

Amanda & Lance Taylor – Artist Statement



Lance Taylor was born in 1948 in LeRoy, NY. Lance has worked for himself in a variety of businesses for most his life and gone back to school several times to obtain several associate degrees (Graduate of SUNY Brockport Associate Degree in Architectural Model Making, BA in History/Latin American Studies; BS in Education). Lance has also developed skills over the years in stained glass; ceramics; fine woodworking but over the past 15 years has focused on kilnformed glass.

Amanda Taylor was born in 1960 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She attended the University of Calgary in Geophysics and worked in the oil industry for 31 years. Over time she has become accomplished in metal smithing, ceramics, welding and since 1994 has been focused almost entirely on kilnformed glass. She has studied with many internationally known glass artists since that time. Amanda ran her consulting business and glass studio from her home in Calgary.

In 2006, Amanda and Lance met each other at a glass conference in Corning, NY. In 2007 they decided to join forces and open a glass studio and teaching facility in the space they occupy today in Batavia, NY. In 2008/2009 Amanda attended the Glass Program at Rochester Institute of Technology to work towards her BFA in Glass. They are now co-owners & operators of OATKA School of Glass & Glass Studio. The school/studio resides in 17,000 square feet of warehouse space. They produce and sell their own work, teach workshops and bring in world renowned artists to teach various kilnformed glass techniques and operate a retail glass supply store.

Creativity, learning, love of the outdoors, and travel have always had been part of Amanda's and Lance's life. They have both always loved working with their hands and both have always had an entrepreneurial spirit. Their interest in ceramics eventually drew both of them into their passion for working with kilnformed glass. "We love to take it all in and absorb whatever we have learnt and find ways to apply it to our work. It takes time and a lot of commitment to try and achieve the vision we may all have for our work."