

Featuring the latest from the  
International Society of Glass Beadmakers



## ISGB Opens Inspiration Gallery to all Flameworkers

Top to bottom:  
Lisa Jo Bass,  
tumble-etched Hollow  
Sweet Peach with  
shards and spacers.

Carol Parsonte,  
Effetre Sweet Peach  
hollow ice cube beads.

Marcy Lamberson,  
blossom beads with peachy  
tones achieved by mixing  
carnelian, white, and clear.

by Karyn Sweezy

The International Society of Glass Beadmakers (ISGB) is a collective of creative flameworkers who understand that sometimes you just need a push to be creative. Inspiration can come from many sources—the work of your fellow artists, a presentation, a workshop, a creative prompt, or even the desire to win a prize.

For years, the ISGB has been hosting creative challenges for our members as a way to spark creativity within our community. These have been noncompetitive challenges designed to help our members grow as artists. It isn't necessarily about making the perfect piece of work. It's more about experimentation and trying something new.

The ISGB would like to expand this idea to the greater flameworking community. We would like to share the same prompts with the flameworking public, with the added bonus of having your work published in our digital publication, *Glass Bead Evolution*.

We have a series of prompts throughout the year that are designed to help you tap into your own creativity and offer a way to share your talents with your fellow glassworkers:

**Pantone Color of the Year, Peach Fuzz**  
Deadline to submit is February 29th, 2024.

**Class Creations, anything you have made from a class**  
Deadline to submit is May 31st, 2024.

**Everything Murrini**  
Deadline to submit is September 30th, 2024.

**Beads of Courage Inspired**  
Deadline to submit is November 30th, 2024.

The ISGB is known as a beadmaking society, but in truth we are flameworkers working on- and off-mandrel in all types of glass and capacities. We share a passion and a desire to create within whatever limitations we may have. Every artist starts somewhere and can always use a community to help build a foundation and spark creativity.

If you would like to join us for these challenges, we welcome your submissions, and if they meet the photo criteria they may be included in the Glass Bead Evolution Inspiration Gallery. This magazine is available for purchase or download with ISGB membership, and all included artists will receive a complimentary issue. It is published quarterly, in March, June, October, and December.

Submit your entry by the deadlines. Please send one photo of your glass creation and artist statement to [membership@isgb.org](mailto:membership@isgb.org).

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