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From the Editor

Ripple Effect

Welcome to the first ever *Glass Patterns Quarterly* “Americana” Issue. The term *Americana* refers to a collection of objects related to American history, geography, folklore, culture, music, cinema, and patriotism. While we at *GPQ* recognize our worldwide readership, we would like to share some of our favorite American themes and designs with the world.

The techniques and designs within the following pages can be translated into any color or theme of your choosing. As with any of the *Glass Patterns Quarterly* designs, we encourage you to interpret the patterns in your own way. Use the stained glass designs for fusing or mosaics, for example, or use fused inclusions in your stained glass. Mix and match textures and colors within your own glass supply. We love to offer color ideas and glass choices, but each issue is really your opportunity to take our suggestions and mix them with your own creative ideas.

Something else that connects all of us internationally is the invention of social media. Be sure to “like” us on Facebook and pin us on Pinterest. Likewise, you’ll want to visit our website at www.glasspatterns.com, where all of these social media choices come together with a treasure trove of past and present information as well as current material from our sister publications, *Glass Art* and *The Flow*. Online media will keep you up to date on the latest developments and provide new info about our upcoming Glass Expert Webinars™, events, past projects, and more. Today’s media sources are ever changing no matter in what form they are found—print, digital, CD, or interactive websites that are close to your fingertips. *GPQ* continually strives to adapt to your interests and lifestyle as well, and we look forward to seeing the comments that you post on the above platforms to help us accomplish that.

The Web offers a new communications landscape with tremendous opportunities for all. *GPQ* hopes to continue to be useful, relevant, and engaging to the glass community and cause a ripple effect of inspiration with glass enthusiasts.

Encouraging you to make great glass,

Delynn Ellis

Delynn Ellis
Managing Editor



Patriotic Two-Tiered Server
by Susan McGarry

Upcoming Submission Deadlines

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