



Antique and Vintage Glassware Educational Resources

There are some wonderful exhibits, libraries, and museums for glassware. Here are a few of the resources available. Some of these locations have tours and demonstrations that show glass production, while others have exhibits showing glassware through the years.

Blenko Glass Company

9 Bill Blenko Dr.
Milton, WV 25541

304-743-9081
1-877-4BLENKO (1-877-425-
3656)

www.blenkoglass.com
shop@BlenkoGlass.com

Blenko handcrafted glass has been an increasingly popular collectible since the 1960's. It has become famous for the exquisite color and imaginative design.

The company has been located in Milton, WV since 1921 and has recently added an online store located on their website for shoppers. You can also request a quote for commemoratives, trophies, and awards.

Corning Museum of Glass

One Museum Way
Corning, NY 14830

800-732-6845

www.cmog.org

Since 1951, this museum has grown into a large-scale exhibition, teaching, and research facility. The Corning Museum of Glass is home to the world's largest collection of glass, containing more than 50,000 objects representing 3,500 years of glass history. The museum and library actively acquire materials, curate special exhibitions, and conduct extensive research. More than 460,000 visitors from around the globe visit the facility each year.

Huntington Museum of Art

2033 McCoy Rd.
Huntington, WV 25701

304-529-2701

www.hmoa.org

This museum has an outstanding permanent display of nearly 1,000 glass objects of the 19th and 20th centuries, primarily from the Ohio Valley. An extensive collection of West Virginia glass features the production of Hobbs, Brockunier & Co., Central, Riverview, Jefferson, Fenton, Northwood, Dunbar, Fostoria, New Martinsville, Huntington Tumbler, Blenko, Rainbow, and Pilgrim. Also on display are important examples of American and European 19th and 20th century art glass and contemporary studio glass.

Location: It is accessible from Interstate Highway 64, by taking Exit 8 and following the signs. From downtown Huntington, follow Eighth Street to Ritter Park and continue up Eighth Street, following the signs. It is open year-round. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays. Tours are available for groups of ten or more by contacting the tour coordinator two weeks prior to visit. There is a small admission fee, except on Wednesdays.

The Museums of Oglebay Institute

1330 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

304-242-7272

www.oionline.com/museums/

The Oglebay Institute Glass Museum offers glass blowing and decorating demonstrations and workshops, as well as the display of an extensive collection of antique to modern glass. It features over 3000 examples of Wheeling Glass made from 1829 to 1939 and includes displays on cut lead crystal, Victorian art glass, Peachblow pattern, Depression glass, Northwood's carnival glass, and many other examples that showcase Ohio Valley glass history. The Sweeney Punch Bowl is a special feature. It's the largest piece of Victorian cut lead crystal ever made, weighing 225 pounds and measuring five feet tall.

The Northwood Gallery features crystal, carnival, colored, and opalescent glassware made by the Ohio Valley glass manufacturer, H. Northwood & Company.

Location: The exhibits are located in Oglebay Park, two miles north of Interstate Highway 70 on Route 88. The museum and shop are open year-round, except for January, and times vary. Glass blowing demonstrations are held April through December. The park is also home to the West Virginia Glass and Crafts Festival in late July and early August. Call ahead for any changes in museum hours and event information. There is a charge for tours.

Museum of American Glass

230 Main Ave.
Weston, WV 26452

304-269-5006

www.magwv.com

The Museum of American Glass in West Virginia was established in Weston, West Virginia, in 1993 as a non-profit organization with a goal to discover, publish and preserve whatever may relate to the glass industry in West Virginia, the United States of America or where ever else glass has been manufactured. In addition to the Museum, Weston, West Virginia offers, restaurants, antique shops and modern day glass blowers.

Location: The Museum is located on the corner of Main Avenue and Second Street in downtown Weston, W.Va.. It is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. It has an extensive collection of 20th century glass and a collection of Riverside Glass plus a great deal of information on various glass houses. Admission is free and a museum layout can be found online.

Louisville Glassworks

815 W. Market St
Louisville, KY 40202

502-515-2489

www.louisvilleglassworks.com

For fine art gallery, glassblowing demonstrations, or blow your own activities, visit Flame Run Glass Studio and Gallery on the left side of the first floor: flamerun.com

For tours (guided and self guided), walk in fusing workshop, flame working, or flame your own, visit the Mark Payton Glass Center on the right side of the first floor: paytonglasscenter.com

Chrysler Museum of Art

One Memorial Place.
Norfolk, VA 23510

757-664-6200

www.chrysler.org

Located on the border between downtown and the Ghent district of Norfolk, VA., the museum was founded in 1933 as the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences. The history of the museum is full of twists and turns and became the Chrysler Museum in 1971. The Chrysler Museum of Art is home to one of America's greatest comprehensive collections of glass. In a guided tour you can see highlights from antiquity to Tiffany to contemporary masters in less than an hour.

The Chrysler Museum Glass Studio offers classes and workshops for beginners through advanced skill levels. You can check out their full class offerings online. Events regularly sell out so be sure to pick up your tickets early.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday noon – 5 p.m. General admission is free. You can check out the Events Calendar for daily activities and join in the Free Gallery Talk everyday at 2 p.m.

Fostoria Glass Museum

511 Tomlinson Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041

304-845-9188

www.fostoriaglass.org

The Fostoria Glass Company began production in 1887 and continued until 1986. The Museum is operated by the Fostoria Glass Society and is devoted to the study and preservation of Fostoria Glass. The museum is located at the corner of 6th Street and Tomlinson Street, Moundsville, W.Va. It specializes in the glass made in Moundsville at the Fostoria Glass Co. It is open Wednesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Closed December, January, and February. Admission is by donation.

In addition to the Museum in West Virginia, The Fostoria Glass Society of Tennessee sponsors a show and sale each year in July at the Fairgrounds in Nashville.

Debra B. Cotterill, M.S. Director, Nutrition Education Program
Linda Adler, M.A. Extension Specialist for Home Furnishings

October 2007 April 2018

Copyright © 2018 for materials developed by University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension. This publication may be reproduced in portions or its entirety for educational or nonprofit purposes only. Permitted users shall give credit to the author(s) and include this copyright notice.

Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.