



Glass Artist's FELLOWSHIP

Member Newsletter

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Our Goal is to Promote Glass Art in Colorado to its Maximum Potential through Education and Social Interaction.

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Dear Members,

2009 was a year of many changes for GAF—we lost our long standing show at the Botanic Gardens and tried a new venue at COArt Gallery on Santa Fe Drive and, as a result of losing the Gardens, our membership dropped drastically. While Glass at the Gardens had been a huge money losing proposition for many years, the exhibit at the gallery was profitable and we will be doing it again this year and next year and the next year and... I say this because, after speaking with the new person in charge at the Botanic Gardens, we will never be going back there until they have a major change of policy and direction. DBG has changed it's guidelines on art exhibits. There will no longer be comp and commission as we had before (paying 25% of our sales to the Gardens), all exhibits will be straight rental. That rental will be \$3,500 for 2 days! They will no longer be doing shows longer than 2 days, allowing 1 day for setup and 2 days for the exhibit. As you all know, it takes us 2 days to set up that show and sales for that short a period would not even meet the rental costs.

Be sure to keep May 16-30 free as I will be renegotiating our rental of COArt Gallery to obtain a lower price as a returning customer. This will allow us to charge lower entry fees and allow our artists to enter more pieces. We had 120 pieces last year and the gallery can accomodate an additional 40-50 pieces. Especially underutilized was the wall space for hanging wall pieces. As this will be our 2nd annual Glass at the Gallery, I would like to see this show follow the guidelines we had for the Gardens and establish a theme for the show and allow only pieces that have not been entered in a GAF exhibit before. Please send your suggestions for a theme to me or Pam. Sales for Glass at the Gallery were \$3,300 last year—let's at least double that this year! We need your participation to be successful!

The Echter's show in November 2009 was superb. Sales topped \$7,000 which is pretty good for fewer than 20 participating artists! Echter's is so welcoming! They have a fabulous opening night party and more and more people depend on us to be there for their holiday shopping. We will be back again this year—let's make it even bigger and better!

Don't forget the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Glass Show is coming up again next month. Check out the info in the newsletter and be there!

On a sad note, fellow glass artists Marion and Dale Whitmore of Fairplay were killed instantly in a head on collision on December 5, 2009. They were active members of Parker Artists Guild and will be sorely missed.

In 2010, we will continue to have different members hosting our meetings while we work on a more permanent arrangement. We will also do our best to go back to our long-standing schedule of the second Monday of the month, March-October.

We are starting a new year and a new decade. I know many of us have been struggling with the slow economy and poor sales. Let's get excited about 2010 and take advantage of the opportunities that are offered. The Board members will be researching venues in the hopes of adding another show in the September time frame—stay tuned!

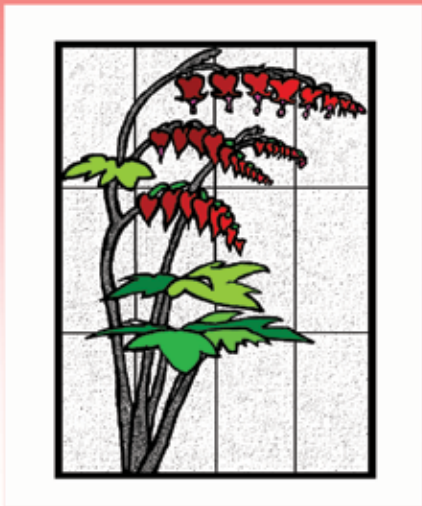
Happy New Year—health and prosperity to all!

—Maggie Heard, President

The next meeting is on Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. - See back page for location.

The GAF Board positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity VP are currently vacant! Please contact Maggie Heard at (303) 984-6245 if you're interested or need more information.

The Friends of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Present:



The 29th Annual **Glass Art Celebration!** February 5th-14th, 2010 In the Botanic Gardens Conservatory

"The Glass Art Celebration!" Wyoming's largest glass art show is returning for its sixteenth season. The show runs for ten days from Friday, February 5th through Sunday, February 14th at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens in Lions Park. The show is open to both amateur and professional glass artists.

Glass at the Gardens is professionally judged with ribbons and a cash awards for both amateurs and professionals. The show is not limited to stained glass but also features painted, melted, 3-d and fused glass along with glass bead work.

The Garden is free and open to the public during the show. Special show hours will be from 8:00-5:00 on weekdays and from 10:00-4:00 on Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 6th and 7th and 13th and 14th) 2010.

Show Rules:

1. Maximum of five entries per person. Send one entry form for each piece entered.
2. Fees: First entry-\$15, each subsequent entry- \$10. All fees are non-refundable. Make checks payable to the Friends of the Botanic Gardens.
3. Entries must be ready for display upon delivery. Three locking display cases are available for displaying small items.
4. Entry forms must be received by 5:00 pm Tuesday, February 2nd. Late entry forms will NOT be accepted.
5. Entries must be delivered to the CBG between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4th.
6. A 15% commission is awarded to the Gardens for all artwork sold during the show. Sold pieces can not be removed until the show closes.

7. Pick up entries Sunday, February 14th, between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. A \$10 handling fee will be charged for late pick-up. A pick-up receipt must be presented. **EARLY PICK-UP WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**

8. Take care in transporting artwork to avoid cracking due to dramatic temperature changes.

9. The judge reserves the right to move pieces from one category to another or to create new categories.

Awards:

Judging occurs all day Friday, February 5th.

Best of Show \$50.00 Cash Prize

1st place in each category \$25.00 Cash Prize

Artist, People & Children Choice(s) (each) \$25.00 Cash Prize First Place winners in FP 1, 2, 3, 3D and OD, each receive a \$25.00 gift certificate provided by Northern Colorado Stained Glass Supply. All prizes awarded in the Bead category are donated by the "WY Tumblebeaders." Second Place winners in each category receive a \$10.00 cash prize donated by the "Glass Artists of Wyoming." As an incentive for beginners, a \$15.00 cash prize is awarded to 1st place winners of the FPI category. Ribbons are awarded to:

1. First, Second and Third place winners in all categories.
2. Best of Show, People's Choice, Children's Choice and Artist's Choice.

Categories:

FLAT PANELS

FP I Displays basic skill in this category

FP II Displays Intermediate skill in this category

FP III Displays exceptional skill in this category

ABRASIVE PROJECTS

SB Etched, sandblasted or other surface roughening technique

THREE DIMENSIONAL

3D Projects must have more than two major dimensions

PAINTED GLASS

PG Includes any painted glass projects

HOT GLASS

HG Fused, slumped, torch work or blown glass projects

GLASS BEADWORK

GBW Wearable glass beadwork projects

GB Glass beadwork projects using pre-fabricated glass beads

TB Torch work beads handmade by the entrant

MISCELLANEOUS

M Any works that cannot be classified in above categories including but not limited to: mixed media, stepping stones, mosaics, etc.

ORIGINAL DESIGN

OD Any entry in the above categories that has a fully original design (totally created by the artist) can simultaneously be entered into this category

NOT JUDGED

NJ Artwork for display or sale only. Pieces will not be critiqued

***IF A PIECE INCLUDES WORK BY ANOTHER ARTIST, GIVE CREDIT ON YOUR ENTRY FORM IF YOU WISH.**

Judging criteria includes skill of technique, design, appeal, neatness, creativity, and use of color.

For entry form, please go to:

<http://www.botanic.org/GlassArtCelebration.asp>

Mail completed entry forms & fees to:

Cheyenne Botanic Gardens
Glass Art Celebration
710 South Lions Park Drive
Cheyenne, WY 82001

2nd Annual GAPPR Juried Glass Show in Colorado Springs

Glass Artists of the Pikes Peak Region (GAPPR) is sponsoring a show, April 30-May 21, which is open to non-members. Their first show, last April, was held in a very small space and therefore was members only. This year, they have more space and hope that Glass Artists Fellowship members will feel welcome to enter. Visit www.gappr.org to download entry form. They encourage entry (receipt of the entry forms) by March 15.

Visit our Website:
www.glassartistsfellowship.com

- Download membership application
- View our exclusive members only Gallery
- Stay up-to-date on meetings and upcoming shows
- Download our latest Newsletter
- Read bios of select members
- View an entire list of active members
- View archive of past show awards

Check us out online!

2010 Membership Renewal Time!

2010 Membership level: _____
Membership rates are: Individual - \$35; Senior (age 65 and over) - \$20;
Studio (allows 3 people) - \$80; Family (2 family members) - \$55.

Please enter your name and changes only – thank you!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Studio Name: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Website address: _____

Circle any of the following that pertain to your work:

Kilnwork Blown Torchwork Beads Abrasive Copperfoil/Lead
Painting Mosaic Teach classes Restoration

Mail this form with your dues payment to:

Pam Ware, 7946 W 54th Ave, Arvada, CO 80002.

Checks payable to G.A.F. or

email to warebear@comcast.net (credit card payments only).

Dues payments can also be made by credit card (Visa and MC):

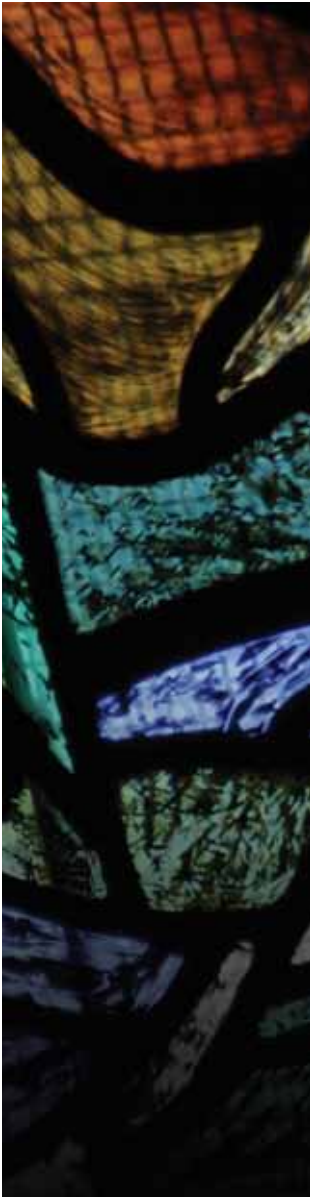
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Security code (3 digits) on back of card: _____ Zip code: _____

House No. or PO Box No. where bill is sent: _____

Please call Pam with any questions – 303-420-2652

We look forward to hearing from you!



GAF Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at Mike and Sandi Penfound's, 1010 Cody St., Lakewood, CO.

Our guest speaker will be Margie Cunningham, Editor of Colorado Crafter. She will speak about art and craft shows—good ones, bad ones, do's and don'ts, advertising, etc. A wealth of knowledge not to be missed!

Meetings are open to all. Become a member today for only \$35 annually. Download the membership form at our Website:

www.glassartistsfellowship.com

Members can advertise their glass related items for sale, wanted to buy, classes, etc. at no charge. Non-glass related items/businesses can be advertised for \$25 for the year and non-members can advertise for \$50 for the year. Support the GAF. Contact Linda Cranston at (303) 564-0484, email linda@nbn.com.



Send Us Photos!

We would like to update our Web site with new photographs of your glass art! Send your jpg images to our Webmaster, John Frazier at blazindazeglass@aol.com.

GAF Discounts

Extreme Oxygen has offered members of the Glass Artist's Fellowship special discounts on generators (to run torches) and compressors. If you are interested contact Ed Burger at D&L Art Glass Supply for more information, 303-449-8737.

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