

The ISGB – Thirty and Thriving at the Annual Conference

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The International Society of Glass Beadmakers' (ISGB) upcoming annual conference, *The Gathering, 30 & Thriving*, will be held online June 9–12, 2022. This event will bring glass bead artists together from all over the world and will feature presentations, workshops, vendor events, demonstrations, a Flame Off, and social gatherings. ISGB is also proud to announce that Amy Lemaire will be the keynote speaker. Registration will be \$79 for ISGB members and \$129 for nonmembers.



Supporting Fellow Bead Artists

The ISGB supports its artists by purchasing beads to sell as a special collector's item and memento of the annual event. This year the ISGB is proud to announce Stephanie White as the 2022 Commemorative Bead Artist. Stephanie began lampworking in 2001 and quickly fell in love with the process. Working out of her family owned bead store, Beads by Design, just north of Atlanta, Georgia, she has spent the last couple of years focusing on her murrine-making skills. The 2022 Commemorative Bead captures her style and work beautifully. Beads will be available to purchase during registration for *The Gathering* and on the ISGB website.

During a special one-day event, artists will be able to sell their own work in a virtual Bead Bazaar, which will also be open to the public. Attendees will have many opportunities to make new connections, ask questions, and share their talents among friends during several social activities as well. It is sure to be an enriching experience for all attendees.

Preconference Offerings

There are a number of excellent online workshops June 4–9, 2022, just before the conference begins. Students can take the classes that fit within their schedules and will have access to the content until June 2023. If attendees happen to miss an event, it will be available to view for a limited time after the conference.

All of the events will be held on a separate new online conference platform to keep everyone together and sharing as one. This will be a memorable experience for the community of glass beadmakers and glass lovers as they celebrate *ISGB 30 & Thriving*. These presentations will inspire you to create and ask questions. We hope you can join us for the full lineup of offerings from outstanding industry leaders sharing their talents and skills.

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Visit www.isbgathering.org for more information on the upcoming *Gathering, a Presenter Lineup*, and how to register for the conference. You can read more about ISGB's keynote speaker, Amy Lemaire, in this issue of *Glass Art*.



(Top to bottom) Amy Lemaire, Contemporary Trade Routes.

Leslie Rowe-Israelson and Melanie Rowe, Mother Earth, with Ryan Bavin as gaffer.

Stephanie White, 2022 Commemorative Bead.