

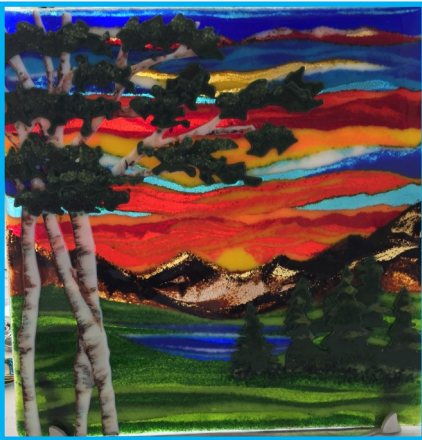
Artist of the Month—Annie Dotzauer



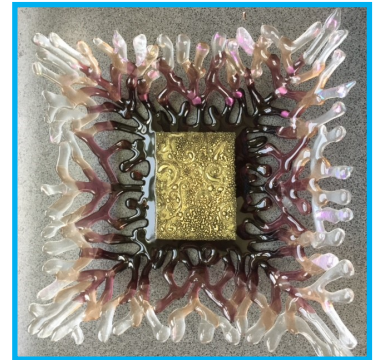
I am a former art teacher, (taught Art for 17 years) third grade teacher, fifth grade teacher and then an administrator. I have an art degree, but never had a chance to practice my craft until now. I retired 5 years ago. About 4 years ago I discovered glass. I became obsessed with glass. We even built a glass studio for me two years ago. I am constantly trying to learn new techniques and experimenting every week (or daily). I now have three kilns and looking to buy my fourth. I have a very supportive husband who gives me tools on birthdays, Christmas and anniversaries.



In the past year I have been honored to have one of my pieces published in glass art magazine. The CEO of Colors for Earth (manufacturers and distributes glass enamels) has purchased two of my pieces. I was featured in Slumpys 2017 catalogue (largest distributor of artist glass for the entire eastern part of the USA). And I demonstrated and again my work was featured in Las Vegas last November at the international fused glass convention. Whew, I felt ever so honored!



I belong to a glass fusion club with 50 active members. I have taught multiple glass classes at Gallery East in Belleview Florida. In our glass fusion club I have been demonstrating and teaching glass techniques to our members here in The Villages. I have also produced over 20 “how to” projects for our club members. We have two large Skutt kilns at the recreation center as well as various grinders and saws. I am currently in charge of the kilns but have a wonderful team who help with the daily firings.



I am oh so fortunate.