Basic Glass Glossary

**Annealer**
A device that slowly cools glass so that the glass does not shatter

**Batch**
A mixture of raw materials that will be melted to make glass

**Bench**
The chair used by the glassblower while he or she works with the hot glass

**Blowpipe**
A long metal tube used by the glassblower to inflate the glass bubble
**Cutter**
A person who changes the surface of glass, sometimes creating a decorative pattern, by grinding it with large rotating wheels.

**Engraver**
A person who uses very sharp pointed tools or small copper, diamond, or stone wheels to create pictures on the surface of the glass.

**Furnace**
An oven where raw materials are heated to extremely high temperatures to melt glass.

**Gaffer**
The head glassblower.
**Gather**
A molten gob of glass

**Glory Hole**
A furnace used to reheat glass during the glass forming process

**Jacks**
Glassworking tool used for shaping hot or molten glass

**Marver**
Metal table where the glassblower rolls the gather of glass to make it smooth
**Mold**
A form used for shaping and/or decorating molten glass

**Punty**
Solid metal rod with a little hot glass on the tip used to hold the glass object while it is being shaped (also called a pontil rod)

**Sand**
The most common ingredient in glass

**Shears**
Tool used to cut molten glass