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Love is in the air! Soon it will be Valentines day and our hearts will be a flame. Now is the perfect time to get a jump on thinking about that right gift for your sweet heart. Don't forget the Sprinkler Factory and Fireworks clay studio's first Saturday open studios from 12 to 4 pm will be on February 6th. The artists will have their studios open both for that perfect handcrafted gift and to show you how it was made, what a perfect gift!

"The Artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spiders web" Pablo Picasso

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Emilio Santini teaches at the Sprinkler Factory

On Monday and Tuesday, January 11 & 12, Elisa Minasian hosted world renowned glass artist Emilio Santini for a 2 day workshop in her studio, Something Phishy.



Emilio Santini Goblet

Emilio hails from his home in Williamsburg VA, where he resides with his wife, son and daughter. Emilio was born and raised in Murano Italy. He comes from a family that has worked in glass for the past 600 years. His father, who still blows glass in Murano, was his first teacher. Emilio is working on a new studio where he will be able to teach not only lampworking classes but glass blowing and glass casting.

The class was an exciting, hands on experience from the beginning to the advanced glass worker. The human body was the main focus for the sculptural pieces that were created, from a basic torso to a full figure with mythological elements added. There were several beautiful unicorns created, and then the class moved on to making figures. Emilio easily made a full figured woman with a scorpion for a head, and one with a unicorn head. Other glass pieces

created were winged figures with swan heads, flamingos, hummingbirds, scorpions, and an assortment of fun heads from pirates to rabbits.

Each student was able to take home with them their own handmade Emilio glass piece. All in all the class was a great success and we are looking forward to having Emilio back for a week long session!

Zamira comes to the Sprinkler Factory to teach belleydancing

Zamira will be coming to the Sprinkler Factory to teach beginning belly dancing classes starting January 24, 2010. Classes will run 6 weeks from 10 am to 11 am. For cost and additional information please contact Zamira using the form on the website, www.belleydanceworchester.com or call 508-615-6165.



A professional belly dancer in central Massachusetts, Zamira is a recognized performer at several Lebanese restraints throughout the Worcester and Springfield areas. Her playful personality, elegant style, and dynamic performances resonate with both American and Middle Eastern audiences alike.

Zamira began her studies in Middle Eastern dance in 1998 when she took a belly dancing class through a local adult education program, thinking it would be a fun way to get into shape. Little did she know that she would fall in love with the beautiful music and the graceful, undulating movements associated with the dance form. Deciding to continue her dance education, she began taking classes and lessons with some of New England's most renowned teachers including Amira Jamal, Shifa, and the late Rose Champagne. The influence from these early mentors helped shape Zamira into the graceful, dynamic performer she is today. A life-long student of classical dance forms, Zamira continues her professional dance education by taking workshops with guest instructors from across the United States and the Middle East.

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Coming on Saturday and Sunday, February 20 & 21, there will be a 2 day advanced bead making workshop with renowned glass artist, Nancy Tobey at Something Phishey. Sign up soon for this fun workshop so you don't get left out!

Up coming visiting glass artists classes will be announced for both beginners and advanced as they become available.

Beginner bead making classes are also offered during the week 6:30-9:30 and open

studios and torch rentals are available on request.

For more information on upcoming events, classes, or rentals please contact Elisa Minasian at www.somethingphishey1@gmail.com or call 508-854-4172.

The Stitcher's Academy is a fabric and fiber teaching studio offering a number of classes related to sewing, quilting, fiber arts, and knitting. All levels are welcome. Please check our website for detailed information www.TheStichersAcademy.com.

Stop by on Saturday, February 6th 12 to 4 pm for a free demonstration on yarn spinning and dyeing.

Pristine Pearl Designs is offering jewelry design classes featuring hand knotting on silk. Email: pristinepearldesigns@hotmail.com RE: "jewelry" in subject line for additional info, cost and class schedule, or call Carolyn Hebert at 508-753-7958.

For other ongoing classes go to www.sprinklerfactory.com

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