

Ron Hinkle

A classic art redefined: Ron Hinkle has melded a nearly lost art into his signature glass style.

Ron Hinkle (www.ronhinkle.com) is a West Virginia native who has been a glass artist for 36 years. Hinkle is inspired by nature, whether it is the shady underside of a tree canopy, flowers streaming across a hilltop meadow or an evening sunset. In his glass, he designs patterns with combinations of colors that express emotional responses to nature.

“Ron is constantly developing new techniques to reach a newer understanding of the possibilities in the creation of his glass vessels,” Barton said. “He has dedicated his career to keeping alive the tradition of glassblowing.”

Hinkle won the Best of Show award in the 2008 Best of West Virginia Juried Exhibition and will be featured in the upcoming 2009 West Virginia Juried Exhibition sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. His work has been featured on the West Virginia Governor’s Christmas Tree and the Christmas Pageant of Peace trees at the White House in Washington, D.C. He demonstrates his craft at the Mountain State Arts & Craft Fair at Ripley, WV and has been featured in *USA Today*, *Lifestyle Crafts Buyers Guide* and *All About Glass* magazine.