

Minutes - Glass Gathering Monthly Meeting

July 8, 2023, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Harmony Stained Glass, Pasadena, Texas

Attendees: Approximately thirteen members and guests

Presentation: Cold-Working for Fused Glass by Joyce Sullivan

Business

- Treasurer's Report: Expenses for the past month include honorarium and material costs for June speaker Frances Trahan. Current bank balance is \$2394.66. Discussion was held about possible future sources of revenue to bolster bank balance for the organization's use. Suggestions included charging an entry fee for the 2024 art show and putting a donation box out at the upcoming 2023 show.
- Overview of 2023 annual art show was presented. The show will follow the same format as last year and be an open entry exhibition without entry fees. Awards for best in show and first place in each category will be awarded based on popular vote. Information and entry forms is currently available on the website, advertising postcards will be ordered and volunteers were requested to assist.
- Show and Tell: Interesting presentation and examples shown of fusible modeling glass and freeze and fuse projects.

Presentation

Joyce Sullivan, owner of Harmony Stained Glass, presented a discussion and demonstration of equipment and techniques for finishing fused glass artworks with various cold-working tools. It was an extensive presentation with the opportunity for hands-on experience of the equipment and we are grateful for Joyce's time and expertise. Topic included:

- Hand cold-working with diamond hand pads.
- Sand blasting
- Use of a flat lap
- Use of a wet belt sander
- Use of a tile saw with a diamond blade
- Use of a drill press with diamond core bits
- Safety concerns and procedures
- Troubleshooting member projects and questions