



PRE-COURSE INFORMATION & PREPARATION

Course: Reactive Glass Fusing

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: On this course we will combine Bullseye sheet glass, powder, frit or metal foils to get reactions when fusing, resulting in special colours and effects. We will experiment with the use of reactive opal and clear glasses with copper-bearing glasses, copper leaf and silver foil. We could also fuse Sulphur or copper-bearing glass, powder and frit with other reactive elements. Reactions range from subtle to dramatic and will enable you to develop new inspirations in glass design.

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 the cooling process, essential to all hot glassmaking (annealing), your glass must be cooled slowly in a kiln and so will not be 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 additional £20 (our cost, no more), whichever suits you.

Lunch: We can order in a delicious farm-shop buffet lunch 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 (advance booking only - min 3 days). Alternatively you may 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!

With best wishes

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