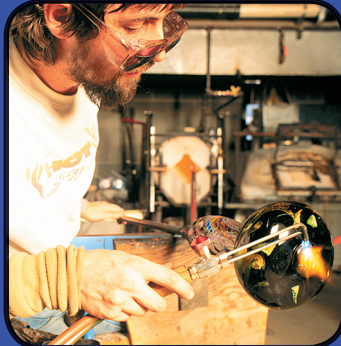
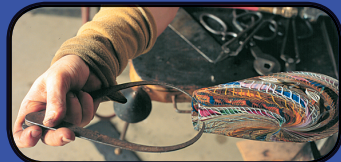


Gossamer Glass Studio



Brian Kerkvliet



The Studio & The Artist

Gossamer Glass Studio was founded by Brian Kerkvliet in 1982 to explore art glass creation through furnace and flame-working techniques. Brian and his team create a variety of unique sculpture and functional art glass. They utilize many time honored Venetian glassworking processes and blend in a little contemporary wit and whimsy: from custom chandeliers, vases and bowls, to goblets, cups and candle holders! For collectors of small precious pieces we offer perfume vials, paperweights, marbles and beads! Known for his intricate mosaic cane murrine and whimsical imagery, Brian's work is collected throughout the world. He has taught in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and U.S., including the world renowned Pilchuck Glass School and Penland School of Arts and Crafts.

Gossamer Glass Studio uses several different types of glass. For furnace work, (gathering molten glass on a blowpipe out of a furnace and forming it) our glass is melted using silica sand, a variety of fluxing agents and colorants. This "batch" is cooked overnight in furnaces at 2400°F. For flameworking, (blowing and shaping tubes and rods of glass at a torch) colorful Italian Moretti glass is used for beads and marbles, while borosilicate glass (also known as Pyrex®) is most often used for goblets and sculptural pieces. Both furnace and flameworking utilize a combination of temperature, gravity and centrifugal force to creatively coax the molten material into form. Addition of color, zanfirico cane or murrines embellish many pieces. The basic tools are essentially the same as those used in ancient times, they are made of metal, wood, marble or graphite.

Our glass is entirely handmade. Sizes, shapes and colors can vary slightly, enhancing the unique quality of each piece. When a piece from *Gossamer Glass* passes our quality control, it is signed and dated for lasting value. *Gossamer Glass* production work is signed "GGS, year", one-of-a-kind pieces are signed "GGS, Brian, year" All of us here at *Gossamer Glass Studio* have enjoyed creating your piece of fine collectable glassware and hope that it will bring years of pleasure to you!