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## **Mission Street Arts in Jemez Springs, NM to Host Free Glass Artist Demo & Workshop**

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—Mission Street Arts - an artist residency program in Jemez Springs, New Mexico - is hosting a free, public demonstration featuring glass artists Doug Ohmstroff and Joanne Stone on Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. followed by a free glass making workshop taught by both artists on Aug. 17 and 18.

Both Ohmstroff and Stone use the flame-working, or lamp-working, method of softening the glass and then shaping it. This method involves pre-made borosilicate glass tubes and rods that are heated with two sources of fuel. The spark from an igniter creates a torch flame which forms the glass. Flame working with borosilicate glass is popular because it can handle extreme temperature changes without cracking.

The free public demonstration will take place outside the Jemez Springs Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 15 from 5-5:30 p.m. then again and 7:30-8 p.m. Both artists will have work available to purchase.

Then on Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18, Mission Street Arts will offer free morning and afternoon workshops at their studios located at 45 Mission Street in Jemez Springs. Participants in the workshops will receive hands on glass sculpture training led by Ohmstroff and Stone. The workshops are free; however there is a sliding scale cost to cover materials. Please contact [missionstreetarts.com](http://missionstreetarts.com) to register, as space is limited and will fill quickly.

### **About the Artists.**

**Doug Ohmstroff.** Originally from the Philadelphia area, Doug Ohmstroff has been a practicing glass artist for over 25 years, creating works in both “hot shop” and flame-working techniques. Doug’s glass sculptures are influenced by nature and his practice of foraging as a child, when he was excited to scavenge for natural forms ranging from frogs to blueberries. Making glass art satisfies his childhood fascination with fire and the materials that it transforms. Ohmstroff brings the natural form to the torch and transforms glass into sculpture. Originally from the Philadelphia area, Ohmstroff worked in a number of local glass studios including: La Sorgente, Taylor Backus, Bucks County Community College, The Crefeld School, and Tyler School of Art, to name a few. Ohmstroff lives in Colorado and owns a flameworking glass studio. He also teaches flame-working workshops for adults and children.

**Joanne Stone.** A Jemez Springs resident, Joanne Stone is originally from Louisiana and studied glass art in Oregon. Joanne creates intricate abstract and figurative work in

the form of small jewelry, bud vases, ornaments, and sculpture. Her work is currently available at Jemez Mountain Pottery and the Jemez Public Bath-house gift-shop.

For more information, visit [www.missionstreetarts.com](http://www.missionstreetarts.com) or contact Billy Ehret at 917-540-2334 or [billyehret@missionstreetarts.com](mailto:billyehret@missionstreetarts.com).

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