

# The Shard

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## Monthly Meetings

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

Stained Glass Guild of Kansas  
stainedglassguild.tripod.com

Free Patterns  
www.glassorcery.com  
www.chameleonartglass.com  
citrusglass.citrus-  
acid.com/designs\_1.htm

www.deansstainedglass.com

Publications  
www.americanmosaics.org

## Albinas Elskus

The stained glass world has lost one of its own this year. Albinas Elskus passed away in February at the age of 80. A moving obituary can be read at <http://waldo.villagesoup.com/announcements/ObituaryStory.cfm?StoryID=86925&storytypeid=1>

*The Art of Albinas Elskus* is an article that was published in the Lithuanian Quarterly Journal of Arts and Sciences. [www.lituanus.org/1993\\_1/93\\_1\\_02.htm](http://www.lituanus.org/1993_1/93_1_02.htm)

Forum post by Rona Moody in memory of Mr. Elskus on the Warner-Crivellaro website. She calls his book *The Art of Painting On Glass* the glass painter's bible and reproduces the review she wrote for this book that was published in the Stained Glass Quarterly magazine.

<http://www.warner-criv.com/glasschat/message.aspx?msg=133036&group=0&srch=>

*Art of Painting on Glass* DVD  
<http://www.warner-criv.com/product.aspx?id=7850-52>

*Albinas Elskus Painting on Glass* DVD  
<http://www.stainedglass.org/html/SGAAspublications.htm>

Mr. Elskus has influenced the glass world with his book, but more importantly has left a profound mark through his teaching. As you look through the websites of glass artists, you will see his name repeatedly on the resumé pages of his students. And in his 50 year career, he had many students. He will be missed but his teachings will carry on. Viso gero for now, Albinas Elskus.

## Closed?

Whitehouse Books is closing in June, or when the books run out, whichever comes first. The books are buy one, get one free. "Use coupon code 'one' when prompted by the shopping cart, all sales are FINAL." [www.whitehouse-books.com](http://www.whitehouse-books.com)

Stained Glass Warehouse in Arden, North Carolina has been having a VERY difficult time lately. Their entire staff is being changed. A copy of the letter that the company sent out will be available to read at the meeting. Currently their website states that they are closed until April 15th. They are anxious to retain their customers during this transition period. <http://store.allstainedglass.com>

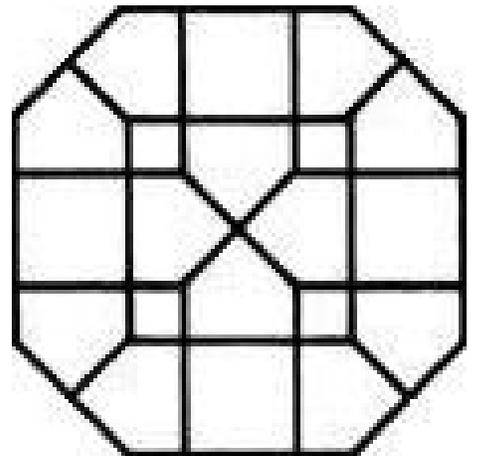
## Meeting News

The April meeting is to be held on Tuesday the 17th. The board meeting will not be held prior to the general meeting.

We will be cutting strips with the Morton System this month. Please bring your Morton Board, glass and any tools you need. Strips can be used to

make many things, including picture frames, which Ivan Frey will be showing us in May.

Call or bring a friend. Refreshments will be served by Carole Smith.





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## Ammolite

What is ammolite? It is an extremely rare gemstone, the fossilized remains of the ammonite. Ammonites were a relative of the chambered nautilus and found in all the oceans until they became extinct in the Cretaceous period. Ammolite found closer to the surface is more fractured. Ammolite found deeper in the ground is usually a higher quality gem.

What makes ammolite so beautiful is its iridescent fire and brilliance. It has been found in all colors known in nature. The most expensive pieces have more than one color. What is striking about some of the pieces is that they look like a mosaic. You can buy ammolite already made into jewelry or as a loose gem. It is not cheap.

To learn more visit the Aurora Ammolite Mine website [ammolitemine.com](http://ammolitemine.com).

## Beardens

### Classes

Roger Scovell: Intro to Air Brush; Joe Breazeae: Pendulum Clock; Advanced Fusing & Slumping -Glass Weaving; Sterling Sowers: Sandblasting 101 & Advanced; Stained Glass: Beginning & Better Techniques. Don't forget the free Wednesday evening Stained Glass Workshop, please call first to see if there is available space. 316-942-2929  
[www.rayersinc.com](http://www.rayersinc.com)

## Beadmaking

### Mid-Atlantic Glass Beadmakers

A very nice website for beadmakers. Posted are tips and tutorials, photos, calendar of events, suppliers, etc..  
[www.sgb-midatlantic.org/how-tos.html](http://www.sgb-midatlantic.org/how-tos.html)

## Events

### Glass Meetings Calendar 2007

[www.glassfactorydir.com/Calendar.html](http://www.glassfactorydir.com/Calendar.html)

## Spectrum

### The Score

Spectrum Glass has the new color copy of The Score posted. Stop in at Beardens for your black and white copy that includes the patterns.  
[www.spectrumglass.com](http://www.spectrumglass.com)

### System 96 Craft Corner

Ideas and lots of helpful information  
[www.system96.com/Pages/CraftCorner.html](http://www.system96.com/Pages/CraftCorner.html)

## Forums

The website for Glass Patterns Quarterly and Profitable Glass has two forums available. One is a hobby forum and the other is a professional forum.  
[www.glass-source.com/glasstalk](http://www.glass-source.com/glasstalk)

## SG Museum

### The Stained Glass Museum

If you ever have the chance to visit England, stop by and see The Stained Glass Museum. It is located on the upper level of Ely Cathedral in Ely, Cambridgeshire. If you can't make it there in person, take advantage of their website and see all the wonderful photos of glass pieces in the museum's collection. Also, click on Links and see many other great glass sites.  
[www.stainedglassmuseum.com](http://www.stainedglassmuseum.com)

## New Stuff

### The Frit Maker

Delphi Glass has a new exclusive item called The Frit Maker. "Turn scrap glass and rods into custom frit without any fuss! Simply place compatible glass into The Frit Maker, insert the upper plunger into the tube and plunge. You are in complete control - create as much or as little frit as you want, in any size you want." Item number 83901. Regularly sells for \$99.95, currently on sale for \$84.95.

### Alphabet Casting Molds

Another Delphi exclusive. Each mold has 4 letters and the Y Z mold has the exclamation point and question mark. Sells for \$16.95. 800-248-2048 [www.delphiglass.com](http://www.delphiglass.com)