



COURSE INFORMATION & PREPARATION

Course: Fusing Glass with Iridescent Effects

Tutor: Helga Watkins-Baker

Times: 10am – 4.30pm

On this information sheet, you will find some useful and essential information to help you prepare for the course.

Course Outline: This class will focus on the use of iridescent sheet glass to create stunning effects. Iridescence is created by applying chemicals to the sheet glass, leaving a coloured metallic sheen on the surface. We will use sandblasting and other techniques to manipulate the iridescent surface, gaining experience in creating new effects, as well as looking at clear coating, firing and lots more. A chance to develop new ideas and techniques in kiln forming.

What to Wear: This is a working glass studio that can be dusty so wear old not “precious” comfortable clothes and sensible flat footwear. Warm layers are best as we are working in a high ceiling barn, which can get chilly. We will supply safety glasses and any necessary protective wear.

Materials: All materials and special tools/equipment are supplied for this course. Please bring any personal tools, camera, ideas, sketches and any source inspiration you may like (this is optional).

Cool Down: Due to a cooling process, essential to all hot glassmaking (annealing), your glass must be cooled slowly overnight in a kiln and so will not be available to bring home on the day. You can collect your work at a later time (by arrangement) or we will securely package and post them to you for an additional £20 per box (£30 shared).

Lunch: We order in a buffet lunch from our local farm shop at £10 per person, per day. You may have booked this with us already, but if not, and you would like to book lunch (advance booking only – min 3 days), please let us know, or you can book online at www.theglasshub.co.uk/lunch.html Alternatively, bring a packed lunch. We have a fridge, kettle and microwave for student use. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Find us: Our address is below and you can find us on google maps <http://goo.gl/maps/grW3i> Park immediately on your left as you enter Stowford Farm from the A366. More information about our location, directions, public transport and accommodation, can be found on our website.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. The most important things to bring are an open mind and lots of enthusiasm!

With best wishes

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