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"I was drawn to off hand glass blowing after seeing a demonstration. The shear difficulty of creating these beautiful colorful masterpieces from a molten medium truly intrigued me."