

Burnsville Studio Offers Walk-In Glass Blowing Classes

Burnsville's newest glass studio provides members of the public the opportunity to make their own piece of blown glass art six days a week.



Hearth Glass and Gallery is owned by one of America's most famous glass-blowing

families. Keikichi Littleton and her brother, Tadayoshi, opened the studio in 2022. Their great-

grandfather, Dr. Jesse Littleton, invented Pyrex glass cookware for Corning Glass Works in 1915, while their grandfather, Harvey Littleton, became the father of the

“We are tending the flame, carrying on the tradition of blown glass for future generations,” says Keikichi Littleton.

American Studio Glass Movement in the 1960s by proving that free-form glass blowing could be done by individual artists outside of an industrial setting.

Located in a vintage gas station on Burnsville's Main Street, **Hearth Glass** is an open-access studio. It allows anyone to walk in Tuesday through Sunday for glass blowing demonstrations and classes. Special demos from area glass

artists take place on weekends. Individual classes, couples' classes and group classes for up to six people can be booked in person, via phone or online.

Probably the most popular option is the make-your-own class for individuals. This one-hour session allows you to create glass art by working one-on-one with an experienced

instructor. Participants choose between a handblown ornament, cup or paperweight, and customize it with their choice of colors.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more info, visit HearthGlassNC.com or call (828) 678-1809.



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