



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,

Summer is almost here and many of us are already busy with outdoor shows and festivals. Our second year of Glass at the Gallery is drawing to a close. I'm anxious to see if our sales figures match last year. The gallery members have really stepped up with help in hanging the show, giving us a perfect opening reception and running the show while it is open. Artist participation was down this year—only 68 pieces entered. That is such a shame as I received generous donations from many suppliers in the glass industry and all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners received a prize in addition to their ribbon and certificate!

Our next event will be year #7 at Echter's in November. This has always been a profitable show for our artists and the organization as a whole. The Gift Gallery area is quite large and both Echter's and our customers have come to rely on us as a great source for gift items. I want to encourage all of you to participate and make this a great show so we will continue to be invited back!

I also want to issue a challenge to the membership. I challenge each one of you to sign up another glass artist for GAF membership—an old member who has drifted away, new glass artists, or even people who want to learn some aspect of glass and help find classes and teachers for them.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 15, at Glass Warehouse, 3483 S. Broadway, just north of Hampden. Board meeting will start at 6:00 and general meeting at 7:00. There is plenty of parking behind the shop. Scott Childress from D&L Art Glass Supply will be presenting all the new gadgets and glasses that they collected while in Las Vegas at the annual glass industry show. See you there!

—Maggie Heard, President

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glass Warehouse.

Featured Artist

Maggie Heard will be the featured artist at Artful Things Gallery for the month of June. The opening reception will be First Friday, June 4th, from 6-9 p.m. The address is: 3918 Tennyson Street in Denver.

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.

Echter's Holiday Show Coming Up

Time to start thinking about our yearly show coming in November. The entry form will be available soon. Registration can be paid by credit card. Please contact Pam Ware at 303-420-2652 if you need more information.

Visit our Website: www.glassartistsfellowship.com

Introduction to Glass Casting Class

Instructor: Larry Lunsford

Class Times: Fridays, June 11, 18, and 25. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: 10602 W. Parkhill Drive, Littleton, CO 80127

Class Fee: \$300

This is a comprehensive, three-day class that will provide you with hands-on experience in all steps to create cast glass objects. We will be using the lost wax method. We will perform all parts of the process. By the end of the class, you will have two copies your own creation cast in glass. The general steps we will be performing are: creating an original art piece in modeling clay (or found object), create silicone mold of clay original, create wax duplicates of original, create plaster mold of wax objects, cast glass into plaster, and finish work glass casting. There are no prerequisites for this class. Knowledge of glass fusing and sculpting is helpful.

Due to the quick pace of the class schedule, please keep your project small and simple. Your masterpiece must have a footprint that will fit inside a 4" x 6" oval, must be no more than 5" tall, and no more than 2" thick. Before coming to class, please plan an object you would like to make (there will be very little time for design in the class). Please review your project with me before class to make sure it is feasible. Please do not plan to attempt your ultimate masterpiece—we will have only enough time to cover the basics. We will be able to discuss how to get you to your planned masterpiece. Wear comfortable clothes that you do not mind getting messy with plaster and wax. All necessary materials will be provided. Lunch and snacks included.

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