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MAKE YOUR OWN GLASS VALENTINE

Enjoy Hands-on Time Together with the Family or a Friend at Pittsburgh Glass Center

PITTSBURGH, PA – January 24, 2012 – Pittsburgh Glass Center (PGC) is offering two unique hands-on activities for couples, families or individuals before and after Valentine's Day.

Make-It-Now Valentines on February 10 from 5 - 10pm

Make your own glass flower, pendant or personalized fused valentine on Friday, Feb. 10 from 5 to 10pm. The 20-minute walk-in workshop is open to anyone age five and above. No experience is required. The cost is \$35 per flower or \$25 for heart pendants or fused valentines.

Experienced glass artists work one-on-one with participants to offer guidance and tips for creating the glass flower, pendant or valentine. For the flower, participants will manipulate and sculpt molten glass from the 2,200 degree furnace, add color and shape a glass flower approximately eight inches long. To make a pendant, participants will melt rods of colorful glass at the torch and sculpt the melting glass into a heart-shaped pendant that will be ready to wear (after it cools.) For a fused valentine, the options are numerous. Participants start with a 4" x 4" flat, blank square of glass and then layer various shapes and colors of glass to create their own design. Paint will also be available for anyone who would like to personalize fused valentines with a special message.

Make-It-A-Date Night on March 15 from 6 - 11pm

Similar to the Make-It-Now Valentine event, this event is especially designed for couples to work together to make a blown glass garden float or ornament on Thursday,

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March 15 from 6 - 11pm. It's a test of compatibility because it takes teamwork to blow glass. For \$60, couples can enjoy an evening of glassblowing demonstrations and make their own blown float or ornament. PGC will provide entertainment and refreshments in addition to this hands-on hot time. Participation is by reservation only.

For more details about either event, visit www.pittsburghglasscenter.org. To register, call 412-365-2145.

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Glass Art: We teach it. We create it. We promote it. We support those who make it. Pittsburgh Glass Center is a nonprofit, public access glass school, gallery and state-of-the-art studio. Visit our facility located in Pittsburgh's East End at 5472 Penn Avenue, two blocks west of the Penn & Negley Avenue intersection or visit us online at www.pittsburghglasscenter.org.

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