

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW

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MAY PROGRAM

Cindy Swanson presented a program on Italian Mosaics. She shared with us about her trips to Italy to study in Ravenna, Rome, Venice and Florence. And she brought some of her work with her, such as the Doves below. After she told us how many hours she spends on a piece many of us decided we might not have the required patience to produce such pieces of art! Cindy also brought many of her tools and supplies so we could see, and feel them, to get a better idea about how the pieces were actually made. The small rectangular pieces of glass, tesserae, she uses in many of her mosaics are smalti. Smalti is the type of hand made opaque glass used in "Venetian Enamelled Glass, or Byzantine Glass. Each piece is hand cut so the size of each tesserae varies a little. Suppliers advertise that it is easy to cut the smalti with a traditional hammer and hardie but Cindy tells us it takes a LOT of practice to use the hammer and hardie correctly. If you would like to take her class you may contact Water Works. For more information about smalti and mosaics and mosaic supplies you might want to check out www.MosaicSmalti.com, www.xinamarie.com or contact Cindy.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We've heard requests for many different kinds of programs for our monthly meeting.

Here are just a few...

**Soldering Skills,
Working With Lead
Came,
Setting Up A Work
Area or Studio,
How To Do Corners,
Boxes & Bevels,
Glass Cutting
Techniques**

What would you like to see?

More demonstrations?
More hands-on with equipment, tools and supplies?
Mini workshops?

What would you be willing to teach?

Please let Tina, or any of the other officers know. We're here to serve YOU!!!!

OUR THANKS!

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for providing door prizes for our May meeting. **Tulsa Stained Glass, The Glass Station, Homestead Stained Glass and Cherry Street Stained Glass.**



THANK YOU AGAIN! For making the crosses for our unnamed New friends in Long Beach, Mississippi. Guts Church took 27 down on April 23rd. Hopefully we will get pictures of them in their new homes! **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** If you want to send a cross to Mississippi but you just couldn't get it finished before last month's meeting, please bring it to the Stained Glass Guild meeting on the 10th of June. Guts Church will be taking more needed supplies to them in June or July. Your cross will be welcome.

DON'T FORGET... if you have surplus equipment or supplies you may contact Mike Hardgrove and he will list what you have in the monthly newsletter!