

Douglas Becker has over forty years of glass blowing experience. In the early eighties, he took an art elective in college, and it became a lifetime passion. Douglas uses a combination of traditional techniques combined with many of his own original designs he has developed over the years. His designs focus on capturing the fluid movements of the molten glass and convey this into his finished pieces. He accomplishes this by creating softly distorted shapes and softening the surface of the pieces with stretching and acid polishing. Many of his works are further brought to life by formations and growths of copper deposits into the pieces (electroforming). The copper adds unique qualities to the finished pieces by constant oxidation (continuous changing of surface color).

Douglas designs and creates each piece individually, making his work some of the most exciting pieces available to glass lovers and collectors alike.

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Accomplishments and educational experiences:

- 1980 – 1982: Anoka Ramsey College
 - Coon Rapids MN
 - Instructor – Robert Toensing
- 1981 – 1990: Constructed and operated cooperative studio, The Hot Glass Studio
 - Spring Lake Park, MN
- 1991 – 2002: Constructed private studio “Becker Art Glass”
 - Bethel, MN
 - This is where Douglas currently is exploring glass
- 1995 – 1996: Glass Art Society conference
 - Ashville, NC & Boston, MA
- 1996: Crucible Glass Workshop
 - St. Paul, MN
 - Instructors – Jan Erik Ritzman & Swenne Carlson
- 1998: Pilchuck Glass School
 - Seattle, WA
 - Instructors – Josiah McAlleney & Jan Erik Ritzman
- 2002: Glass Art Society Conference
 - Amsterdam, Holland
- Followed by one week trip to Smaaland, Sweden Kingdom of Crystal & to experience Scandinavian history of glass making

Current Galleries:

- Kittrel Rifkind Gallery – Dallas, TX
- Severtson Gallery – Grand Marais, MN
- Art on 23 – Spring Green, WI
- Beir Art Gallery – Charlevoix, MI
- Firemouth Gallery – Boulder Junction, WI
- Nemi Sculpture Park – Kenosha, WI

Permanent Collections

- Coming Museum – Coming, NY
- Bergstrom Mahler Museum – Neenah, WI

Awards:

- Old Capital Art Fair – Springfield, IL – 1st Place
- Monument Art Fair – Racine, WI – 1st Place & Artists Choice
- Images Festival of the Arts – New Smyrna Beach, FL – 2nd Place
- Boardwalk Arts Festival – Pensacola, FL – Award of Excellence
- Deland Fall Festival of the Arts – Deland, FL – Award of Recognition
- Port Clinton Art Festival – Highland Park, IL – Best of Glass
- Dubuque Festival of the Arts – Dubuque, IA – Best of Show/Best of Glass
- Art Fair on the Square – Madison, WI – Invitational Artist
- Uptown Art Fair – Minneapolis, MN – Invitational Artist
- Miami Beach Festival of the Arts – Miami, FL – 2nd Place