

Well, to say it has been a strange year certainly would be an understatement! Between untoward events at the studio (critters, plumbing, AC, and more critter issues), issues at home (mostly AC related), further drastic changes in the glass industry and in the personal lives of family & friends, and travel (at least **that** was fun!), we've had a remarkably unproductive year! Hopefully, the next one will be a little more conducive to getting something done!

We will continue our "open for retail sales by appointment only" throughout the balance of the current year. No appointments will be accepted Thanksgiving week or during December (unless it is truly an emergency!). We hope to begin classes again in early February ~ keep watching our Facebook page for the most recent updates to our schedules (be sure to like us on FB to receive these!).

Howers of Hope

Hattiesburg's Breast Cancer Awareness Team (BCAT) identified 19 area residents from their 17 county service area as celebrating their first year of survivorship this October. Due to the humbling response from area glass artisans (and friends!) over the 14 years we have sponsored this project, each year one or two extra panels have been made or have gone unclaimed.

Over the years, we have distributed these extra panels at other area breast cancer events, as door prizes or gifts at BCAT's Tickle Me Pink receptions; breast cancer events hosted by Merit Health Wesley, Forrest General Hospital, and Pink!; or individually to breast cancer patients at the conclusion of radiation therapy or other events. Yet, we still accumulated quite a few panels, and in fact, we had enough "spare" panels to meet BCAT's goal this year. As a result, this year's exhibit will be comprised of panels from our early years through our most recent, and will feature a lovely display of over forty panels!

Flowers of Hope Exhibit: October 1 - 19, 2018.

We will begin hanging the panels in the gallery spaces of the Library (329 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg) on October 1. 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 19, when they will be removed and packaged for distribution by BCAT.

Flowers of Hope Artists' & Breast Cancer Survivors' Reception: Thursday, October 18, 2018. Each of the artists who created a panel for any 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, especially when the project recipients get to meet "their" artist. Light refreshments, provided by the Friends of the Library and BCAT, will be served during this reception, and we hope you will be able to join us there for this wonderful celebration.

If you have been following the glass news online, you know that Oceanside Glasstile, the California-based company that purchased Spectrum Glass & Uroboros Glass, has announced a price increase. Oceanside also has announced plans to drop a significant number of colors and textures in the Spectrum line, and to make all products, except for Spot Mottle, Ring Mottle and Baroque, as Compatible Fusible.

Bullseye Glass Company, which also was affected by the environmental situation in the Pacific Northwest, is back in full production, and some its colors that have been missing are now re-entering the market.

Kokomo Glass (in business since 1888) and Wissmach Glass (1904) are stepping up their production of fuse compatible glass to meet the demand caused by the shift in prices from Oceanside. Both of these companies make beautiful art glass, and we are looking forward to seeing how their foray into fusible glass goes! 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, began September 21st and running through October! **Best Deal Ever**!!!

Empty Bowls Fundraiser: In October 2012, Diane Shepherd and Main Street Books sponsored the first Empty Bowls Hattiesburg fundraiser, starting a community tradition as they raised funds and awareness for the Edwards Street Fellowship Center food pantry. Empty Bowls, an international grassroots effort to fight hunger, offers potters and other craftspeople the opportunity to work with their community to create beautiful handcrafted bowls.

Empty Bowls Hattiesburg takes place each fall in and around Main Street Books in Historic Downtown Hattiesburg. The \$25 cost includes a handcrafted / hand painted bowl as well as a meal of soup, bread, dessert, and beverage. Before enjoying their meal, guests select a one-of-a-kind bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Food and beverages for the event are donated by dozens of local restaurants, while other generous businesses contribute everything from the venue to the use of tables and chairs. All proceeds from the event fight local hunger through the Edwards Street Fellowship Center food pantry.

Saturday, October 13, 10:30 AM - 1PM.

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 17th, 2018.** Completed entry forms along with all required entry materials for your field need to be sent via email to: hattiesburgartscouncil@gmail.com. Entry forms are available on the website HattiesburgArtsCouncil.org under Call for Artists menu.

Brown Bag in the Park: Sponsored by the Hattiesburg Arts Council, every Thursday in October from 11:30A - 1P, enjoy a free concert at Fountain Park behind City Hall in Hattiesburg. Bring your own lunch, or purchase one from HAC for only \$7 (but you better arrive early if you want to purchase lunch ~ they go REALLY fast!)

Fall Art Walk: Sponsored by the Hattiesburg Historic Downtown Association, the 2018 Fall Art Walk will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 3-7pm. Registration for participating artists is open now, and may be obtained from the Association's Facebook page.

Peter Anderson Festival (Ocean Springs):

Presented by Blue Moon. This festival is named in honor of the late master potter, Peter Anderson, this fine arts and crafts festival celebrates the arts with more than 400 booths of artists and crafters from all over the United States and beyond. From oil paintings to pottery, hand-made jewelry, digital portraits, American folk toys, metal works and so much more, spectators can enjoy a festive weekend joined live music, coastal and ethnic foods surrounded by the Walter Anderson Museum of Art and more than 100 shops, restaurants and galleries set outside amongst 300 year old Oak Trees. November 3-4, downtown Ocean Springs, free but \$2/person donation requested.

2018 Emerging Artist Exhibit: Sponsored by the Hattiesburg Arts Council, this exhibit will be held 3-5 PM on **Saturday, November 10th, 2018**.

Ongoing events:

HAC smART Space Classes: Every Friday, 3-7 PM. FREE after school, creative movement, art, theater and music for children ages 6-12. CE Roy Community Center, 300 E 5th Street.

South Mississippi Art Associaiton meetings: Held monthly, second Tuesday of the month, at the Ben McNair Community Center, 300 N 12th Avenue, 6:30 PM.

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 (and check us out next spring . . .)

Art in the Garden

Presentation by Felder Rushing and Birdhouse Contest Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 from 2pm-4pm

> Featuring: Painted feather exhibit by Elaine Maisel, Glass art from Seraphim Studios, and Live Music. \$5 per each birdhouse entry; Details will be our website soon. Event location: Hattiesburg Cultural Center (the event is free and open to the public)