

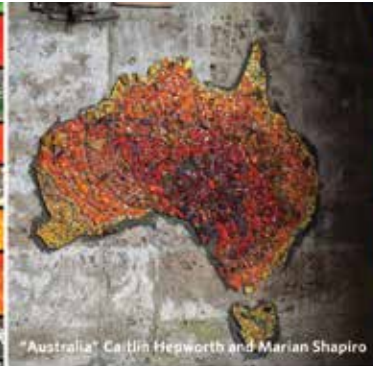


Many Hands Making Light Work

Announcing a New Partnership and Major News for 2022



"Seasons of Time" Josephine A. Geiger



"Australia" Caitlin Hepworth and Marian Shapiro



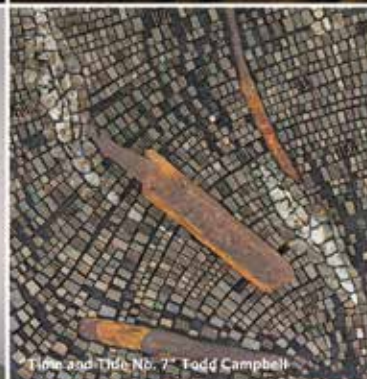
"Roots of Knowledge" Holdman Studios



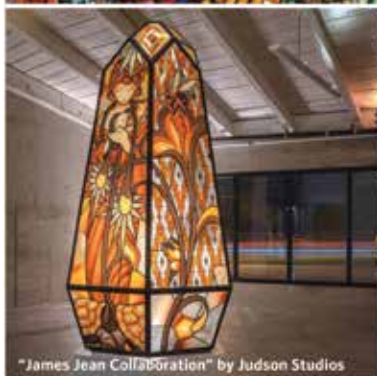
"Patagonia Heart" Alejandra Martin



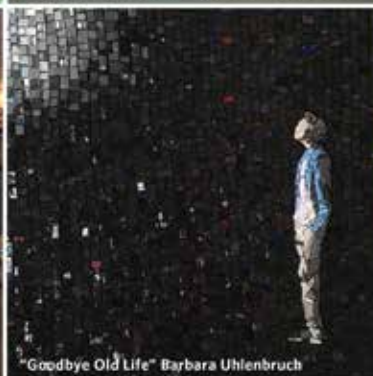
"Waco Chamber of Commerce" Stanton Studios



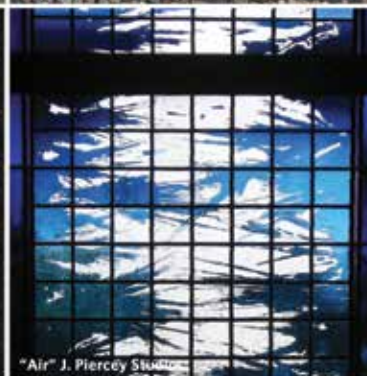
"Tide and Tide No. 7" Todd Campbell



"James Jean Collaboration" by Judson Studios



"Goodbye Old Life" Barbara Uhlenbruch



"Air" J. Pierrey Studios

A medley of glass artwork by SGAA and SAMA members.

When you want something,
all the universe conspires in
helping you to achieve it.

— Paulo Coelho

by Megan McElfresh

The Stained Glass Association of America (SGAA) has worked tirelessly to survive and deliver our beloved programs and resources throughout the pandemic. One of our strengths throughout the past few years has proven to be our strong partnerships and collaborations with other amazing organizations in the architectural, fine arts, and preservation communities.

In recent months, the Society of American Mosaic Artists (SAMA) has been at a crossroads as a result of a series of financial challenges. Canceled events and low enrollment in SAMA programs led to the difficult decision by the Board of Trustees to begin the challenging process of dissolution. The mosaic art community's heartfelt support and desire to preserve SAMA's 20-year legacy spread like wildfire and soon sparked an idea with another arts organization with deep connections to mosaic art—the idea to build a mutually strengthening partnership that could save one community while inspiring and growing another.

Uniting Two Notable Glass Organizations

The Stained Glass Association of America (SGAA) and The Society of American Mosaic Artists (SAMA) will begin the first phase of partnership by collaborating on a joint conference, June 27–30, 2022, in Toledo, Ohio. In the coming months, SAMA Executive Director Dawnmarie Zimmerman will work with SGAA Executive Director Megan McElfresh to plan a joint conference and additional member programming with the financial support of the SGAA. This dynamic duo brings together over 20 years of nonprofit, publication, and event planning experience and is deeply passionate about building a strong and prosperous partnership for both communities.

Both organizations will coordinate the efforts of their Leadership Boards and committee volunteers to elevate opportunities for collaboration so that the missions of both organizations will not only survive, but also thrive well into the future. Moving forward, SGAA and SAMA will work together to ensure that the essential elements of membership are preserved while exploring innovative new ways to serve artists, suppliers, manufacturers, preservationists, and collectors.

Looking Forward to the 2022 Joint Conference

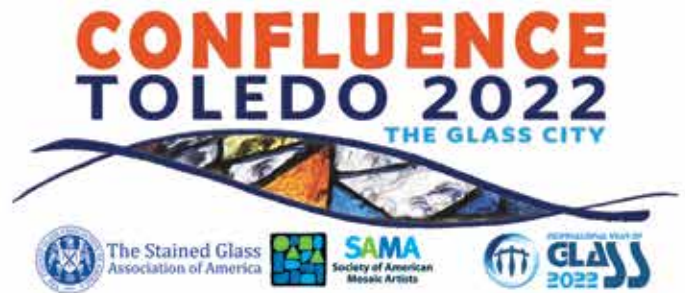
While we are charting new waters, we appreciate the generosity and enthusiasm that each community will bring to this process. Our members' patience is greatly appreciated while we work through details and make adjustments to ensure that their engagement with our shared activities exceeds expectations. We are also very grateful to our members and partners for their calm endurance while we hold off on launching conference registration for just a few more weeks. It's crucial that we get as many moving parts of this conference as possible in place before we launch registration.

Our members will be updated on our progress in all of these areas during the coming year through emails as well as in each issue of *Stained Glass Quarterly*. We look forward to expanding and strengthening our conference program, which we will be announcing shortly, and seeing everyone's work come together in our professional and juried exhibition opportunities.

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