

Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications LABS

(CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)

COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE: The Art of Creating with Flat Glass

GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: Ages 12 and up

FORMAT: IN-PERSON ONLINE FLEXIBLE DAY AND TIME OF THE

WEEK: In-person classes, Thursdays 11:00am-3:00pm. 4 weeks
beginning September 18, 2025

Orientation : September 18th 11:00am

TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16 ADD'L POSSIBLE HRS (OPTIONAL TIME): TOTAL

SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 16

LOCATION: Water Street Glassworks, 140 Water Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

INSTRUCTOR: Gina Edwards

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ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED? YES or NO? YES

IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION: Emergency contact form and waiver must be completed by adult guardian

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS (may attach a separate page if necessary):

Gina Edwards has been working as a glass artist for over 20 years, and has been a Fused Glass and Bead Making instructor at Water Street Glassworks for 16 years.

COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW):

Students will explore the art of creating with flat glass. Students will learn glass cutting and shaping skills to create art in two very different art glass techniques: Fused Glass and Stained Glass.

Fused Glass: A brief introduction to kiln schedules will be followed by hands-on exploration of various techniques in glass fusing. Students will complete several projects including a coaster, nightlight or suncatcher, and a piece of garden art or a plate/tray/bowl.

Stained Glass: Students will learn to prepare and cut a pattern, foil the glass pieces, and solder, patina and polish to create a beautiful stained glass piece of art using the copper foil method of stained glass.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES

Describe activities that will reinforce the lesson. Include any work and time to be required outside of class:

Week 1 - Fused Glass -Intro to tools and practice cutting,shaping, and grinding flat glass.
Create small project like coaster or nightlight

Week 2 - Expand on previous weeks lesson to design and create larger project (Pick up completed projects on 4th week of class.)

Week 3 - Stained Glass - Refresh on tools/ learn techniques to cut on different textured glass, pick from some designs or bring your own basic design.

Week 4 - Stained Glass- Finish cutting and grinding (if you have any left) and foil wrap. Discuss Solder and new tools then complete your stained glass window. All project will go home today

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

Steps to check for student understanding, along with dates or # of weeks into class

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

1) Students agree 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 into 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: discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you use.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.)

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

Attendance: Students MUST attend class per BSPP policy. No make-up days will be scheduled.

Weather: Water Street Glassworks follows Benton Harbor Public Schools closures for weather.

Other: Students will need to bring a notebook, writing utensil, water bottle, and snack to each class.

Students MUST:

- Wear all-cotton clothing - including long pants
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Not wear jewelry, acrylic nails or false eyelashes
- Wear long hair tied-back
- Wear safety glasses (provided by WSG) at all times