

The Stained Glass Association of America Heading to Philadelphia in 2020



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Cheesesteaks. Rocky. The Liberty Bell. Yes, it's time to start thinking about all things Philadelphia.

The 111th Annual Conference of the Stained Glass Association of America (SGAA) heads to the City of Brotherly Love in June 2020. Held at the Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District on Arch Street, the conference again features classes, workshops, speakers, and the annual awards dinner.

Main Events

The schedule follows the recent conference format with summer classes being held on Saturday and Sunday, June 13–14 and the general session convening on Monday and Tuesday, June 15–16. Local tours will be offered on Wednesday June 17.

SGAA's main conference kicks off on June 14 with an evening vendor reception and the opening of the silent auction. Attendees will have a chance to get to meet our sponsors and glass manufacturers in person and learn more about their companies and products while offering their own feedback.



Abatron demonstration. Photo by Kyle J Mickelson.



*Angel gilding demonstration.
Photo by Kyle J Mickelson.*

On June 15, morning speakers will be presenting various topics of interest, followed by afternoon field sessions. Attendees can choose from one of three offerings—maintenance and restoration, a trip to the University of the Arts Technology Center & Glass Department, or a walking tour of public art in historic Philadelphia. Monday night's reception will feature a presentation on the local nonprofit, The Stained Glass Project, along with the close of the silent auction and a live auction.

Tuesday morning will feature an archives panel with archivists from the Rakow Research Library at The Corning Museum of Glass and the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art leading a discussion on studio and artist archives. Breakout sessions will follow lunch, allowing time for demonstrations and case studies.

Awards Reception and Banquet

Tuesday night's awards banquet will be held off site this year, beginning with a reception at Beyer Studios and continuing at the Germantown Cricket Club. Look for more information on the banquet and classes on the SGAA website.

Registration for the conference will open in early 2020, but you can book your room now. Information on rates and links to reservations can be found at stainedglass.org/conference.

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Visit www.stainedglass.org to learn more about the Stained Glass Association of America, the upcoming conference and events, and how to become an SGAA member.

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