Glass Gathering Meeting Minutes

07/15/18, 10:00 am, generously hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church

Field Trip

Our July meeting was a field trip, touring St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church in Nassau Bay. St. Thomas is home to some lovely dalle de verre glass windows which were installed at the time the current nave was built. In 2016 the church added a columbarium chapel adjacent to the nave which houses a series of stained glass windows designed by Glass Gathering member Chris Alexander. She built them with the help of the Harmony Stained Glass team, and they were installed by Freebird Glass out of Cypress, Texas. Many of you saw these windows in progress and came to experience the impact of stained glass in its intended architectural setting!





Also, St. Thomas is currently hosting an enormous exhibition of contemporary artwork by Russian artist Ludmila Pawlowska. Based on traditional orthodox religious icons, it is a compelling installation of work made even more interesting by its location in a church setting. The Motto for the exhibition was written by Henri Matisse after his visit to Moscow in 1911:

"Yesterday I saw a collection of old Russian icons. This is truly great art. I am quite taken by iconic paintings: I have only one thought in my head, and now we run, day in and day out, to monasteries, churches and the various collections. I am in love with their touching simplicity... The artist's soul emerges in these icons like a mystical flower. It is through them that we should learn to understand art. The Russians have no idea what treasures they possess. I have seen artwork from the churches of many different countries, but nowhere have I met such powerful expression, such a feeling of mystery... everywhere the same luminosity and devotion...."

Until next month: May all your scores break perfectly!

