

## Meet the Glass Artist: David Graeber



David Graeber has truly dedicated his life to art. This New Jersey native obtained a Fine Arts degree from Camden County Community College and went on to express himself through graphic art and woodworking. However, he found his true passion in flameworking when he became Paul Stankard's assistant in 1989.

Paul Stankard, the undisputed master of floral glass paperweights, has spent his forty year career creating floating botanical worlds that rival nature. "David Graeber, my assistant for twenty years, has contributed in no small way to the success of the studio," said Stankard. "I value his skilled virtuosity and dedication which

he brings to the art of the paperweight. David's glass art creations are continuing our South Jersey glass tradition into the twenty first century. His unique floral paperweights are gaining national attention from collectors around the country."

While he continues to assist Paul, David has become an independent glass artist, creating his own vision of nature in glass. As he says, "I have a passion for the simple gifts of nature -- the timeless beauty of a rose, the industriousness of a bee or the untamed wildness of a sunflower. Working in glass allows me to explore this passion, and under the tutelage of Master Glass artist Paul Stankard, I refined my passion to the art of capturing nature frozen for eternity in a paperweight."



David's work will be featured at Accent Studio, 123 Kings Highway East in Haddonfield during the First Friday celebration on October 2, 2009 from 5-9 PM. In addition to his finished works, a step-by-step display will illustrate the various stages of creating these amazing botanical paperweights. Meet the artist at Accent Studio on October 2<sup>nd</sup> between 6-9 PM. For more information on this exhibition, call 856.795.8800 or visit [www.accentstudio.com](http://www.accentstudio.com).