



FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN GLASS SCHOOL
THE FLAMEWORKING LEAGUE WINTER 2019

OVERVIEW

The Flameworking League is a new concept in teaching creative arts. Rather than taking overwhelming intensive classes; League members will be guided through a three (3) month series of demos, brief classes, individual challenges, and competitions. Each of these challenges will focus on a fundamental skill of flameworking. A discounted rental rate will be offered to members in order to practice on their own time and complete challenges. Completing challenges, attending League Night, and growing your abilities earns you points. At the end of the twelve (12) weeks, the top point holders will be entered in a weekend Flameoff Competition, the winners will all receive a prize (prize to be determined).

WHO CAN JOIN?

This League was created for people who have little to no experience on the torch and would like to get the skills they need to develop their own creative style. We hope that all participants will attend most of the League Nights, but we understand that not everyone will be able to make it every week. If you've never tried glassworking before we suggest you take one of our "Learn to" Classes beforehand. The "Learn to" Class will teach you the basics on how the equipment functions, so you can immediately begin to work on how to manipulate glass in the flame. No experience is necessary, and we will work to accommodate everyone in every situation we can. For those with some experience, but are not yet proficient, an extra layer of difficulty might be added to those challengers. People learn at different rates and in different ways, all efforts will be made to keep this event a level playing field where determination plays more of a role than inherent skill.

HOW IT WORKS

The League runs for twelve (12) weeks. Challenges are offered bi-weekly. Every Tuesday at Fire on the Mountain will be "League Night," where we will close the shop and have a gathering. On League Night, there will be a free glassblowing demo, the next challenge will be given or reviewed, and posted online for those who can't make it. League Night is free for members, or \$10.00 to bring a guest. This is a night to chat about flameworking, have questions answered, and make new friends. In addition, League members can pay a small materials fee and have an opportunity to jump on the torch during League Night, collaborate, get help with technique, or just play around and have fun. Torch space is limited, but we will try to accommodate in any way we can. There will also be ample opportunities to earn bonus points on League Night! Once the challenge is offered, League members will have two weeks to complete them. As a member of the Flameworking League participants get a 20% discount on rental packages, as well as private lessons, and purchasing materials. If you complete all six (6) challenges, you keep that special rate for one (1) year!



Each week we update the leaderboard with points earned. While this may be a competition, it's only meant as a motivator, progress tracker, and a reward for those who go the extra mile to improve their abilities and understand the craft. In the end, the League is a single team of like-minded individuals with the goal of having everyone succeed, improve, and network with friends and colleagues.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Talk to any Fire on the Mountain employee, visit the website, or call the shop (802) 772-7220 to get a sign-up form. We recommend you take a "Learn to" Class prior to joining the flameworking League. If you decide to take the "Learn to" Class, you will receive the class at a discounted rate. To make sure that everyone gets a personalized experience we are limiting the roster to twenty (20) competitors. You may also join the waiting list or pre-register for Spring League. You must have signed all forms and paid registration fees to be eligible for winter season and to be on the waiting list for spring. Due to liability issues we require that everyone is at least 21 years of age this first season. However, if you are underage please fill out the signup sheet and if we have enough people in that age group we will try and make special accommodations, or perhaps a "Junior League". Since space is limited there are no refunds after the first challenge has begun.

FEES, PERKS, AND SCHEDULING

As this is our first season, it costs just \$50.00 to join the Beginners League. This grants you entry to the weekly League night, a twenty percent (20%) discount on studio fees, private lessons, and purchasing materials. You will also get your very own custom TFL T-shirt! The League will start on November 19th, but you can sign up through December 17th. Every Tuesday is League Night (except during Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve) and new challenges are offered every other week at League Night. The following schedule is tentative as this will be the very first TFL season ever, some things are subject to change in the interest of everyone's growth and success!

Tues 11/19/19 - First League Night, Challenge # 1
Tues 11/26/19 - League Night
Tues 12/03/19 - Challenge # 2
Tues 12/10/19 - League Night
Tues 12/17/19 - Registration Closed, Challenge # 3
Thur 12/26/19 - League Night (postponed for Christmas Eve)
Thur 01/02/20 - League Night (postponed for NYE)
Tues 01/07/20 - Challenge # 4
Tues 01/14/20 - League Night
Tues 01/21/20 - Challenge # 5
Tues 01/28/20 - League Night
Tues 02/04/20 - Final Challenge # 6
Tues 02/11/20 - League Night
Tues 02/18/20 - Final Tally, Closing Party, Flameoff competitors announced.
Sat 02/29/20 - Leap Day Flameoff!
Sun 03/01/20 - Awards and accolades, collab event with visiting artists TBD
Tues 03/03/20- Start of spring League. TBD

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