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Workshop Info and Student Supply List: Beginner Glassblowing: Pumpkin Mayhem with Jesse Rasid

Date: September 14-15, 2019

Studio Location: Hot Shop - Glassblowing Studio

Class Description:

Welcome the change of seasons with a harvest of glass pumpkins. Start with the fundamentals of glassblowing: gathering, marvering, tool usage, and temperature control. Then, learn how to apply color and texture to the glass to make vibrant colored pumpkins with realistic curly stems, curvy gourds, and autumnal paperweights. Go from a novice to a pumpkin-making machine in just two days!

Supply Information:

Your supply fee covers the use of shared glass and consumables for projects completed during class and open studio hours. We use crystallica glass cullet as our standard glass. In addition, your instructor requests that you bring the following materials:

- A sketchbook or notebook and drawing or writing utensil
- Your own glass tools, if you have them
- Hooded sweatshirt
- Clear safety glasses or light sunglasses (non polarized)

Important Safety Guidelines for the Glassblowing Studio:

Proper attire:

- Bring a long sleeved shirt. Wear only natural fibers – cotton is best. NO Polyester fabrics: they will melt and combust against your skin around a flame.
- No open-toe shoes. Leather shoes or work boots are best.
- Pair of old socks that can be cut up
- A sweat-band or bandana

Please also bring the following safety gear:

- Water bottle to stay hydrated
- If you wear contact lenses, it's a good idea to have a supply of saline eye drops handy--contacts can dry quickly with the exposure to heat.
- Hair tie to tie back long hair

Open Studio Guidelines for Glassblowing:

The glassblowing instructor must be present for all open studio time. They will outline a schedule, which for safety reasons may not go past 10pm. There is to be no consumption of drugs or alcohol in the studios, nor shall students work with studio equipment when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Instructor Info:

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Bio: Jesse, a graduate of Massachusetts College of Art and Design, began blowing glass in 1992 and founded NOCA Glass School in 2006. He began as an apprentice to Josh Simpson and worked in a variety of glass shops and production glass factories until he began attending MassArt in 1999. After graduating in 2003 Jesse worked for Marco Weiner, Andy Magdanz and other glassblowers in New England. Seeing a void of good technical instruction Jesse began the NOCA Glass School in 2006. Jesse also holds the distinction of being a Golden Gloves boxer.