MOG CRAFT PROJECT: SELF-PORTRAIT A SECOND WAY

Inspired by *Transparency: An LGBTQ+ Glass Art Exhibition*. This is the nation’s first museum exhibition of Studio Glass works produced exclusively by artists in the LGBTQ+ community is, above all, a show about identity. It is not only a celebration of people and their identities, but a call to embrace, accept, and celebrate how people identify themselves.

Give yourself a chance to identify your best attributes and create a piece of artwork to proclaim it.

**MATERIALS:**

- Watercolor paper – 8x10 or larger
- Watercolor paints
- Brushes
- Glue
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Photo of yourself (5x7 or smaller)
- Words, typed, printed, and cut out

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Print or copy a 5” x 7” photo of yourself in black and white.

2. Choose three to five positive descriptor words to describe yourself. Type and print these in a large font.

3. Paint the watercolor paper into a colorful background. Fill the entire sheet of paper. An abstract background may serve the purposes of the project better.

4. Let the background painting dry several hours or overnight.

5. Cut your portrait out of the paper, and glue it onto the water-colored background.

6. Lay out the printed and typed words and glue them to the background OR write the words onto the background with crayons or markers.

7. Additional crayon decoration may be added for a more layered look.