

Featuring the latest from the
International Society of Glass Beadmakers



Rendezvous

Brings Us Together in a Whole New Light
April 2–6, 2025



by Karyn Sweezy

Photos courtesy of the ISGB.

We invite you to *Rendezvous* with the International Society of Glass Beadmakers! The *Rendezvous* is a new approach to connecting our communities and combining interests with another event. The glass world is full of talent and wonder; collaborations take place in many forms when we network with others and let our creativity flow. Sharing our resources brings opportunities we could not offer on our own. We are still looking at options to have our traditional Gatherings while exploring ways to expand our reach and connections. As a member-based organization, this is critical in today's changing landscape. We look forward to continuing to expand our membership benefits, offering educational, informative, and community-based activities both in person and online. *Rendezvous* is an opportunity to try something new, as we join forces with Glass Craft and Bead Expo and offer our members a chance to connect at our *International Society of Glass Beadmakers Glass Craft & Bead Expo Rendezvous*.

What We Do at Rendezvous!

Activities Include:

New Flame Stage

ISGB and Carlisle Machine Works are proud to sponsor a new dedicated flame stage, giving us the opportunity to share the talents of our members with a broader community. Look for exciting educational demonstrations all weekend long!

Bead Exhibition

This new bead category in the *Gallery of Excellence* is open to all and is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your amazing work. Learn more about how you can enter here:

<https://glasscraftexpo.com/gallery-of-excellence.php>



(Top) Andrew Pollack, instructor of one of the many on-site glass workshops. Blown and sculpted borosilicate glass. 2023.

(Bottom) Aja Vaz, vendor on the Glass Craft and Bead Expo show floor. Hollow beads blown off-mandrel, tumble-etched, soft glass. 2018.

Workshops

For those who seek in-depth education, over 350 on-site workshops are being offered, highlighting many of the glass arts including flameworking and fusing, while other classes such as metal and jewelry making are excellent opportunities to learn skills to enhance your lampwork. You can register for workshops at <https://glasscraftexpo.com/registration/?isgb=true>

Social Connections

NEW Bead Dating – Friday, April 4, 2025, 7:30–8:30 PM

We invite the glass community to learn about beads first-hand from many different artists. This will be a fun educational event with a twist! Everyone is welcome to play and laugh and learn with us! No experience necessary!

Bead Swap

Friday, April 4, 2025, 8:30–10:00 PM

ISGB members are invited to swap beads, always a favorite activity for our members.

Meet & Greet Reception

Saturday night April 5, 2025

The whole glass community will come together for a fantastic social get-together.

Vendors & Artists

Everyone loves to shop! The Vending Hall is open Friday, April 4, 2025, through Sunday, April 6, 2025.

ISGB Membership Table

If you are interested in learning more about our organization, stop by the ISGB table and see all the innovative ways we are connecting our community and how you can become involved.

Everyone is invited to Rendezvous with the ISGB at Glass Craft Bead Expo April 2–6, 2025.

Glass enthusiasts from across the globe will join together at America's *Glass Craft and Bead Expo* in Las Vegas, Nevada. The ISGB will be offering connection, education, and a chance for the public to learn more about the organization. We are a passionate group and love to share with the broader community. We hope to Rendezvous with you!

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Learn more at Glass Craft & Bead Expo's website:

<https://glasscraftexpo.com>

More information on the International Society of Glass Beadmakers involvement can be found at ISGB.org/rendezvous or contact Karyn Sweezy at operations@isgb.org.

We love our customers!



Thank you all for sharing your art!

We are working hard & continue to promote the very talented artists we work with, please keep sharing.

Artist credits: Christopher Jefferies, Cathy Shepherd, Robin Larson, Helen Badarak, Gerald Spehr, Michael Panetta, Carmella Jarvi, Tim McFadden, Peter Wright, Marcus Thesing, Gordon Huether, Sarinda Jones

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Marcy Lamberson, lifetime member and supporter of the ISGB. Sculpted bead, soft glass. 2023

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