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From the Editor

The More, the Merrier

Recently, while visiting a glass shop, I overheard a conversation that concerned me. It went something like this: “Most people who do stained glass, don’t do fused glass.” Unfortunately, the idea seems to be somewhat prevalent these days among glass hobbyists and enthusiasts and has become a cliché. *Glass Patterns Quarterly* is here to put this generalization to rest by offering cutting edge tutorials in every issue including fused and stained glass—not to make you choose one or the other, but to offer you an entire artillery of ideas to enrich your interests.

Once you learn how to cut glass, the flood gates of fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, painting, and etching are wide open, limited only by your time and imagination. That is why I’d like us to look at the approaching holiday season and adopt the attitude of “The More, the Merrier,” a greeting used to welcome those who wish to participate in an activity but hesitate to join uninvited. The more crafting techniques you can learn through classes, GPQ Webinars, and other educational resources . . . the merrier. Of course, *Glass Patterns Quarterly* is your resource to get more and be merrier when it comes to glass art knowledge, products, and patterns.

This is a wonderful issue, because it covers so many calendar highlights. The beautiful season of fall is featured with its brilliant colors and crisp weather that change our lifestyle a bit. There are also patterns and projects to get you in the mood for the shorter days and cooler nights from football to Halloween. Then we move on to the celebratory season of Christmas with its gift giving, decorating, and entertaining. There is something for everyone on your list.

Visit our website, www.glasspatterns.com, to renew or purchase new subscriptions, order DVDs and CDs, sign up for Webinars, and order back issues. If you are looking for a specific gift or decoration to make for the holidays, you can also research and download almost thirty years of patterns and projects. Just type some key words that describe what you’re looking for—snowflake ornament, wreath, or penguin, for example—into the search menu, and voilà . . . you can choose from hundreds of patterns and download the one you want in a matter of minutes. The *Glass Patterns Quarterly* website is such a phenomenal resource, I guarantee that you will have fun taking advantage of this fabulous tool.

Keep in mind that we offer a variety of fused and stained glass patterns for you to use collectively throughout the year that will encourage you to keep your glass options open this holiday season. *GPQ* invites you to participate in glass endeavors to your hearts desire. The more the merrier!

Wishing you an exciting season of creating for the holidays,

Delynn Ellis
Managing Editor

Festive Fall Centerpiece
by Lisa Vogt



Upcoming Submission Deadlines

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