



INSPIRED FIRE GLASS STUDIO & GALLERY

Sharon Owens, a Lafayette resident, has opened Inspired Fire Glass Studio and Gallery, Lafayette, to teach others the art of glass blowing. From applying individual beads of glass onto a bowl that she created to making a bead in the shape of a woman's face, complete with a sparkle in her eyes, Owens enjoys using flame and furnace techniques and finding new, more complicated ways of getting enhanced effects.

"The more complicated it is, the more I enjoy it," Owens, a member of Artists' Own, 128 N. Third St., Lafayette, said as she pointed to a photograph of one of the vases she made which integrated different layers of colored glass.

"There's so much to experience, so much to experiment with, that I don't think you'll ever know everything about glass; at least I don't expect to," Owens said.

But the Indiana University graduate does hope to pass on the knowledge she does have about glass and glass blowing to others by offering classes at Inspired Fire. Flame working classes will start soon and will cost approximately \$150 for a day and a half of training. Tools and glass will be provided.

Students will start out by learning how to make beads from glass, said Owens, who also teaches classes in Indianapolis, showing a picture of a beaded necklace she made from dark green glass. Removing a dangling leaf-shaped earring from her ear, Owens showed the earring that matched the necklace in the photo.

"(Students) will be amazed at what they can do (with glass)," Owens said.

From the beads, Owens hopes students will understand the techniques of glass blowing in order to be able to express themselves in different ways with the glass.

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