2008 WINTER WONDERS GLASS SHOW: FACT SHEET

About the Southeast Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild

The Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild is the Metro Detroit area's local chapter of the International Society of Glass Beadmakers (http://isgb.org). Our group's nickname is GlassAct. GlassAct is an organization dedicated to the education, promotion and preservation of lampwork and other related glass working techniques. We're a diverse Guild - all levels of glassworkers, from beginner to advanced, are welcome.

- The current GlassAct board members are:
    - Cindi Brunell, President (734-466-9877, cbrunell@actionappraisalinc.com)
    - Darlene Dombrowski, Vice President (586-247-9306, dar2000@mail.com)
    - Margaret Sutherland, Treasurer (248-437-5203, msutherland100@yahoo.com)
    - Kim West, Secretary (734-484-0347, jazzyglass@comcast.net)
- GlassAct has been in existence for 8 years and has about 70 members.
- GlassAct meets the second Sunday of every other month at The University of Michigan Dearborn in the Science Building, Room 251.
- In addition to business, GlassAct meetings include activities that help members become better glassworkers, artists, and entrepreneurs such as: creating glass color charts, making tools, photographing glass, income tax rules relevant to artists, using glass frit.
- GlassAct participates in several shows every year
    - Spring and Fall Bead Bonanza in Southfield (organized by the Great Lakes Beadworker's Guild)
    - Bead and Button in Milwaukee (organized by Bead and Button Magazine)
    - Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show
    - Winter Wonders Holiday Glass Show in Bloomfield Hills (organized by and for our members to participate in)
- GlassAct's website is http://glassact.org.

About the Winter Wonders Holiday Glass Show:

- Winter Wonders is a show for members of the Southeast Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild.
- Winter Wonders will have 25 tables, representing 29 artists creating one-of-a-kind glass beads, jewelry, ornaments, tiles, vases, plates, bowls, and other decorative and gift items. The work of GlassAct members is of exceptional quality, and in some cases, award-winning. This is a great place to find a special unique gift or accessory!
- See http://glassact.org/winterwonders to see the names, emails, websites and examples of work by members participating in Winter Wonders.
- During the entire show members will be demonstrating glass torch work. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch lampworking done by experienced bead makers.
- This is the sixth year of the Winter Wonders show and our third year at the Birmingham Unitarian Church. The first three years were held at the Brighton District Library. We outgrew that space and are now very happy to be at the Birmingham Unitarian Church.

About Lampworking:

- Lampworking is a process of melting glass with either a Mapp gas or oxygen/propane torch.
- Glass beads are usually made using a process of melting and winding glass onto a stainless steel rod that has been dipped into a substance that keeps the glass from sticking to the rod.
- There are several different kinds of glass that can be used for bead making.
- Once a bead has been made, it needs to go through an annealing process, slow controlled cooling in a kiln, so that the bead will not be likely to break either now or in the future.