

Samphire Glass – newsletter #3

It's been a long time since you've heard from me. I am alive, continuing to blow glass and maintain my home-based business. It was a decent year last year with all of the events I had scheduled and my many repeat customers. Thank you for your continued support.

I just received some exciting news that I have had 2 pieces selected for the South Korean Biennale. The Canadian Crafts Federation / Fédération canadienne des métiers d'art is proud to announce that Canada will be the featured guest country of the largest international fine craft event in the world: the Cheongju International Craft Biennale.

Celebrating its 6th anniversary in 2009, the Cheongju International Craft Biennale is the largest and most outstanding fine craft-based biennale in the world. Over 1000 artists from more than 40 countries participate each year, with over half a million visitors in attendance during the month-long event. With a focus on high-quality functional and sculptural craft, the Biennale attracts attention from collectors, curators, academics, craftspeople and, of course, the public. It is a terrific opportunity to showcase the talent of Canadian craftspeople to the world.

I had elected to send two works using the murrine process with flat glass and using the Auzzie Roll-up technique. This is a unique process that I have been working with and developing over the last 9 years. I will have 2 pieces present out of the 190 pieces that Canada is sending. I am honoured and excited about being chosen.

Closer to home I have been finalizing the next bunch of exhibitions and sales for this year. I will attach a list of all of the up coming events that you can print off and save.

The event that those of you in Victoria will be interested in is an open studio tour of where I blow my work on Ten Mile Point. Cadboro Bay Studio Tour is happening May 23 and 24th from 1-5pm. David Calles is the owner of the hot shop where I work and is opening his studio and home to the public on this particular weekend. Jay Macdonell and Mike Hoffman will be doing the glass blowing demonstrations and I will be there along with David to answer questions about the processes and his work. David will be show casing his works for the first time. Come visit and check it out. Miramontes Artworks 2925 Seaview Road.

Those of you on the mainland, my first fair and sale is coming up at the end of this month at the Camp Alexandra Fair, 11-6pm on May 31st in Crescent Beach. Hope to see you there.

I am currently working on pieces for a solo show I am having in August at the School House in Qualicum, BC. The show is titled "Captured Light" and focuses on two particular bodies of work. The Switched Axis vessels and the Window Murrine series, the pieces are taking shape and I am excited to see them all together in one room.

Lastly as a reminder I am teaching again at Red Deer with my friend and talented glass blower Lisa Cerny. We are teaching the last week of July and as far as I know there are a couple of spots still available. If you have ever wanted to try glass blowing this is a fun week for learning, we would love to have you along. Check out the Red Deer brochure at http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future_students/continuing_education/visual_arts/series/documents/summer_series_brochure_09.pdf if you're interested, it starts on p.34.

Have a great summer and I hope to see many of you at these upcoming events. If you can't make it please remember you can contact me directly at samphireglass@telus.net for your "glass habit".

Please let me know if you wish to be removed from the email list.

Warm Regards, Lisa