

Berrien Springs Partnership Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

CLASS TITLE: Advanced Glassblowing

GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: 15+

START DATE: August 24

END DATE: September 21

WEEKS TOTAL: 4

WEEKS OFF: Labor Day

DAY/TIME REQUIRED: Mondays 8am-12pm ADD'L DAYS/WK AVAILABLE:

HOURS (REQUIRED): 16

HOURS (POSSIBLE): 16

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 16

LOCATION/ADDRESS: DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION (if needed): 140 Water Street,
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

MAIN INSTRUCTOR: Eli Zilke

ADDITIONAL PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS (background checked):

CONTACT INFORMATION: phone: 269-449-4492

email:

eli@waterstreetglassworks.org

website:

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED?

IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

MAIN INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: Been blowing glass for 15 years. After 2 years of being a student he became an assistant instructor. For the last 11 years he has been the primary glassblowing instructor. He has built glassblowing studios from the ground

up. He is Water Street Glassworks Studio Manager, Head Instructor, Production Designer, and Fired Up! alumni.

COURSE DESCRIPTION (complete overview shown on website): Continue your glassblowing experience by further developing the skills and techniques learned in the introduction class. This class students will have more independence. They will make decisions in what they want to make, the styles, and the techniques to get there.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: Weekly breakdown of PBL activity:

Week 1-faster, thinner, cleaner- students will practice quick drills to improve their comfort with the materials.

Week 2-historical discussion and demonstrate of ancient drink ware.

Week 3- creating and assembling more complicated forms. In week 3 students will be asked to pitch a “final project” for the following week.

Week 4- final projects and critiques

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

To provide a further in-depth study of glass as material for craft and learn its role in history

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

All classes abide by the following:

- 1) Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the

web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

Class-specific assessment:

Students will be asked to first research and then attempt to replicate a historical glass pieces in the studio

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.): Not required but if the students want a “textbook” this is an excellent resource

https://www.amazon.com/Advanced-Glassworking-Techniques-Enlightened-Manuscript/dp/0963872818/ref=mp_s_a_1_10?dchild=1&keywords=ed+schmidt+advanced+glassblowing&qid=1597872684&sr=8-10

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

Attendance: Can miss up to one class. The instructor needs to be informed 24 hours in advance and there will be work assigned.

Behavior: Expected to show up ready for class (wearing the appropriate clothing). Respectful behavior to other students, instructor, new COVID-19 procedures, and the artform.

Weather: If class is to be cancelled the instructor will contact the students at least 2 hours before class is to start.