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## **PRESS INVITED TO ATTEND TORCH BEAD MAKING DEMONSTRATION**

Watch as beautiful handmade glass beads are created before you very eyes!

### **Demonstration Schedule:**

10:00 - Solid color & clear core latticino (making cane by mixing colors, basic borosilicate colorant chemistry)

10:30 - Mandrel beads, striking colors & stable colors (silver-based colors vs. crayon colors)

11:00 - Mandrel beads, surface decoration & clear encasement (dots, stripes, waves, bubbles)

11:30 - Solid implosion pendants with frit (made on solid glass rods)

1:00 - Mandrel beads, shaping techniques (tabular beads, bicones, squares, rondele)

1:30 - Blown implosion pendant (montage style, multi-colors & patterns)

### **Artist Bio:**

Courtney Tavares has been a student in glass since 2000. Beginning in stained glass and fusing she started exploring lampwork at the Shannon Hill Glass Studio in Boca Raton, FL in 2004. Working alongside skilled lampworkers she gained knowledge of various techniques used in blown and solid borosilicate glasswork. After completing a lengthy apprenticeship with Mr. Hill she moved to a custom studio at her home in 2006. Courtney instructs private and group lessons in crafting beads and pendants.

**WHAT:** Bead making on an open flame torch.

**WHERE:** McMow Art Glass Studios, Inc. 701 N. Dixie Hwy Lake Worth, Florida 33460

*Please call 561-585-9011 for directions*

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 25, 10 am – 3 pm

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