



Art Laurenson

Art Laurenson is a mixed media artist and painter living in Jasper, Alberta. He studied Architecture and Environmental Science. Art worked for Parks Canada Warden Service in the summers, teaches skiing in the winter, spends a lot of time in his studio creating and doing part time architectural design. Since retiring he has pursued oil and acrylic painting and designed/built his own house. Laurenson used a variety of salvaged materials, ending up with a lot of old wood windows that he was repurposing into mirrors and bulletin boards. He began resin glass creations in 2023, using the old windows to start the resin work. His artistic practice has expanded and evolved in a short time with workshops, kids art camps, several shows and sales.

Art was a keen model builder as a child and then as a designer in architecture later in life, designing and putting pieces together, such as jig saw puzzles, have always been his passion! He likes the structure of doing so, designing is in his blood. Problem solving with recycled objects is inspiring and rewarding, insert salvaged and recycled items into his work creates provocative and exciting works of art.

He has expanded the material used from just glass objects to using broken glass, bike and machinery parts, household items, toys, rocks, feathers, sparkly things and shiny bits, beads, glitter, sequins, seashells and rocks. Using bought, found, or collected glass and just about any other object of interest from pipe cleaners to vegetable steamers. He enjoys repurposing material, appreciating the depth, texture and reflective quality that glass and other objects bring to his work.

Last year Art began exploring dark sky and outer space themed works using the same materials, this time on glass that has been painted black. The black opacity adds a new dimension to his resin/glass creations. Despite the black background, the glass and inserted objects sparkle and shine. Combined with two or more layers of resin, adding some tinting, alcohol ink, mica powders or glitter creates depth, and that deep space or dark sky look he was hoping to achieve.

Learn more at alaurensondesigns.ca