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International Society of Glass Beadmakers



ISGB Announces Winner of Hall of Flame Award for 2023

by Karyn Sweezy

The ISGB, as a nonprofit organization, developed the Hall of Flame Award in 2002 to celebrate our members whose contributions deserve special recognition. There are many amazing artists and contributors in our creative community, and this award honors the individuals who really make an impact. This is a celebration within our community and a way of saying thank you to our long-standing members who go the extra mile. The Hall of Flame Award is extremely special to the International Society of Glass Beadmakers and our community.

Unlike many organizations, this award is chosen by previous award winners. They understand and appreciate the depth of this award and take great pride in working together to choose the incoming recipient. This is held in secrecy until the reveal at the Gathering banquet. The recipient is presented with a lifetime membership, a standing ovation from the audience, an award certificate, and an award they can proudly display, in recognition of their many contributions to the advancement of the art of glass beadmaking.

2023 was a special year for the ISGB as we were able to have an in-person celebration to honor this year's recipient. Our annual Gathering banquet was held in Omaha, Nebraska, October 28th, 2023. Past President & Hall of Flame Inductee Kendra Bruno, representing the members of the ISGB Hall of Flame committee, invited those in attendance to join her on stage, introduced the award, and shared a list of previous inductees.

Kendra reminds us all, "These are all people with a shared vision for the organization and who exhibit a true, long-term dedication to what the ISGB stands for, not only within our group, but in the creative community as a whole."

President Martha Giberson joined them and led the award presentation with a list of accomplishments that could fill a book—including writing a few—while the audience silently tried to guess this year's winner. An excerpt from her speech really touches on the qualities the organization focuses on: "This individual is an agent of change, to make a difference in our glass community and in the lives of those who are interested in learning. They inspire and uplift both students and experienced artists through mentorship, have paved the path for others to follow...and they'll be the first to show them the way!"

*Borosilicate chain by Jeri Warhaftig.
Jeri teaches Boro Chain Making for Beginners at
www.glasspatterns.com and www.ISGBeducation.org.*



ISGB Award Ceremony Banquet

The announcement was made, and the entire room congratulated Jeri Warhaftig, The ISGB 2023 Hall of Flame recipient. No matter what your passion is in glass, Jeri has been instrumental in the education of our community, as well as serving on the board, steering ISGB to a lasting legacy, and continues to be an inspiration for all.

We are so proud to add Jeri to the Hall of Flame Inductees. For more information about our community please visit our website ISGB.org. We would love to invite you to join us. **GA**



Jeri Warhaftig

ISGB Hall of Flame Inductees

- 2002 Jim Kervin
- 2003 Cindy Jenkins
- 2004 Craig Milliron
- 2005 Kristina Logan
- 2006, Mike Frantz
- 2007 Cathy Finegan
- 2008 Lewis Wilson
- 2009 Donna Milliron
- 2010 Lisa St. Martin
- 2011 Greg Fuchs
- 2012 Peter Norton and Jean Robichaud
- 2013 Leah Fairbanks
- 2014 Heather Trimlett
- 2015 Sharon Peters
- 2016 Tom Holland
- 2017 Kendra Bruno
- 2018 Shelia Collins and Mary Dougherty
- 2019 Patricia Frantz
- 2021 Jed and Julie Hanney
- 2023 Jeri Warhaftig

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