

Demonstration
November 5, 2018
Jacques Payne - The Art of Glass Mosaic

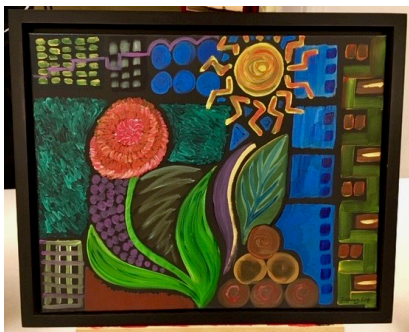
Local Cleveland artist, **Jacques Payne** demonstrated “**The Art of Glass Mosaic**” at our November meeting. The glass mosaic is one of his art forms...wood another favorite. Jacques love affair with art started in Jr. High School with woodworking and continued as he attended Hawken School in Gates Mills. During college at Grambling State University and The Art Institute of Atlanta, Jacques used his artistic skills designing decorative paddles, advertisements, and wearable clothing for Greek letter organizations. Later, he developed a love for both Egyptian symbols and the Adinkra symbols of Ghana. These Afrocentric symbols are the primary themes depicted in his woodworking, mosaic glass art, paintings, jewelry, and home décor. Jacques’ journey has been to encourage, enlighten, and challenge not only himself but others to love the good in their culture.



Over 25 members and guests enjoyed the demonstration. Jacques gave us a very good description of the different steps involved in creating a glass mosaic....his experience with and knowledge of mosaics shined through. And even more interesting were the stories he told....he’s an excellent story teller, too! The members were very interested and asked a lot of good questions. He showed us his different tools and demonstrated a couple of them. His step by step descriptions for each level of the project from start to finish were clear and



concise. He starts with an idea, draws out a detailed drawing on his wood base and then draws out where the background tiles are to go. Intensely detailed! Then the wood prep, the special glue, cutting the tiles, gluing the tiles, filing down the tiles (so the cut glass doesn’t cut you when you grout), choosing the right grout and grout color, applying the grout, cleaning the grout when dry, and sealing it. There were a few more steps to do depending on the piece being done. Whew! We thank Jacques for sharing his passion for glass and wood with us!



Thank you to **Nancy Daly, Mary Ann Gambitta** and **Rozenia Cunningham** for hosting the meeting. They set out a lovely fall table of goodies for us to enjoy.....cake, brownies, veggies and dip, little sandwiches, nuts, candy bars, and a few more treats.

