



Karen Hovis

ARTIST OF THE MONTH, JUNE 2024



Featured Artist

The featured artist for **June 2024** is **Karen Hovis**. Karen is a fused glass artist who creates kiln formed glass pieces using the techniques of fusing, draping, dropping, slumping and pulling of glass in its various forms of powder, frit, and sheet. Glass, and the beautiful dance that is created when light touches it, has always mesmerized Karen. She began her journey with fusing in 2005 in Martin County, Florida. Numerous courses and years of study, along with trial and error, have taken Karen from Florida, to Georgia,

and finally to North Carolina. She has had the pleasure of learning personally from many well-established glass artists.

In 2016 she retired from the insurance world and now has more time to follow her passion. Karen is a student at heart and thrives on trying new techniques and methods. As a former teacher, she loves to explain to others how each piece is created.

In 2019, [Blue Ridge Crafts Trails](#) added Karen's studio to their tour. She was recently honored to have one of her pieces chosen for viewing in Washington, D.C. at the Appalachian Regional Commission Office. Karen's studio is located in Brasstown, North Carolina, and you may find her work at Mountain Regional Library, and also at [Time to Fuse](#).

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