

The East Carolina University GlasStation

Hello, I am Marion Allen Stowe. This was a gas station at one time, and now it's a glass station. I remember riding here with my mother in the 1950s when it was Eason Motors and Joe Willoughby's dad would kindly fill up her tank.

As you may have already seen, there are quite a few pleasant surprises in Farmville. For a town of its size, Farmville has quite a bit of variety to offer. Nothing exemplifies this better than the ECU GlasStation.

It was an early recruitment project by the Farmville Group and the DeVisconti Trust, in partnership with the ECU College of Fine Arts. The GlasStation is an undergraduate glass program that offers instruction in glass blowing, fusing and casting. They also offer classes through Pitt Community College and occasional classes that are open to the public.

The seasonal demonstrations are wildly popular and are open to the public. The agreement with the DeVisconti Trust allows for a public viewing area, to watch the glass blowing, so long as the audience does not disturb the students or instructors.

This is an amazing asset for Farmville. Glass blowing is considered a visual arts medium, but it plays out much more like performance art while the piece is being made. I hope that you can catch a demonstration or an "open to the public" class when you can – it's delightful.