

Our Studio and Experience

The Glass Impressions studio space has recently been renovated, and additional bench area now enables me to hold classes of up to four students. We are located in Mineral Springs, NC, a small, rural, community in south central North Carolina, about 25 miles south of Charlotte, NC. Our studio is in a quiet, relaxed, wooded setting.

I have been working with glass for over 36 years. I began working with soft glass, primarily lead crystal and colored glass tubing, making mostly hollow pieces, using compatible COE (Coefficient of Expansion) colored glasses for ornamentation. After working in that area for several years, I expanded my area of interest and began working with borosilicate glass (Pyrex), creating small, detailed sculpture. Subsequent demands drew me into producing sand-carved work, where I concentrated for a number of years, before another customer's requests caused me to get involved with kiln-fired glass work. I now produce both small and large items: tiny glass beads on one end of the spectrum, and large, architectural, sand-carved panels at the other. I am also involved with glass furniture, and, more recently, with creating unusual glass bathroom sinks.

I have been teaching introductory lampworking classes for several years, and have given private, continuing instruction when students wished to learn more. I have been involved with soft glass in areas where there is not a lot of participation, and enjoy the ability to combine skills from different areas to create the unusual. I would be happy to help you investigate hot glass work, and help you to decide if you would like to pursue higher levels of skill in any of the areas in which I have experience. Whether you would like to participate in a class, or if you would be more comfortable with private instruction, please get in touch if you have an interest. If you have previous experience, and would like to learn something outside of your expertise, I'd be happy to work with you toward that goal.

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