

Glass Gathering Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2019 generously hosted by Harmony Stained Glass, Pasadena, Texas
18 members in attendance

General Meeting

Treasurer's Report: - Bank balance \$3049.57. One new member joined online from out of town.

Bylaws Update Voting – Discussion and voting at this meeting completed the process of making updates to our bylaws. The changes have been discussed in previous meetings, a summary of the proposed changes have been emailed to the membership twice, and online voting was provided for those who could not be present. Two online votes were cast. The vote passed revisions #1 and #2 unanimously, and revision #3 which unanimously with two abstentions.

Approved revision #1:

Article VIII , 1A

Current: "General Membership Meetings will be held the second Saturday of every month at Harmony Stained Glass in Pasadena, Texas or at another location agreed upon by the membership."

Change: "General Membership Meetings will be held monthly at Harmony Stained Glass in Pasadena, Texas or at another location agreed upon by the Executive Board with a schedule being provided at the beginning of the calendar year. "

Why: Gives greater flexibility to monthly meeting dates. Avoids conflicts with 2nd Saturdays in Houston Arts District, allows officers to adjust 3rd or 4th Saturdays to accommodate special events and holidays.

Approved revision #2:

Article X

Current: "The organization will maintain an official web site. The Executive Board will determine the content and guidelines of the web site." Change: "The organization will maintain an online presence . The Executive Board will determine the content and nature of the online presence." Why: Due to the constant evolution of electronic communication, this change allows for different platforms that are or will be available in the future.

Approved Revision #3:

Article XIII

Current: "These bylaws may be amended at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing to all voting members at least one week prior to a general membership meeting at which voting on such proposal is to take place."

Change: "These bylaws may be amended at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided the amendment has been submitted by email to all voting members at least one month prior to a general membership meeting at which voting on such proposal is to take place. If members cannot be present to vote at that meeting, online voting will open two weeks prior to the meeting and close two days before the meeting to allow a tally of online votes to be compiled for use at the meeting to check for duplicate votes and the two-thirds vote."

Why: This allows us to notify all paid members, not just those present at any given meeting and gives everyone a chance to participate in the discussion and to vote regardless of the member's ability to attend a particular meeting.

2020 Calendar: - suggestions were solicited from the floor for topics for our 2020 meetings. The executive committee will use the following suggestions when creating the schedule for next year:

- Mount-making with Frances Trahan
- First Presbyterian Church in Orange, Texas
- Churches with interesting glass in Houston
- Behind the scenes tour at MFAH
- Presentation on antique glass by Chelsea Davis of MFAH
- Presentation by a mosaic artist – Roxanna Nizza, Viviana Valiente
- Hands-on techniques and tips for difficult glass cuts
- Hands-on decorative soldering session.
- Seminar on reactive glass in fusing
- Hands-on workshop similar to Deborah Ellington's Elements of Design class
- Empty Bowls activity day

Presidential Retirement – Due to unforeseen circumstances, GG current president Anne Hallman-Perez will not be able to serve out the final year of her term in 2020. Per GG bylaws, vice-president Richard Hinson will step into the president’s role. We are continuing to search for a new member to take the vice-presidential office; please contact us if you are interested or have a nomination. We are grateful for Anne’s active leadership of Glass Gathering.

Glass Gathering in the Houston Community – GG has been increasing it’s participation and profile in the Houston arts community at large. Our donations last year to the Houston Food Bank Empty Bowls fund raiser was substantial. We plan to participate in that event again in 2020. We currently have a display of member work at the Friendswood Library, at their request, and it has been well received. As part of continuing to increase these types of efforts, it was suggested we create a page on the website to highlight such activities. This will be referred to the website administrator.

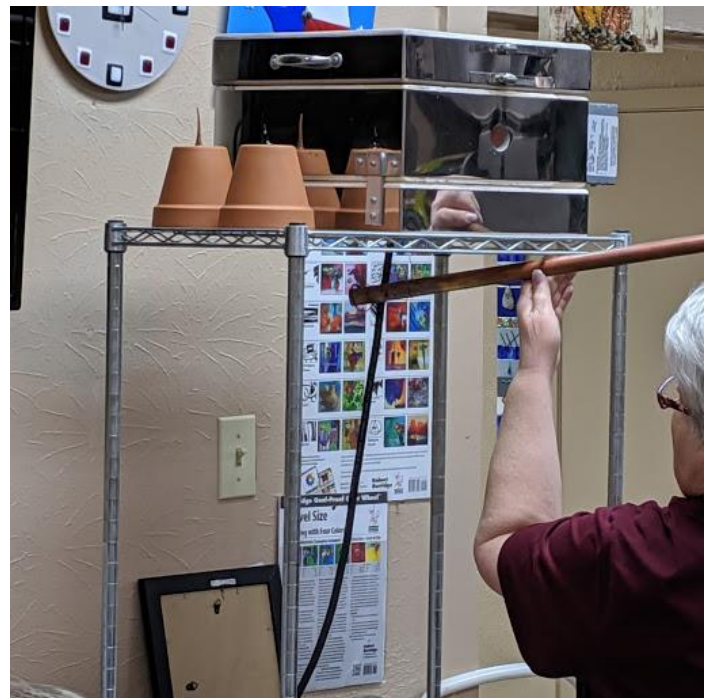
Show and Tell

Lots of great work came to Show and Tell this month!



Program

Joyce Sullivan instructed and led a vitrigraph pull for those interested; many thanks for her time.



Next Month

Glass Gathering’s December meeting will be our annual holiday party on December 14. Everyone is invited to bring food, drink and a small gift for the present exchange.