



Virginia Glass Guild

From the President's Desk

An exciting Virginia Glass Guild membership year continues! Membership is growing with sights set on expanding across the Commonwealth of Virginia. With the Glass Art Society Annual Conference staged in Norfolk for June 2017, the guild has an excellent opportunity to make our presence known to glass artists from all over the world. Guild members will be exhibiting their artwork in multiple venues, demonstrating and performing at the conference, distributing information at a conference Tech Display, and hosting a pre-conference workshop. The details are waiting for you inside this newsletter!

The newsletter is published twice each membership year. It is an excellent comprehensive resource detailing where we've been and where we are going. But, it is only as good as our members make it. Please submit information when requested, then read the newsletter and keep it handy as a reference.

With membership expanding to include the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, this newsletter chronicles and unites Our Community.

~Heather Hartle, Virginia Glass Guild President

Membership Meetings

Saturday January 14, 10am-4pm
General Meeting and Pedestal Workday
 Cristallo Art Center
 11835 Canon Blvd.
 Newport News, VA
 757-596-3551

Lend a hand to work on the 30 pedestals needed for public exhibitions. This is the third workday the guild has held, and we are progressing nicely. This will require putty, sanding and painting skills. No previous experience necessary. We'll train you on the job! A brief general meeting will be held.

Sunday April 2, 2-4pm
General Meeting and Scholarship Presentations
 The Glass Wheel Studio
 128 W. Olney Road
 Norfolk, VA

The guild will hold a general meeting featuring Education Scholarship presentations by Gayle Forman and Robin Short. *Organica* by Marti Negri and Layered Up Invitational Exhibition will be in the gallery and the guild will tour the studio space as well.

Monday May 15, 6pm
General Meeting and Artwork Drop Off
 Slover Library
 Community Engagement Room
 235 E. Plume Street
 Norfolk, VA

Members will drop off their accepted artwork for the Virginia Glass Guild Member Exhibition. This will also be the final planning session for the two related opening receptions and the Virginia Glass Guild Tech Display Booth for the GAS Conference.

Sunday in June TBA
General Meeting and Annual Guild Picnic
 24389 Mouring Drive
 Carrollton, VA

Guild members Bill and Linda Pinkham have graciously offered their beautiful gardens for a picnic and the final meeting of the year with officer elections. This will be a potluck picnic with the guild providing the meat entrée. This is always a lovely way to spend an afternoon, plan to attend!

Upcoming Events

Saturday February 18, 10am-2pm Empty Bowls Workshop

Cristallo Art Center
11835 Canon Blvd.
Newport News, VA
757-596-3551

This workshop is being held to create fused glass bowls to donate to the local Empty Bowls fundraising event. Members may bring their own glass supplies or purchase fusing glass at cost (since this is a donation). Bring your ideas, sketches, and designs to the workshop and Ali Rogan will assist in leading members through their creations. The size we will be working on will be around 7", to 10" the size of a cereal bowl. A firing fee will be charged in addition to any supplies purchased at cost.

March 4-June 4 2017 EMBRACING NARRATIVE: Artwork of the Washington Glass School and Virginia Glass Guild

Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center
400 High Street
Portsmouth, VA

www.portsmouthartcenter.com

Jurors: Diane Wright, Curator of Glass,
Chrysler Museum of Art and Sheila Giolitti,
Mayer Fine Art Gallery

December 2, 2016

Artists were notified of jurors' selections.

Deliver Artworks February 8-11, 10am-4pm

Opening Reception

Friday March 3, 2017 5:00-8:00pm



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The exhibit, EMBRACING NARRATIVE: Artwork of the Washington Glass School and Virginia Glass Guild, will be open to the public leading up to and during GAS Conference 2017. This is a juried exhibition with 23 Virginia Glass Guild artists displaying artwork. Plan to attend the opening reception!

The **Washington Glass School** is a unique educational program in the Nation's Capital area, operating as the sculptural glass education, artistic and community center and resource for the mid-Atlantic region, serving students, artists and the general public. It encourages research and exploration of new techniques in all aspects of glass (kilncast, fused, cold worked) as well as other media such as steel, ceramics, lighting and concrete. Our goal is to introduce artists in other media to the depth, processes and joys of glass to enhance their work.

www.washingtonglassschool.com

Upcoming Events



May 9, 2017 24 Hours Give Local 757 Major Fundraiser for VGG

Virginia Glass Guild will be participating in the 2017 **Give Local 757** fundraiser for non-profit organizations sponsored by the Community Foundations in the 757 area code. This will be the single best opportunity for the Guild to raise the funds we need to continue our growth and sustain our scholarship program. The online fund raising event will be held on May 9th, 2017, midnight to midnight. During the 24 hour period **Give Local 757** will operate a website that lists all participating non-profits. Each participant will have a unique URL so that all donations go directly to that non-profit. In other words, each and every donation made to the Guild will belong to the Guild. Donations will be made by credit card with a minimum of \$10.00.

What **YOU** can do:

- If you haven't already done so, "Like" the Virginia Glass Guild Facebook page, and ask your friends to do the same!
- Create a list of friends and family you could ask to make a donation. Remember, as little as \$10 can be donated. Have you ever given away a piece of your artwork? Add that person's name to your list!
- Watch your inbox for details and instructions closer to May 9.
- Volunteer to help monitor the donations and make phone calls on May 9.
- Be aware that the guild needs your attention on this very important date: **MAY 9, 2017.**

In 2016 Virginia Glass Guild raised a **total of \$4807** through the Give Local 757 fundraiser for local non-profit organizations. A total of **\$4050** resulted from the donations of **87** individuals and **\$757** was prize money awarded for having a donation made closest to sunrise (6:08am). The guild accomplished **96%** of our **\$5000** goal.

These funds will support the following:

VGG Member Exhibition at Slover Library during GAS Conference 2017
Display Pedestals, Receptions

VGG Tech Booth Display during GAS Conference 2017

With this initial success, the guild will set our goal higher for 2017 Give Local 757 and strive for **100%** participation from our membership.

Upcoming Events

May 25-July 9 2017

Virginia Glass Guild Member Exhibition

Slover Library
235 E. Plume St.
Norfolk, VA

www.sloverlibrary.com



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Virginia Glass Guild members are invited and encouraged to participate in this exhibit to be held throughout beautiful Slover Library. The artwork will be juried to insure that each guild member will have at least one piece included in the exhibit. The show will be open to the public during the Glass Art Society Conference 2017 and for five weeks following. Further details on the application process will be provided by emails to the membership and on the guild website. Start planning your artwork submissions!

The guild will be hosting two receptions during this exhibit. The first will be open to the public on May 25. The receptions for exhibits at Slover Library typically draw 200 people. The second reception will be a private event for GAS Conference attendees on June 1. Slover Library is located very close to the Marriott Hotel, headquarters for the GAS Conference.

Sunday March 19, 2017

Deadline to submit artwork images.

Monday May 15, 2017 6:00-8:00pm

General Guild Membership Meeting
Drop Off Artwork

Thursday May 25, 2017 6:00-8:00pm

Public Opening Reception

Thursday June 1, 2017 6:30-8:30pm

Private Reception for GAS Conference Attendees

Upcoming Events

May 26-28, 2017

**Pre-GAS Conference Workshop
“It’s Not a Chandelier, It’s a Lighted Sculpture”
Taught by Susan Taylor Glasgow**

Cristallo Art Center
11835 Canon Blvd.
Newport News, VA
757-596-3551



Mixed media artist, Susan Taylor Glasgow, takes you through the engineering basics of creating your own mixed media lighted and hanging sculpture. Students will learn about the very specific world of lighting hardware and will design their own sculptures using found objects and fused glass components created during class. Feel your imagination is bigger than 3 days? No worries, students will learn everything needed to complete their sculptures in their own studios, including basic electrical wiring, safety, and assembly of lighted works.



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Workshop Fee:

\$325 Guild Member, includes materials
\$375 Non-Member, includes materials

Registration is now open. Guild members receive priority through January 15, 2017. Remaining spots in the class will be opened to the general public following this date. Act Now!

Email president@viriniaglassguild.org to reserve your place in the workshop.

Check for \$100 deposit must be mailed to:
Virginia Glass Guild
Treasurer
PO Box 2134
Yorktown, VA 23692

Balance of \$225 due by April 1.



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June 1-3, 2017

**Glass Art Society Conference
Virginia Glass Guild Tech Display**

Norfolk Waterside Marriott
Thursday & Friday 11am-5pm
Saturday 11am-3pm

The guild plans to be part of the Tech Display during the GAS Conference. Volunteers are needed to gather display materials which will showcase guild activities and members. Plan to shoot images and video at guild events or studio time with other members. Requests will go out by email for materials to be uploaded to a VGG Dropbox.

Upcoming Events

NORFOLK

2017

GLASS ART SOCIETY'S ●
 46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ●
REFLECTIONS from the EDGE: ●
GLASS, ART, and PERFORMANCE ●
 JUNE 1-3, 2017 ●



Thursday June 1

Performance
 Hannah Kirkpatrick, *From Pinhole to Pixel*

Coldworking Demo
 Heather Hartle, *Contemporary Cameo Glass
 Informed by the Masters*

Friday June 2

Lec-Mo
 Ryan Tanner, *Cameo Engraving with Hand Tools*

Hot Glass Demo
 Jamestown Glassblowers, *Glass in the New
 World*

Saturday June 3

Coldworking Demo
 Matthew Fine, *Great Casting...Now What*

Workshops

June 5-9 Perry Glass Studio, Norfolk
 David Walters, *Making Your Mark*
 Cappy Thompson, *Painting with Vitreous
 Enamels*

www.chrysler.org/glass-studio/guest-instructor-workshops

May 27-31 The Glass Spot, Richmond
 Grant Garmezy, *Sparking Life into Glass*

June 5-9 The Glass Spot
 Nanda Soderberg, *Recycled Glass Working
 Techniques*

www.richmondglassspot.com

Publicity Committee

*Have you seen the VGG's Website?
Or Liked our Facebook?
Let us not forget, we now have an Instagram
account!*

Website: <http://viriniaglassguild.org>

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/Virginia-Glass-Guild-247854201903967/>

Instagram: @virginia_glass_guild

The VGG Publicity Committee, Robin Short, Jenna Figgers and Jen Detlefsen, are using their creative skills to provide members with current information on planned activities and recent events. The VGG website's member page links your website (or email address) to your image and name. If any name or image needs correcting, please send information to Robin Short: boardmember3@viriniaglassguild.org

The VGG Facebook page is maintained for members. If you are involved in an event, exhibit or activity where you are displaying your artwork, please post it to the VGG Facebook. Posts are reviewed and approved by an administrator before publishing. The GAS Conference is in June! We are starting a new section on our Facebook called: "Meet the Artist". This will feature an artist once a week. Please send a bio and a picture of yourself or a 15 sec video clip of you creating your artwork. Please send info to the *Meet the Artist* drop box if you would like to be featured on Facebook or the VGG's tech display booth video. Use this link to add your bio and images to the VGG Dropbox folder, *Meet the Artist*:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/RbOCq85xV91Aq0pDBb0t>

Follow Virginia Glass Guild on our new Instagram! @virginia_glass_guild is showcasing the best in Virginia glass art, highlighting our members' achievements, and keeping you apprised of glassy events in the area. Have something to submit? Email it to Jen Detlefsen at boardmember4@viriniaglassguild.org, or just go ahead and tag us in your post!

Use the tags @virginia_glass_guild or #viriniaglass

The VGG has a new member badge.



Insert the badge on your website or if you have a "Link page" please list the VGG: <http://www.viriniaglassguild.org>

If you have not received a digital copy of the VGG member badge for 2016-2017, please contact Robin Short at boardmember3@viriniaglassguild.org

We have an exciting year filled with events, meetings, and workshops. Check out our website and remember to "Like" and "Share" our Facebook page, don't forget to tag us in your post!

We are here: *To Support, Advocate and Advance public awareness of glass as an art form.*

Past Events

29th Annual Juried Exhibition October 15-December 4, 2016

The Charles H Taylor Arts Center
Hampton, VA

Jurors: Douglas and Katya Heller

"More than any other arts group I know of here in Hampton Roads, the members of the glass guild have always pushed themselves to become more complex, more accomplished, more contemporary," gallery manager James Warwick Jones said. ~Daily Press review article



Awards

Best in Show

Suzanne Peterson ~ *The Weight of Overindulgence*

Hampton Arts Commission Award

Gayle Forman ~ *Snow Globalization*

Second Place

Edward Francis ~ *Small Parts Collection*

Third Place

Heather Hartle ~ *Body of Work*

Awards of Excellence

Jenn Detlefsen--*Deeper Than Skin*

Hannah Kirkpatrick--*Mark of the Maker*

Awards

Honorable Mention

Barbara Atkinson--*Vintage Lace Collar*

Beth Barclay--*Platter-Patterns in Green*

Ali Feeney--*Words of My Mother*

Kelsey Finnie--*Spontaneous Glass Doodles*

Meredith Lopez--*Bind*

Kimberly McKinnis--*Mother Mary Full of Grace*

Charlotte Potter--*Breastplate*

Ali Rogan--*Aerodramus Avis Nidum*

Julia & Robin Rogers--*Auspicious Prince*

Emilio Santini--*Theseus' Helmets*

Joshua Solomon--*Artic Skies*

Educational Scholarship

Clay McGlamory

Lisa Mosser

Cathy Jo Ramsey

Ben Carl Riley

Congratulations to all award recipients and all members who displayed artwork in this well received exhibit. A wonderful review article appeared in Daily Press, Sunday November 6.

<http://www.dailypress.com/entertainment/dp-features/mark-1106-20161105-story.html>

Silent Auction

The annual Silent Auction funds the Educational Scholarships given by the guild every year. In addition to the items being displayed during the opening reception for the juried exhibition, images of artwork were available on the guild website to encourage viewers to *Buy It Now* before the bidding begins. This proved very successful and the concept will be expanded for next year.

There were a total of 24 guild members who donated artwork for the auction and 34 items were purchased for a total of \$2818.20. Of that amount, \$1093.00 was raised through *Buy It Now* purchases. The guild raised \$1920.40 to fund Educational Scholarships through this successful auction.

2016-2017 Public Donation of Glass Art



Empty Bowls Virginia Peninsula is engaged in a grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight against hunger in our local communities. The Empty Bowls Project is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight against hunger. The project was initiated by a Michigan art teacher in 1990 as a way to raise charitable funds for his community. His idea spread, and Empty Bowls events now take place across the United States and in at least a dozen other countries. Millions of dollars have been raised and donated to hunger-fighting organizations.

The peninsula fund raising event will be held in the Historic Post Office in Hampton on Friday March 24, 2017. Tickets will go on sale mid January for \$30 with proceeds donated to local food banks. Each attendee will enjoy a tasting of soup and bread from area chefs, a silent auction, and will choose a bowl created by a local artist to take home. This is a very popular event and interested members are encouraged to purchase their tickets as early as possible!

**Tickets can be purchased online at:
www.emptybowlsvapeninsula.org**

Virginia Glass Guild artists will work together to create 25 bowls to donate to Empty Bowls Virginia Peninsula for the fund raising event. A workshop will be held at Cristallo Art Studio on Saturday February 18 to create fused glass bowls. Members who are glass blowers are encouraged to create bowls about the size of a cereal bowl. All bowls will be collected and delivered to Empty Bowls Virginia Peninsula by March 20.



A silent auction is held during the fundraising event to benefit local food banks and organizations fighting hunger. Auction artwork will be displayed on Empty Bowls Virginia Peninsula website and Facebook page prior to the event. Guild artists wishing to donate artwork for the silent auction may get further details by emailing president@virginiaglassguild.org Empty Bowls Virginia Peninsula is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Start designing your donated bowl now!

Member News

Let them Eat Cake

November 30th - January 21st, 2017

Curated by Kimberly McKinnis

Agnes Varis Art Center

647 Fulton Street Brooklyn, NY

There are few mediums like glass, which can capture the magnificence of light. Lavish craftsmanship layered with rich color is easily devoured. However any type of extravagance can soon become gluttony. Let Them Eat Cake, contemplates the innate beauty of the glass medium and our insatiable appetites as humans.

Curated by Kimberly McKinnis, this exhibition attempts to create a conversation about human desire and the delicate balance between decadence and degradation, featuring artists using glass to explore excess, ego, voyeurism and overconsumption while pushing the limits of ornamentation. Do we indulge along with the artists' innate desire to adorn, or are we called to a higher morality?

Participating artists include: Michele Bisailon, Amber Cowan, Matt Eskuche, Gayle Forman, Kit Paulson, Suzanne M. Peterson, Alexander Rosenberg, Avery Shaffer and Nanda Soderberg

About the curator: Kimberly McKinnis is an artist and curator originally from Southern California. She holds a BFA in studio art with a concentration in glass and an MFA in Exhibition Design both from the California State University in Fullerton, California. As member of the curatorial team Day Job Projects, she has been organizing exhibitions in and around Orange County since 2012.

Recently she has returned to making her own artwork which focuses on themes of identity, introspection, and exploring preconceived notions of beauty through symmetry. In her personal studio practice she utilizes a variety of media including silver, glass, video and performance and has been exhibited nationally and internationally including in publications such as the, New Glass Review. She currently resides in Norfolk, Virginia and is the MFA traveling assistant at the Chrysler Museum of Art Glass Studio.

~Urban Glass Website



Member News

Grant Garmezy

Grant will be teaching a workshop at The Glass Spot in Richmond May 27-31



Cathartes Aura (Golden Purifier)



Ferdinand



Once To Dust

TCC Visual Arts Center

340 High Street
Portsmouth, VA
Tcc.edu/vac/

Breaking Barriers: GlassWork by TCC Grads and Chrysler Assistants

May 6-June 21, 2017

Artist's Brunch, June 4 at 11am

In this collaboration with regional venues, the VAC presents works by Tidewater Community College graduates and Chrysler Museum glass studio assistants that are highly varied and depict current trends in this popular medium. Joint festivities take place on June 4 with the adjacent Portsmouth Art and Cultural Center.



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Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries

Old Dominion University
4509 Monarch Way at 45th Street
Norfolk, VA
odu.edu/life/culture/arts/galleries

Glass &

May 27-July 2, 2017

Reception June 2, 6-8pm

Glass & is an exhibition curated by assistant professor **Clay McGlammory**, as well as assistant curator and professor emeritus Ken Daley. The artists in the exhibition represent a wide variety of glass techniques and practices. They are all award-winning, Virginia-based artists, including multiple best-in-show winners from the **Virginia Glass Guild Juried Exhibition**.

Member Bios

Norma Geddes



After a wonderful career in health care....I discovered stained glass quite by chance. I have been taking classes for 5 years and have incorporated stained, fused, and lamp work art into my finished products. For the past 3 years I have sold my art in 9 galleries in Virginia, as well as doing studio commission work. I am fortunate to be a juried "Artisan of Virginia".

Glass art is my passion and my life's delight! It is a pleasure being in the company of kindred souls who "speak the language of glass art."

My website is www.normageddesglass.com



Suzanne Peterson



Suzanne was awarded Best in Show for *The Weight of Overindulgence* in the Virginia Glass Guild 29th Annual Juried Exhibition. She is currently a Studio Assistant at Chrysler Museum Glass Studio.

Suzanne is a visual and performance artist born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She received her B.F.A. in studio arts at the University of Wisconsin in 2015. Peterson has exhibited at venues such as the Madison Children's Museum and Woman Made Gallery in Chicago. Recently her work was featured in *New Glass Review* and in Laura Donefer's Glass Fashion Show in Corning, New York. Her installation and durational performance art pieces explore the body and its intersection with avant-garde fashion. Her newest works are experimentally blown forms that attempt to extricate the functionality from commonplace tableware.

Her website is www.suzannepeterson.com



The Weight of Overindulgence

Member Websites

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Please send your articles for publication in the next newsletter by **May 15, 2017**. Share what's going on with guild members. Tell us about an interesting experience you've had. We want to know about upcoming events and classes, interesting things to see and do, information about our members including shows, awards or special acknowledgements, your thoughts, insights and feedback on guild events, and information about related organizations. Please send info to the [Corresponding Secretary](#).

Mission Statement and Guild History

To support, advocate and advance public awareness of glass as an art form.

The Virginia Glass Guild, formerly known as The Peninsula Glass Guild, was established in 1986 to promote quality glass art in the community and to provide a forum for glass arts. The Virginia Glass Guild is organized for educational, artistic and charitable purposes as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. With this name change in 2015, artists, businesses and supporters living and working throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia are welcome to join the Guild and further the goals that were set by the Founding Members. These goals include the sharing of artistic ideas, expanding knowledge and awareness of glass as an art form, and stretching artistic imagination through exploration of glass as an artistic medium. Members achieve these goals through an annual public donation of art glass or educational materials related to glass, the purchase and subsequent donation of art, or grants towards those ends, to organizations or individuals consistent with the goals of the Guild. To promote awareness of glass as an art form, the Guild has sponsored the Annual Juried Exhibition at Charles H Taylor Arts Center in Hampton for the past 28 years, in addition to smaller exhibits in venues throughout Virginia.

Annual Membership Dues (covers July 1 – June 30)

Pay Membership Fees at any meeting,
by Paypal on our Website or mail a check to:

Treasurer, Virginia Glass Guild
P.O. Box 2134, Yorktown, VA 23692

- Individual \$25.00
- Couple \$35.00
- Senior/student \$18.00
- Couple (sr/student) \$25.00
- Business \$50.00

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