



ISGB
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF
GLASS BEADMAKERS

ISGB Gathering News

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The International Society of Glass Beadmakers (ISGB) held its 2024 Gathering online June 7–9, 2024, bringing glass lovers together from around the world. This event is the fourth virtual *Gathering* of its kind and will be continued as a way to embrace a larger audience with glass education and community. Online is not a substitute for in-person events, but it does have many advantages. We asked the community, and they agreed.

Finding a balance between education and social activities, the conference highlighted six presentations opening with the keynote address by the renowned Karina Guevin & Cedric Ginart of Canada. They have an amazing breadth of work that can leave you with a sense of awe.

Presenters included:

- Kim Fields - *It's in Our Nature*
- Olga Vilnova - *Copper Wire on Lampwork*
- Beth Hysten & Sally Prasch - *A Tour of the Corning Museum of Glass*
- Carolyn Baum - *Petals, Petals, and More Petals*

Each presenter had such enthusiasm for sharing their talents and love of glass that every attendee found something to excite them and use in their own practice. Presentations were a mix of demonstrations, tours, *Flame Off*, and glass artists sharing inspiration and were shown live with ample time for questions and answers. All attendees were given access to watch the recordings until July 2024 ended.



Presenter Carolyn Baum -
Yucca Bloom



Olga Vilnova - Copper Wire on Lampwork

New for this conference, we included three mini-workshops for each registrant, with unlimited access on the ISGB Education site: isgbEducation.org

Workshops included:

- Vicki Schneider- *Sculpting a Grape Hyacinth*
- Carol Ann Savage - *Placing Murrini*
- Mauro Vianello - *Small Sea Anemone with Clownfish*

Social activities were an added bonus where everyone had the opportunity to participate, win prizes, laugh, and torch. Members enjoyed any opportunity to connect with their glass-loving peers around the world.

Activities included:

- Torch-Along Demonstration
- Flame-Off Noncompetition Event
- Trivia Game
- Gallery of Glass
- Silent Auction

The theme *Flourish* was in abundance, and the attendees were encouraged to use their new skills and share within the community. The ISGB has a dedicated board and staff that are continually looking into the future to stay relevant and offer education for this inventive art form. Keep your eye out for the ISGB and how we can be part of your glass education and community. For more information, visit www.isgb.org.



Presenter Kim Fields -
Mushroom Man Demonstration

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