

## Questions Create Progress

Discussions on glass techniques are much like debates on faith vs science. There are some that believe unquestioning faith should be placed in the instructions and commandments set by others before them - while others are willing to believe only what they see and personally experience.

We learn by starting with what knowledge others have acquired before us and are willing to pass on, but if we go no further than that, we stagnate. Progress and growth comes from questioning what was done before. Just because something has always been done in a particular way, is no reason to assume that's the best way to do it. At one time, it was almost universally believed that the sun revolved around the earth and that the earth was a flat disk. Fortunately, we had a few individuals unwilling to place blind faith in what they were told to believe.

If none of us had been prepared to question the instructions of how something should be done, and none of us had been prepared to experiment with new ideas and methods - all of us would still be living in caves, waiting for lightning strikes to start fires, and hunting game with stones and sticks.

*True Art is ever progressive and impatient of fixed rules.  
Because a thing has always been done in a certain way is no reason why it  
should never be done in any other. ....Louis Comfort Tiffany*

*The best way to do something is probably a way you haven't tried yet  
.....Dennis Brady*