



The AGG Summer 2022 Conference

Celebrating at The Corning Museum of Glass

by Jean Alexander

During 2021, the members of the American Glass Guild (AGG) have demonstrated our resilience. We pivoted, dug in our heels, and found new ways to survive and to thrive. Now according to Kathy Jordan, AGG President, co-chair of the International Year of Glass—North America’s Steering Committee, and head of the Art/Museum Coordination Committee, it’s time to come together to celebrate our strength, creativity, and contribution to glass.

Sharing and Learning

The AGG’s Summer Conference will be held at the Corning Museum of Glass (CMoG) in Corning, New York, on July 14–17, 2022. The Corning Museum was founded in 1951 as a “gift to the nation” and dedicated to telling the story of glass. The museum itself is a monument to resiliency, having flooded during Hurricane Agnes in 1972 and been painstakingly restored. It is the ideal venue to commemorate the artistic possibilities that glass has offered us over the centuries.



The 2022 AGG Auction Panels by Sylvia Nicolas. Photo courtesy of the artist.

Petri Anderson, Oh Who’s That in the Hollow, 21" x 14-3/4". Photo courtesy if the artist.

The AGG anticipates that, as in the past, the Summer Conference will raise significant funding for glass education through the James C. Whitney Scholarship live auction of glass artworks and supplies donated by its members, glass enthusiasts, and sponsors. The Conference will also feature world-renowned speakers from all sectors of glass, including Narcissus Quagliata, Thomas Denny, Janet Buchnar, Judith Schaechter, Dr. David Pye, and Dr. Manoj Choudary, to name just a few. Instructional workshops, demonstrations, round table discussions, a Retrospective Exhibit, GlassZoom Live, and evening cocktail receptions are anticipated highlights of this epic gathering. This is our opportunity to reconnect, learn, and share our common love of art and glass at a special time and in a special place.

Celebrating the International Year of Glass

The AGG will join with thousands of other organizations throughout the world celebrating the technological, scientific, economic, environmental, historical, and artistic role of glass in our societies. The United Nations General Assembly has designated 2022 as the International Year of Glass (IYoG) to acknowledge the importance of the contributions that glass has made to our global society. Jordan and distinguished glass contemporaries from the United States and around the world will be present for the monumental Opening Ceremony in the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, to kick off the IYoG 2022 and place glass at the heart of the United Nations 2030 Humanitarian Goals. You can find more information about their upcoming events at www.IYoG2022.org.

“The stars are aligned to make the American Glass Guild’s Summer Conference at the Corning Museum of Glass a once-in-a-lifetime event,” says Kathy. “It’s a special time for the history of glass, and CMoG is a special place where all glass is revered.” For more information about registration, please go to our website or contact info@americanglassguild.org. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Visit www.americanglassguild.org for more information on the American Glass Guild, including its membership, conferences, auction, and scholarship information.



(Top right) Thomas Denny painting directly onto layered flashed glass during the creation of one of his windows. Photo courtesy of the artist.

(Bottom right) Narcissus Quagliata demonstrating fusing techniques with Bullseye glass. Photo courtesy of Kathy Jordan.

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