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International Society of Glass Beadmakers

# ISGB Celebrates the Return of *The Gathering*



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The word *gathering* is a noun describing an assembly or meeting, especially a social or festive one, held for a specific purpose. The International Society of Glass Beadmakers (ISGB) is thrilled to announce its annual Gathering in Omaha, Nebraska, this October.

## **The Gathering In Person Once Again**

The wait is finally over! After two years of virtually hosting our annual event, *The Gathering*, the International Society of Glass Beadmakers (ISGB) is presenting *FIRE UP*, the name of The Gathering in 2023, which will be an in-person event in Omaha, Nebraska, from October 26 through October 29! Learning new techniques and networking with other beadmakers from all over the globe are just two of the many reasons to be fired up about this year's gathering! Exciting announcements on the presentations, workshops, an exhibition, and more will be coming soon.

With a jam-packed calendar of events covering A (Alliances) to Z (Zanfirico), *FIRE UP* attendees can choose from an extensive menu of classes and workshops. Whether you are interested in attending lectures on the history of glass beads and how beads differ in style across the globe, watching torch-based presentations on Silverglass to Shibori techniques, or professional development, there is something for everyone this year at *The Gathering*!



Petra Pepper



Marc Kornbluh



Hillary Lawson



Guido Adam

## Exploring Glassblowing in Omaha

There is so much to see and explore after the expo hall closes in our Omaha, Nebraska, location. From custom-created excursions like Glassblowing at the Hot Shops or exploring one of the fabulous restaurants for an evening of great food and conversation, you can find more info at [www.visitomaha.com](http://www.visitomaha.com).

Attendees will be able to take advantage of several presentations during *FIRE UP*, including Deep Strike Silver Fuming for Beadmakers with Mark Kornbluh, Double Helix—Everything but the Kitchen Sink with Hillary Lawson, and Pepperinas Favorite Techniques and Some Significant Designs with Petra Pepper. Three workshops will also be offered including Sally Prash's One Day Workshop on Hollow Forms, Guido Adam's two-day workshop Light Up Your Glasswork with Hollow Beads Fuming, and a half-day workshop on Spiny Knotted Bracelets with Stephanie Sersich.

Even if you can't join us in person, there are still lots of ways you can get fired up with us from your home studio! Between the Bead Swap, Vendor Area, and snagging some Omaha 2023 swag, there truly is something for everyone.

Visit [www.isgb.org](http://www.isgb.org) for more information on these fantastic upcoming events and how to become a member of ISGB.

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