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PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER OFFERS FALL GLASS CLASSES

Workshops and classes focus on all types of glass and ability levels

PITTSBURGH, PA...How did Dale Chihuly do it? Does it really take super strength and amazing lungs to blow glass? Take a glass class or workshop at Pittsburgh Glass Center this fall to get the answers to these questions and more. Pittsburgh Glass Center's fall workshop and class schedule begins in September 2007. Classes range from three-hour workshops to eight-week in-depth classes for all skill levels.

"We find that different personalities tend to be drawn to different studios. For example, the hot shop is fast-paced, spontaneous, and physical, while flameworking is slower-paced and tends to require a focus on detail and precision," said assistant director Heather McElwee.

More Beginner Workshops as "Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass" + Special Four-pack Discount

PGC has scheduled more beginner weekend workshops than ever this fall due to the increasing demand from the local community. Introductory workshops are a great way to get a taste of the many different processes and techniques. Experienced artists lead the workshops with a short discussion about safety and offer a demonstration of the day's activity. Then, participants get started creating their own art. This fall PGC offers the following introductory three-hour weekend workshops:

- Paperweights at the Furnace \$81
- Blown Glass Holiday Ornaments \$81
- Bodacious Beads \$70
- Fused Glass Coasters \$75
- Embossed Glass Tumblers \$70

MORE

Sign up for four workshops and PGC offers a four-pack discount for \$275. Pre-registration is required for all workshops and classes at Pittsburgh Glass Center. To get more details visit www.pittsburghglasscenter.org or call 412-365-2145 ext. 208.

Eight-week Glass Classes

PGC has in-depth eight-week classes in all of its studios for beginners and advanced students throughout the week. All classes meet once a week for three hours. Eight-week classes run September 25 – November 18 and include:

In the Hot Shop

- Introduction to Hot Glass (glassblowing) I
- Hot Glass (glassblowing) II
- Hot Glass (glass blowing) III

In the Flame Shop

- Flameworking I FUNdamentals
- Flameworking II – Molding Moretti
- Flameworking II – Blowing Boro
- Beginner Beadmaking
- Beadmaking II

In the Casting Studio

- Introduction to Fusing and Slumping
- Fused and Slumping Design
- Introduction to Kiln Casting

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Special Collaboration with Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Pittsburgh Glass Center and Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens are offering special collaborative one-day workshops. All classes begin with a tour of "Chihuly at Phipps: Gardens and Glass," then continue at Pittsburgh Glass Center with a hands-on activity.

MORE

PGC and Phipps Conservatory collaborative workshops include:

- Japanese Glass Floats \$94 September 22 and October 6
- Glass Flower Making \$94 October 20
- Glass Paperweights \$94 November 3
- Parent/Child Glass Flower Making \$105 December 1

To register for collaborative workshops, contact Phipps Conservatory at 412-441-4442.

New Hot Glass Blow Out for High School Students December 15 and 16

PGC created a special workshop new this year for high school students. It is an intensive, fun-filled class that teaches young students how to gather, shape, and blow hot glass. The class will start with the basic paperweight and quickly progress to simple blown forms. For details visit www.pittsburghglasscenter.org or call 412-365-2145 ext. 208.

About Pittsburgh Glass Center

Celebrating its fifth anniversary in conjunction with “Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass” in 2007, Pittsburgh Glass Center is a nonprofit, public access glass studio and gallery dedicated to teaching, creating and promoting glass art. The 16,000+ square foot facility houses state-of-the-art studios in hot glass, flameworking, coldworking, casting and kilnworking. The staff of skilled technicians, highly qualified instructors and dedicated administrators work together to create an open environment where students of all skill level can explore and achieve their creative vision in glass. The goal is to provide instruction and resources to expand the skills and knowledge of our students, while fostering a new generation of glass artists and enthusiasts in the Pittsburgh region, and in its East End home. Learn more about the Pittsburgh Glass Center by visiting our Web site at www.pittsburghglasscenter.org or by calling 412-365-2145.

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