

Step-by-Step Techniques

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Mark is collaborating with FOCI Glass in Minneapolis, MN to create hand-blown drinking glasses using our kiln-formed cookies. Mark starts with metal molds and fills them with glass chunks, stringers and rods.

The cookies are placed in the kiln and heated to 1500 degrees F. The completed cookies will be taken to the hot-shop where gaffers will blow them into drinking glasses.

Check back to see the gaffers at work...

The cookies were reheated in the kiln to 1100 degrees F and placed on a collared blow pipe. Mark and several gaffers turn blowing cookies out. Thank you to FOCI gaffers Michael Boyd, David Royce, and Andrew Thompson for their participation in this project.

The finished drinking glasses were easy on the eyes.

The glasses were part of theFOCI Glass Cup Sale,a Springboard for the Arts fundraiser

This project was completed earlier in the year...

Mark has just started work on a fused / leaded chapel window for the Benedictine Living Community in Saint Peter, MN.

Mark began with a full-scale color sketch. He is now creating the fused pieces to incorporate into the window.

We ran into some difficulty with this project when a power outage struck mid-firing in the middle of the night. We lost two complete panels, but it allowed us to see how we could make changes that would improve the appearance of the window.

We're back on track now, and the project is progressing well. The pre-fused elements (eagle, angel, etc) are set in place on the panels. The background (trees, water, etc) are now being added in the form of powdered and ground glass and some torched pieces.

All of the panels have been successfully fired in the kiln. We've leaded the panels together to complete the window. It is now ready to be transported to the site and installed.

The window is now installed in the chapel at the Benedictine Living Community of Saint Peter Saint Peter, MN

We hope you've enjoyed watching this project as it has progressed! Project Update (next page)... This past March, the bishop traveled to Saint Peter to bless the window and chapel space in a ceremony at the Benedictine Living Community.

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