

## ***Glass Gathering Meeting Minutes***

2/14/15

9:00 – 11:00 am

Harmony Stained Glass, Pasadena, Texas

Event of this meeting were a business meeting, show and tell session and presentation on framing techniques by David Lantrip.

### **Business Meeting**

- Next month we will be doing our studio crawl. It was suggested to add the studio of a friend of the Hinsons who has a large quantity of interesting glass he is looking to sell. ***Approved.***
- Treasurer's report:
  - \$972.52 bank balance as of January statement
  - Please all members 2015 dues are now past due!
- 2015 Glass Gathering Art Show details presented for approval by Chris Alexander
  - Format to be the same as last year with following changes: registration fee raised to \$30; a limit of four entries will be allowed with additional entries accepted for an additional fee of \$10 per (an "entry" in the Lampwork and Glass Jewelry category may consist of up to three separate works); the Artwork Description form may be turned in later than the Application; and the line item for purchasing GG brochure cards will be removed from the art show budget since it is a general group expense. ***Approved.***
  - Deanna Delapasse volunteered to chair the hospitality / refreshment committee.
  - Joyce Sullivan will contact Kim Clark Renteria, Houston glass artist, to see if she will serve as our guest judge.
- Updated website proposal presented for consideration by Chris Alexander
  - A trial website set up with the template-based hosting company Squarespace was reviewed by the group for a variety of reasons including: ease of usage by varying and changing administrators within the group; ability to accept online payments for membership and for the annual art show; seamless presentation in shopping cart and calendar experiences. Concerns included: lack of a forum capability, but this can be served using the site's blog capability and link to our current Facebook page, and lack of ability for individuals to post images directly to their galleries, which was agreed can be handled by the administrator.
  - The website service will cost \$192 per year which is comparable to our current service. ***Approved.***
- Joyce Sullivan proposed to set up a Meet Up for Glass Gathering to generate interest and reach new potential members. ***Approved.***
- Mosaic Crawl update by Joanne Crull and Cheryl Widen
  - Joanne is continuing to work on creating an itinerary of mosaics in the Houston/Galveston area to visit that will take approximately two to three hours to visit.
  - Cheryl is investigating the cost and details of renting a party bus for the tour.
  - Group interest is now approximately ten to twelve members.
  - During scheduling conversation it was suggested that the Mosaic Crawl be rescheduled to occur in September. ***Approved.***

## Presentation

David Lantrip made a detailed and informative presentation on framing techniques and concerns to be considered when finishing a piece of stained glass. He also brought an example of and spoke about the advantages of using Light Beam LED light panels when creating artificial light sources for framed stained glass panels.

## Show and Tell

Barbara Partridge, Cheryl Widen, Joanne Crull and Andrea Turner brought pieces they made last month after the 3 Dimensional Visions tour and spoke of the process of working with hot glass – photo below.



## News and Updates

- Michael Crowder (last year's GGAS guest judge) has a show running currently at Gray Contemporary in Katy - <http://www.graycontemporary.com/>
- There is a new lampworking studio in Houston owned by Mark Todd who has advertised on Meet Up for a studio visit on March 1<sup>st</sup>.