

# Seraphim's Shards

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Well, the weather is cooler (then hotter), the nights are longer, the daylight is shorter, and that can only mean one thing: football season & school have started, and the holidays will soon be upon us! Thank goodness we have the joy of creating glass art to get us through this hectic season!

Our second lead class is winding to a close, and we are continuing our practice of being open for retail sales from 2-6 PM on the days of the lead class **ONLY**. Following the conclusion of this class on September 27, the studio will be open for retail sales the first full Tuesday-Thursday of October (October 3 - 5) and November (November 7-9). Due to a family event, there will be no scheduled open hours in December. However, as in the past, scheduling private retail shopping is possible; just be sure to give us at least 24 hours notice!

## Flowers of Hope

Hattiesburg's Breast Cancer Awareness Team (BCAT) identified 23 area residents from their 17 county service area as celebrating their first year of survivorship this October. As in previous years, response from area glass artisans (and friends!) has been humbling, and we have received enough panels to meet BCAT's goal. "Extra" panels received will be distributed to breast cancer recipients from additional months, or to breast cancer survivors at area awareness events!

**Flowers of Hope Deadline: Thursday, September 21:** All panels for the 2017 Flowers of Hope project should be turned in to the studio by this date, finished and ready to hang. Be sure your panel is labeled clearly as having been made "in honor of" or "in memory of" or "just because", so that we can make appropriate tags.

**Flowers of Hope Exhibit: October 2 - 14, 2017.** We will begin hanging the panels in the gallery spaces of the Library (329 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg) on October 2. All panels will be labeled with the name

of the artist, plus any dedication provided. The panels will remain on display at the Library during normal Library hours until October 14, when they will be removed and packaged for distribution by BCAT.

**Flowers of Hope Artists' & Breast Cancer Survivors' Reception: Thursday, October 12, 2017.** Each of the artists who created a panel for this (or previous) year's project, all area breast cancer survivors, and the general public are invited to join us at the galleries in the Library from 4:30 - 6:00 PM in a "**Celebration of Survival**". This is always a very rewarding event, as some of the project recipients attend and have an opportunity to meet the artist who created "their" panel. Light refreshments, provided by the Friends of the Library and BCAT, will be served during this reception.

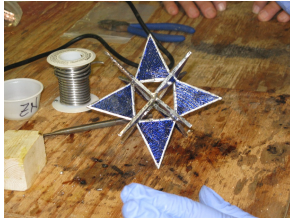
**Introduction to Fusing: Holiday Ornaments** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 21, from 10A - 2PM**. In the most basic terms, fusing is heating layers of glass until they have melted into each other. The first portion of the class will deal with the serious side of the fusing process: coefficients of expansion and glass selection; kiln selection, preparation, set-up and maintenance; firing logs, shelf paper, kiln wash, and similar topics.



During the second portion of the class, we will use pre-cut and other components to make fused glass holiday ornaments, perfect for gifting or using to decorate during the holidays! The **cost of the class is \$100 per person**, which includes all materials and supplies to make 5-6 ornaments, as well as a light lunch! Due to time limits, all projects will be fired at the conclusion of the class, and students will have to return to the studio at a later date to pick up their ornaments. Space is limited to 10 people, and may be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis by receipt in the studio of the **non-refundable**

registration fee by **Wednesday, October 18**. *This is an introductory level class, suitable for anyone interested in learning the basics of fused glass.*

**Introduction to 3D Copper Foil: Moravian Stars** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 11, 9A - 3PM**.



Roger Smith has agreed to teach this intermediate 3-D copper foil class again this year. These ornaments truly are too beautiful to be displayed only during the

holiday season! All materials will be provided, along with complete instructions, so that each student will leave the class with a completed Moravian Star. Cost for this one-day class is **\$50 per person**. Space is limited to 8, and deadline for receipt in the studio of the **non-refundable registration fee is Friday, November 3**.

This will close out our class schedule for the year!

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We received an update from Oceanside Glasstile, the California-based company that purchased Spectrum Glass & Uroboros Glass: both glass lines are in production in Mexico and are finding their way to distributors and retailers. So far, the prices and quality seem to be in line with past production (perhaps a bit higher price wise, but that could be due to overall price increases in the glass field in general!). A much better outlook than just a year ago, thanks to significant effort by all involved!

Bullseye Glass Company, which also was affected by the environmental situation in the Pacific Northwest, has received approval from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for an allowance to use chromium in its manufacturing process. The allowance is sufficient to manufacture the complete line of glass at full production levels, effective in June 2017. This means a variety of popular styles (spring greens, aventurine green, etc) are now re-entering the market! Again, a much better outlook than just a year ago, thanks to a significant effort by all involved!

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Here are some upcoming area arts related events, worth noting on your calendars:

**Live at Five:** Free concerts at Town Square Park, every Friday night @ 5pm, beginning September 22 and running through October! **Best Deal Ever!!!**

**Emerging Artists:** Hattiesburg Arts Council has issued a call for artists. Emerging Musicians, Writers, Dancers, Visual Artists, Stage Performers, and more are welcome to apply. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, October 13th, 2017**. Completed entry forms along with all required entry materials for your field need to be sent via email to: [hattiesburgartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hattiesburgartscouncil@gmail.com). Entry forms are available on the website [HattiesburgArtsCouncil.org](http://HattiesburgArtsCouncil.org) under Call for Artists menu. Acceptance notifications will be emailed by Friday, October 20, 2017.

**Statewide Art Contest:** In connection with the Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival in Ocean Springs. There is a \$2000 top prize, and the winning art will be showcased November 4-5th during 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival hosted by Blue Moon. Contest is open to any Mississippi resident over 21 years old; deadline for entry is **Friday, October 13**. Applications can be downloaded at [www.peterandersonfestival.com](http://www.peterandersonfestival.com), click on the Blue Moon Art Project link. All artwork must be delivered to the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce by Friday, October 13. For questions, call (228) 875-4424 or visit [www.peterandersonfestival.com](http://www.peterandersonfestival.com) for more festival details.

**2017 Emerging Artist Exhibit:** Sponsored by the Hattiesburg Arts Council, this exhibit will be held 3-7 PM on **Saturday, November 11th, 2017, during HHDA Holiday Art Walk**.

#### Ongoing events:

**Downtown Farmer's Market:** Every Thursday, 3-6PM, Town Square Park, through end of October.

**Downtown Hattiesburg Art Market:** First Fridays, The Shop Downtown (121 E Pine Street)

**Downtown Maker's Market:** First Saturday each month (next October 7), Town Square Park, 10A-4P.

**SMAA Juried Exhibit:** Sarah Gillespie Museum of Art, William Carey University, through September 28.

This is just a small smattering of all that is going on arts-wise during the fall in our area. So be sure to check the Facebook pages of these groups, and our own, to see what might be coming up next in your neck of the woods!

Hope to see you at these events ~ meantime, happy glassing!