

American Glass Guild

A Virtual Conference Experience for 2021

by Kathy Jordan

As the President of the American Glass Guild (AGG), I agreed to carry out the tasks necessary to achieve our purposes and goals. Having to make the decision to cancel two in-person conferences felt all consuming. Our Board spent countless hours responding and pivoting to the challenges a small nonprofit would face. There was no time or a manual that would prepare us for a virtual crash course. Virtual reality had become a virtual way of life.

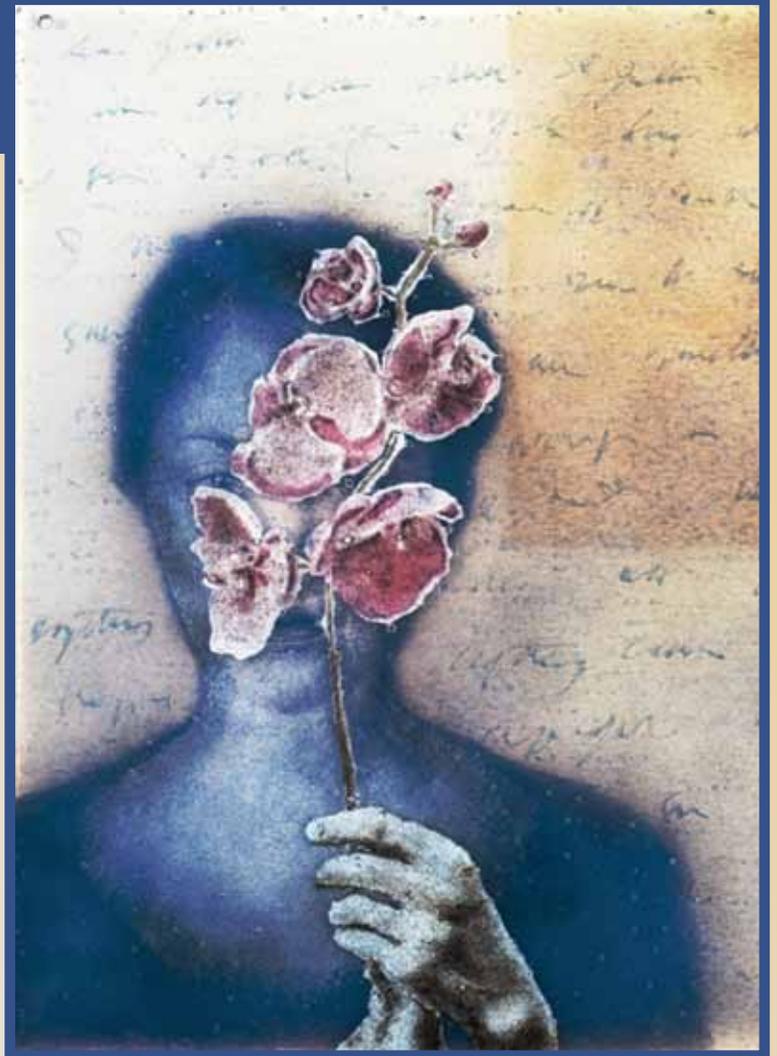
The 2021 AGG Conference Goes Virtual

The Board recognized that the original driver leading to the formation of the AGG has been education. Many of our members are accomplished designers, fabricators, conservators, and historians. We are all the benefactors of this generosity. In an effort to stay connected and honor our mission statement, even in the midst of a pandemic, the AGG has been preparing for our Virtual Conference. You will be able to join us through your computer and go mask-free the entire time. The format of this year's conference will include talks, education, awards, and interaction and feature Michael Janis as the keynote speaker.

Conference registration is open! We are very excited to be able to bring our members a clean and sanitized 2021 Virtual Conference on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Check out the schedule and speakers list on the Conference page at www.americanglassguild.org.

The James Whitney Memorial Scholarship Auction

Our annual scholarship auction has been a highlight during all of our past conferences, and this year we are excited to hold a virtual auction during the conference event. Since 2007, the scholarship fund has handed out over 125 scholarships to further glass art education through the generous donations from sponsors and AGG members. Please continue to support our annual scholarship auction with contributions and gifts. Information about the James Whitney Memorial Scholarship and how to donate to our auction can be found on our website.



Michael Janis, *The Memory of Orchids*, (detail) 2011.
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The resilience of our collective creative spirits combined with intention is the recipe we need to experience connectedness and community again. I so look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces this June.

Visit www.americanglassguild.org for more information on the upcoming Virtual Conference and on becoming a member of AGG.



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