



Artist, **Lisa Ruschman** works in glass. Her fascination started 25 years ago, when she had a vision of glass mosaic for above her kitchen sink. Not finding what she envisioned, she signed up for a class and made it herself. That's what started it all. After making many sun catchers, she became obsessed with glass! Lisa continued working in glass making stepping stones, bird baths and benches. Then, with the rise of the internet, her work took on new dimensions. She saw many more possibilities for working in glass. Lisa brought several pieces to share with us. One was her mosaic skull that she entered in Mary Urbas' "The Skull and Skeleton in Art IV" exhibit at Lakeland College. She also loves doing pets and animals in glass. She did this lovely glass owl as part of a series for the Metroparks "Art from the Heart of Nature" event. She told us about a good place to buy glass in Cuyahoga Falls, OH....Leaded Glass Design on State Street. They have great sales!



Lisa had no formal art school training, but she did play the saxophone! That being said....Lisa was asked by the Cleveland Institute of Art to teach mosaics to teachers, showing them how to use glass in their classrooms. She also taught stained glass portraits to kindergarten and first graders at Hawkins school using a photograph and real cut glass....and there were no cut fingers!

Lisa was surprised that her proposal of a *Rhythm in Blues* mosaic guitar was accepted for Cleveland's "GuitarMania" at the Rock'n Roll Hall of Fame. Her first guitar was sponsored by Pepsi and sold at a charity auction for \$15,000. Pictures of her guitars are published in a GuitarMania book and miniatures are sold in the airport. She did this three or four more times! One of her GuitarMania pieces was purchased by the Vice President of Fender guitars. Lisa also participated in the 2007 Year of the Pig project based on a sketch by Victor Schreckengost, whom she got to meet at a private reception.



And, if glass wasn't enough, in 2009 she became a certified Zentangle instructor along with her very good friend, Launie McDevitt. They offer classes under the name Two to Tangle, aka, the Lucy and Ethel show!....she is 'Ethel' to Launie's 'Lucy'. For more on Zentangle, [click here](#) to read about Launie McDevitt.