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From the Editor

Tangible and Intangible Gifts

Everyone loves a gift, especially during the holidays. The activities of the next few months are full of gifts, both tangible and intangible, that add to the enjoyment of the season.

The Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu once wrote: "While the tangible has its advantages, it is the intangible that makes it useful." I'm happy to say that the network here at *Glass Patterns Quarterly* is ready to help with both. While it may be a little early to be talking about upcoming gift exchanges, we glass artists know you have to start planning long before Black Friday.

The *GPQ* Fall 2012 issue is brimming with tangible inspiration that you will find throughout its pages, with everything from commemorative pattern designs to festive gift ideas spanning the entire fall lineup of feasts and festivals. There is even a reference for ready-to-buy items in our 2012 Holiday Gift Guide.

Now it's time to turn your attention inward to the intangible—the gift of an experience that will resonate in your mind—the gift of a class or a workshop for yourself. What? You don't have time? Why not try a Glass Expert Webinar™ offered through the network at *GPQ*, no traveling required!

See our recently formed *Ask the Expert* series where you can log in to real-time demonstrations presented by respected instructors, complete with on-screen questions, answers, and downloadable notes. We are currently connecting with highly sought-after experts to share their information in upcoming live, educational workshops. Don't let the high-tech nature of this scare you away. If you can check your e-mail, then you can log in to a Webinar.

You can watch techniques come alive from all glass genres without leaving your home or studio. During a past workshop from sand artist, David Alcalá, one student told us she thought it was an amazing educational experience. "Having the ability to watch the real-time demo and hear his comments as well as watch the written comments of the other participants was really special."

Our upcoming group of experts will include fused glass jewelry with Tanya Veit; Unique Glass Colors painting with Margot Clark and Saulius Jankauskas, MD; and Denny Berkery's refresher course in copper foiled stained glass. Check page 53 in this issue for more details.

No doubt, the holiday season ahead will be filled with activity. The creative, one-of-a-kind gifts we lovingly invent for our friends, family, and customers bring joy to the senses.

Reaffirming the ancient truism that giving, no matter what the form, is the root of happiness,

Delynn Ellis

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Managing Editor



Vintage Jewelry Box
by Alysa Phiel

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