

Dear Members of MCGAG;

Spring is upon us and we are finalizing our 2015 Event Schedule. I hope you all had a happy and healthy winter whether in the North or in the South. Last year we had an exciting series of Events. Marilyn Cohen and her committee think that this year will be even more exciting. I want to share some of the schedule with you. Our kick off event is Saturday June 20th with a visit to local fabulous glass collections. If you like contemporary glass art, this is an event not to be missed. It is like a private SOFA experience. We follow this with our 3rd Annual Glass Demonstration. We have another "A Class" glass artist for you to watch first hand. Laura Donefer will demonstrate her expertise on Sunday, July 12th. Once again this event will be at Ignite in Chicago. On Sunday, August 23rd we travel to visit the studio of Nicholas Africano and his wife Rebecca in Normal, Illinois. We close out our year with our 11th Annual Student Artist Show on Saturday, October 3rd. We moved the Student Artist Show from May to October to accommodate the students. This year we will have 5 participating schools and once again, Karen Echt and Ken Saunders have graciously offered us their galleries to host the event. Wow! Thank you Marilyn Cohen.

I hope that you will be able to join us for some if not all of these events. Your support is crucial as it allows us to award grants and cash prizes to the student artist winners. Many times we don't appreciate how much our cash award means to the students. We can't do it without you. Our events offer you an opportunity to be with old friends and to meet with new friends and at the same time see great glass art.

Every organization needs new members to survive and we are no exception. Our mission is to recognize, support, encourage, promote and educate everything to do with art made from glass. Please encourage your friends to join with us.

I wish you a glasstastic 2015.

Alan Lasser,
President