

Gallery Crawl

Local galleries have banded together to open their doors for a unique night of fun in the River City. Final Friday takes place in Wichita on the last Friday of each month. Core hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. Many galleries offer appetizers and something to drink. And to top it all off, a trolley comes by every thirty minutes to whisk you off to the next stop.

Some galleries participate every month, others only occasionally. The map for each month can be found at the top of the page at www.wichitaarts.com/Exhibitions. Scroll down further on the page to see more about some of the galleries taking part that month.

Gallery XII

Gallery XII at 412 E. Douglas. What a treat! When you walk in, look up to see a beautiful glass dome. Their dome can also be seen at www.360wichita.com/Shopping/Art/GalleryXII.html. Click the up arrow on the 360° Tour.

And don't miss the talents of our very own Kathy Smallwood. She has beautiful pieces from her ceramic studio on display in this sophisticated gallery.