Thanks for taking an interest in making a glass garden totem. This is a new class that we are offering, and it will be great to combine glass and other elements into a unique Garden Totem or Sculpture.

We have a very exciting class planned!

We will each be making 3 glass castings/fused/slumped pieces.

Students will have a choice of creating images in clay and embedding that model in a refractory material to be put into the kilns. There we will melt glass billets that will replace the space left when we removed the clay image. This produces nice thick glass forms that can be made in any shape you can produce in clay. Size will be limited to 1” x 4” x 5” or the equivalent volume of glass.

The other option will be slumping and fusing sheet glass to create many forms and designs.

These items can then be joined together to make a garden totem, or sculpture.

As students, you need to gather small, ceramic, wood, glass, or metal items that can be drilled and used as separators for your totem or sculptures. Look in your stash of treasures, or raid Goodwill, the Bargain Barn, Capitola Freight and Salvage, etc.

Lamp parts can be a great source for building blocks and connecting pieces. They can often be taken apart and the round or square metal parts can be an interesting contrast to the glass forms. We have a vast bone-yard of potential pieces on site @ Cabrillo.

We will create a metal structure to hold the objects you choose that will consist of 3’ (+ or -) vertical 3/8” steel rod welded to a 1/8” steel plate.

You can contact me by email glassfuz@pacbell.net with questions.

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There is no food service on campus on the weekends. We do, however, have access to a refrigerator, toaster oven, microwave, and coffee maker.