

# The Shard

Wichita, Kansas

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## Monthly Meetings

- 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- Evergreen Library  
2601 N Arkansas

## Useful Web Sites

Stained Glass Guild of Kansas  
stainedglassguild.tripod.com

### Free Patterns

annabelleglass.tripod.com

mors-papirklip.dk  
/blomster/blomsteruro  
/aaa.html

pinoakart.com

www.ewetel.net/~joerg.deuber/tiffany/free.htm

www.wtdesign.ca

Publications  
www.spectrumglass.com

## Is it real?

Have you ever seen a mosaic shoe? The following websites have beautiful examples of this unique project.  
www.flamingofanny.com

www.mosaicsbymindysimbrat.com

pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/msimbrat/my\_photos

homepage.mac.com/laurelskye/

mountainbeanmosaic.mosaicglobe.com

Steps to making your own mosaic shoe: 1) Make the soft shoe firm; 2) attach your glass, tile, broken pottery, millefiori, beads, jewels, etc.; 3) grout; and 4) seal.

You can use a real shoe or a ceramic shoe. Favorite shoes to decorate

are high-heeled and cowboy boots. If you don't want to use a real shoe, you can buy a ceramic bisque or plaster shoe. Ceramic Art Space sells them for \$7 to \$8, call toll-free 1-888-CERAMIX.

www.ceramicartspace.com

How do you make a soft shoe firm? A closed-toe shoe is best because you can fill the toe space with a substance such as plaster of Paris to quickly and easily give firmness to the inside of the shoe. Products that can be used to give a rigid, uniform surface to the rest of the shoe, and firmness to open-toed shoes, are Rigid Wrap Plaster Cloth, gesso and sculpting epoxy. All are available online or at local hobby stores. Allowing your shoe to remain flexible may result in your attached mosaic items popping off your shoe.

The same adhesive or mastic used for any other direct method mosaic project will work for this one.

### Online tips:

One artist prefers glass tile from Bisazza Mosaico, world leader in innovative glass mosaic tile. Their website lists two suppliers in Wichita. They are Bob Smith Tile Company, 504 W. Harry; and Daltile at 2010 S Edwards St.

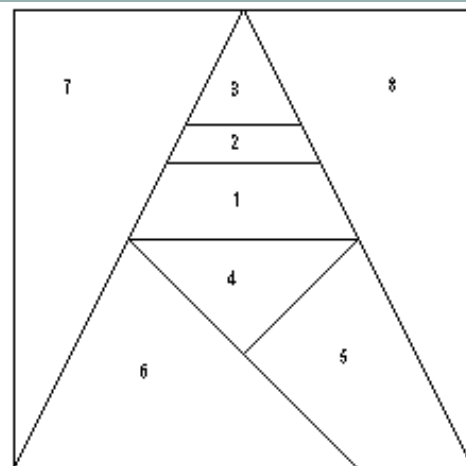
Remove the lining of the shoe and paint the shoe inside and out with KILZ before making the shoe firm.

Some buy their shoe at yard sales or thrift stores. Do not use a worn-out shoe that has lost its shape.

## Meeting News

Our December meeting is Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. We will once again be eating at Hometown Buffet, 6820 W. Central, (316) 942-4334. Each member will pay for their own and their guests' dinner. January we will once again be at the library.

The pattern at the right is Santa Claus. 1 = Skin, 2 & 4 = White, 3 & 5 & 6 = Red, 7 & 8 = Background color of your choice. Easy to make, whether fusing, soldering or as a mosaic.



## STAINED GLASS GUILD OF KANSAS



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## Events

### *Glass Art Society 37th Annual Conference*

Transformational Matter, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 7-9, 2007. According to the GAS website, "The question to be addressed at this conference is what lies in the vortex of transformation." Online registration starts December 1, 2006. The 2008 conference will be held in Portland, Oregon. The Glass Art Society is an international non-profit organization with membership open to all interested in glass art. To join, call (206) 382-1305 or enroll online.  
[www.glassart.org](http://www.glassart.org)

## Classes

### *Beardens*

Upcoming classes are: Mosaics with Rose Bunton, Beadmaking with Suzy Mattson, Glass Fusing with Phil Gegen, Kaleidoscope Building with Rick Newton, Snowflake Building with Susan Olson, Stained Glass: Beginning & Better Techniques, Sandblasting: 101 & Advanced. Don't forget the Wednesday evening Stained Glass Workshop, please call first to see if there is available space. 942-2929  
[www.rayersinc.com](http://www.rayersinc.com)

## Officers

Thanks once again to our 2006 officers, for their time and dedication. This was a fun year.

And WELCOME to our new officers for 2007. We look forward to new and exciting projects. Once again, we have Gloria Henson as President and Ivan Frey as Vice-President. New to their offices are Janet Jacobs as Treasurer and Carole Smith as Secretary.

## Classes

### *City Arts*

Upcoming classes in January and February are: Glass Blowing, Glass Casting, Jewelry Making with Beads, Kiln Work - Glass Jewelry, Kiln Work - Tiles, Mosaic Stained Glass, Silversmithing, Adult & Me - Glass Nugget Snowflakes Sun-catcher, Adult & Me - Stained Glass Gifts, Adult & Me-Stained Glass Leaves & Berries.

Birthday Parties are always fun. And now City Arts is one of the birthday party event locations in Wichita. Limited to 10-15 kids and Saturday mornings, the cost is \$60 for room and materials, plus a \$25 instructor fee. Call (316) 265-1618 for further info.

## Steve Irwin

People around the world were saddened by the recent death of wildlife enthusiast, Steve Irwin. To pay tribute to Steve and his conservation work, Sandy Robertson of OzMosaics in Brisbane, Australia, is organizing a tribute mosaic mural to be created in his honor. And she is asking mosaic artists around the world to contribute.

Information about this project is available at [crikeymatemosaic.wordpress.com](http://crikeymatemosaic.wordpress.com). Guild member Suzanne Hamilton Mies is a member of the Mosaic Addicts Yahoo group, where information is also regularly posted for the project. You are welcome to contact Sandy Robertson directly with questions via email at [sandy@ozmosaics.com](mailto:sandy@ozmosaics.com).

If you would like to make a piece, directions are to make a mosaic piece on fiberglass mesh (suitable for mosaics) and send it to OzMosaics in Brisbane. Make as many as you like. Remember, this is donated work and you will pay for shipping your own piece(s) to Australia. OzMosaics will donate the material and labor to put the mural together in Australia. A lizard was the first received. As more arrive, photos and a "cartoon" of the growing mural will be posted on the Crikey Mate website.