

May / Jun 2009



YES!! It is that time of year The dates for the Fair are August 13 - 23

The premium book is on line at www.iowastatefair.org. Stained Glass has 5 divisions this year. They include Copperfoil, Lead, Mosaic, 3-D and an original design for the 2009 Iowa State Fair theme. Entries must be submitted online or postmarked on or before July 1, 2009. Entry fee is only \$5.00. Your entries have to be at the fair August 7th 2009. **So get started on your fair projects!!**

www.iowastatefair.org

I actually got one of my projects done and a second one almost done! I am way ahead of schedule this year—now that is just down right scary!

Due to a family illness, the store will need to close at various times during the day. We are trying to stay open for our loyal customers and Dena & Dianna will be filling in when they can. So if you could please call before you make your trip.

Thank you,

Beckey & Terry

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NOTICES....

10% off "Yellow" glass in May!

10% off "Red, White & Blue" glass in June!

Happy Mother's Day!

If you have ideas for a class you would like to take let Beckey know!

Hours:

Tue - Fri 10:00 - 6:00

Sat 9:00 - 4:00

Closed Sun & Mon

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for any changes in hours

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Things you always wanted to know — but were afraid to know or ask.....

Featuring - Our very own Rebecca Sue Anderson

Becky was born at Allen Hospital in Waterloo, IA on February 12, 1957. She is the second child of Richard and Sally Blake. She has 1 brother Rick that lives in La Claire, IA with his family. Becky grew up loving Barbie's & horses. (If you know Becky at all you know she has a very active imagination!) She got her first horse Pelican when she was 16. Becky's dad and grandpa supported her with her love for horses. She raised & showed Arabian horses. Becky is a award winning equestrian, not to mention having a business of sewing Arabian Native Horse costumes. "Faj" was her treasured horse that won many trophies, including the Iowa's Finest Five Champion & Native Costume title.

In 1975 Becky graduated from Cedar Fall's High School, where she studied three foreign languages She started working with her mom at United Way, going on to be employed at McDonalds. She then went to work at Northwestern Bell as a combination technician, which meant she did everything from running the wires in the central office, climbing poles and installing phones. She also worked on 8 party lines.

Becky was married in 1978, and divorced in 1994, "known as living in stupidity" - as Becky put it. I'm not going there - you can if you dare? In 1995 she moved to Montezuma where her folks were living at Lake Ponderosa. She worked at Brownells as the technical secretary. During that time she was interested in the Renaissance Fairs. Her friend Sylvia and Becky started going to the fairs and ended up making their own costumes. It was during this time she met & started dating Terry. Terry is easily tricked, so she talked him into going to a renaissance fair—even dressed up! Terry finally proposed to Becky in the kitchen of the old house in Monte. The wedding date was set for Oct 14, 2000. Of coarse you all know it couldn't be a traditional wedding with Becky involved. The next 18 months she made 57 outfits for the wedding—ALL the wedding was clothed in Renaissance clothes. On that special day the whole wedding party paraded down the street to the "Westwoods" (the park) and had the ceremony and then paraded back to the "Hall of Memorial" (Memorial Hall) for the reception. I'm sure it was quite the ordeal—just wish I could of know Becky and Terry then. They have 7 Basenji's: Mickey (deceased 5/1/09), Angel Boo, Buddy, Skittles, Buster, Buttons and Bandit. Try to say that fast 3 times! At the shop they have 3 birds. Peeps, Oliver and of course you all know Pedee.



Becky & Terry both have a love for stained glass so they started Dragonshire GlassWork Studio in the fall of 1999 in their home in Montezuma, both had full time jobs so they were only open on the week-ends. By 2002, Becky was running the business full time. They decided to move the business to Grinnell in 2003 in the downstairs area below Images clothing store (now Dori's) After considering the store needed more exposure they moved to the Cunningham building with an actual store front! Well in Sept of 2008, they decided to move again—this time to their own building on the corner of 6th & Main St. Becky has become a expert in moving glass. I for one hope this is the last move for awhile....I'm tired!



A plated Tiffany window at
The Smith Museum in Chicago

Becky has expanded her talents in the glass world to include: stained glass, commission work, repairs, etching, jewelry, glass painting, glass fusing. She teaches all kinds of classes. She took a glass painting class from Sister Marie Tatina, Oblate OSB, a fusing class with Larry at Ed Hoys and a intense 4 day frit fusing class with Richard La Londe in Freeland, WA. Becky also had the pleasure to have a very interesting conversation with Barry Masser in Bellingham, WA about glass plating. Barry is a pioneer in the rebirth of Tiffany's glass plating.

In the little spare time Becky gets she enjoys being active in the SCA, Society of Creative Anachronism. For those of you who are not familiar with this group, it is more than a renaissance adventure; it is a study of things done in medieval time between 600-1600. They recreate it the way it was done then. In the SCA you get to pick a persona and a name. In this world Becky is known as Lady Elizabeth Joscelyne (around here it is just Queen B). Elizabeth was born in the late 1200's and is a daughter of a stained glass master. Ask her sometime about her device with the big blue B's. So you can see Becky can't seem to stay away from glass. She has done several projects in stained glass for the group. She also does bead making, and in the fiber arts, bobbin lace. When Becky is not doing glass with the group she is off shooting Archery. She has even gone as far as to learn fletching, which is making her own arrows. She has recently told me that she will be shooting cross bow late this summer.

In the spring of the past few years she dresses up like a Queen (that she is) and gives a presentation to the local middle school during their study of the middle ages. She puts on her most regal outfit, including crown & scepter, to hold court. Now she has her own throne too! I have been fortunate enough to have missed that whole adventure, but you can ask Dianna all about it .

Future plans for Becky are already in the works! She is starting her own webpage called [Art by BeckyB](#). It will display one of a kind pieces of fused glass art. Ask her about the Iowa Stained Glass Retailers and The Iowa Glass Art Guild.

**Oh I forgot to tell you that there was going to be a test! Be sure to print this out with your answers and bring or send it to the shop. There will be a drawing for a super wonderful prize. :-)
Entries must be received in the shop by July 1, 2009.**

When is her birthday?

What date was Terry & Becky married?

What is the name of her new Webpage?

What is her favorite color?

What are her parents names?

What does she hate doing with stained glass?

Who are her 5 Dragon sisters?

How many costumes did she make for her wedding?

What kind of car does she drive?

What are the names of her birds?

Where does she go in June with the SCA?

What is the "fish's" name?

What is her SCA name?

Who was Becky's Japanese student?

What color is Becky's house?

What is her middle name?

What was the name of Becky's first crush?

What breed was Becky favorite horse?

What is Becky's favorite flower?

Does Becky prefer regular or double stuffed Oreos?

Name two of Becky's favorite vegetables?



Pedee's Tips & Tricks



Hey make your own Glass Sample Packs!

This hint came from Jacque Bayliff of Lake Worth, Florida

I have my supplier put the glass number and manufacturer on the glass I purchase. (I think maybe you could do this yourself) I make a point of cutting out a 2"x3" piece while I am cutting out my project. As I do more projects my sample pack grows and I now have something to refer back to when I am choosing colors and textures. And because they are labeled, I can take the pieces with me to help the shop locate what I am looking for.



If you have any super Tips or Tricks to share send them to pedee@dragonshire.biz and Pedee will share them.



We are celebrating our 10 years in business this year!!

That means special deals for you!

We are offering a 10% discount on a different color glass each month. So you will have to check the website or your email to see what color glass is on special for the month. Other in store specials will be happening throughout the year so be sure to stop in and see us.

May - Yellow

June - Red, White & Blue (don't forget your 4th of July projects)



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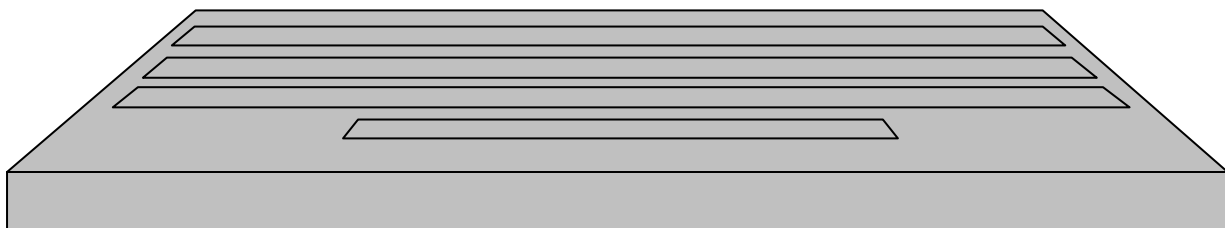
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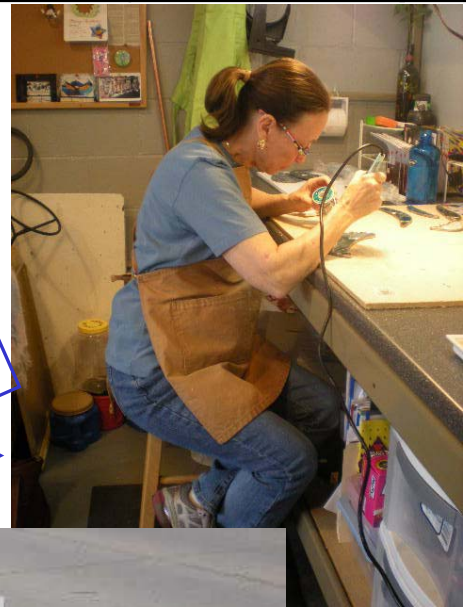




Glass Shots

Charlie our favorite UPS guy!
We will miss ya!

Dena actually working on her
State Fair Project in May!



NEW
Classes
Starting soon

All made in the
Garden Class.

- ◆ Lady Bug
- ◆ Angel
- ◆ Luna Moths
- ◆ Flower
- ◆ Fairy



Dianna with her flower
she made in the
Garden class.



Three Dragon-ettes!
(Looks like trouble to me)



Kites over Grinnell

