

Museum hosts thank-you event at the Glass Pavilion



Toledoan and former Air Force B-52 pilot Rick Hartley, left, makes a glass flower with the help of glass facilitator Brandon Price.

Serving our Veterans

Photos by Lori King

It's no secret that some of the most dedicated, mission-oriented people in this country are veterans of the armed forces. Increasingly, studies are showing that the best thing we can do for those who have served the country is to find something for them to occupy their time, whether it's work, volunteer activities, or even hobbies. With that in mind, the Toledo Museum of Art last Saturday provided free glassblowing demonstrations for vets. The event preceded Veterans Day and was a way to give back to those who served.

It was an opportunity to feel the heat of the glass furnaces, get hands-on with the heavy duty tools of the trade, and walk away with a glass flower or paperweight. Navy veteran Chuck Nichols was there to show off the ships in a bottle that he has made. Men and women from various branches of service and of all ages tried their hands at the craft with the help of museum facilitators. The end result was an experience that proved you get something in return when you serve your country.

— ROD LOCKWOOD



Navy veteran Bob Roesler makes a paperweight with help of Charlyn Reynolds.



Toledoan and Navy veteran Chuck Nichols shakes hands with Jennifer Walls, center, and Casey Clark. Mr. Nichols made the ships in a bottle that are displayed in the case beside him.



Toledoan and Navy veteran Sharron Pappas watches as her glass paperweight is heated up.



Mr. Price helps Army veteran Roger Hoffman make a glass flower.



Above: Mr. Hoffman, of Delta, Ohio, trims the stem of his glass flower.



Top right: A hunk of hot glass is dipped into color shards as part of the flower-making process.



Bottom right: Army Reserve veteran Ben Launder, left, gets help with a tool to make petals for his glass flower.