



PRE-COURSE INFORMATION & PREPARATION

Course: Drop-Outs

Tutor: Helga Watkins-Baker

Times: 10am – 4.30pm

Dear Participant,

Thank you for enrolling on this course. We are looking forward to welcoming you to The Glass Hub and hope that you will have a great experience with us. On this information sheet you will find some useful and essential information to help you prepare for the course.

Course Outline: We will work with pre-fused blanks to explore the specialist construction and firing techniques as we fire a 'drop-out', as well as producing our own colourful fused blank to take home and fire. We will cover cutting, assembly, inclusions, kiln firing and slumping. We will also look at finishing techniques. A great way to develop new ideas and skills. Some prior experience with glass fusing is required for this course.

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 is 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 the essential cooling process (annealing), your glass must be cooled very slowly in a kiln and so will not available to bring home on the day it is made. You can collect your work at a later time (by arrangement) or we will securely package and post to you for an addition £20 (our cost, no more), whichever suits you.

Lunch: We order in a delicious buffet lunch from our local farm shop at £10 per day. You may have booked this with us already, but if not, and you would like lunch, please let us know, or you can book online at www.theglasshub.co.uk/lunch.html (min 3 days in advance) Alternatively bring a packed lunch. We have a fridge, kettle and microwave for student use. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Lunch time is usually 1pm.

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! We look forward to meeting you at The Glass Hub.

With best wishes

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