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### Hot Glass Wow! Glass Blowing and Beyond April 27-May 1, 2020

This 5-day intensive workshop you will introduce you to the exciting world of molten glass and glassblowing. This course will give students the know how of practical glass blowing and skills. On Day 1 we will introduce you to the Hot Shop, tools and the furnace. We will learn to gather the glass and students will make solid glass paperweights. During the day we will discuss our fascination with Hot Glass and the history of glass making. Day 2 we will look at intricacies of blowing into the glass learning the do's and don'ts to make a successful blown piece of glass. Students will also be encouraged to work in a team helping each other blow, paddle, reheat, and punty the glass. Day 3 will be a progression from Day 2 learning to master the control of the glass gaining confidence with their skills. Days 4 and 5 we will push the pieces using various color techniques and applications such as handles, thread trails, decorative colour bits. Through out the week we will maximize the hot shop time provided and make as much glass as the furnace allows.

Students are encouraged to bring their ideas, pictures and dreams of what kind of glass pieces they love. We can discuss the techniques and possibly attempt a couple of them at the end of the week.

Strong emphasis will be focused on equal bench time, Studio professionalism etiquette. The main focus will be to have fun and learn how awesome it is to work molten glass making new friends along the way.

Please do not hesitate to email or telephone me with ANY questions that you may have. I am looking forward to meeting you all!

Additional items that you must bring:

- A great attitude and spirit of adventure
- Cotton long pants and cotton tee shirt for each day
- Closed toed shoes
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses
- All Purpose work gloves
- Long pair of gym socks, for arm sleeves

