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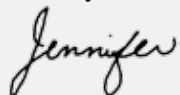
Springtime is here again—the time of year when life renews itself. For some of us, it's more than welcome after a winter filled with snow and cold winds. It's always a thrill to see the crocuses and daffodils peeking through the soil, giving a “heads up,” pardon the pun, that there will soon be a fresh feel in the air and loads of new growth from nature's bounty.

It's obvious how inspiring spring can be when you check out the five fabulous tutorials included in this issue—everything from a mushroom pendant, dragonfly sculptures, and octopus-shaped functional glass art to beautiful wedding flowers and long-stemmed roses. You'll also find the story of how Pilchuck Glass School and the Glass Stock events came to be, get a rundown on the recent Pipe Classic 10, be introduced to Amber Cowan's Rakow Commission, and see inspiring work from loads of flameworking artists.

Another reason we look forward to spring is the return of the Glass Craft & Bead Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's Expo, which runs from March 30 through April 3, will include many opportunities for attendees to learn from some of the glass industry's top artist instructors. *The Flow* and its sister publications, *Glass Art* and *Glass Patterns Quarterly*, are proud to be the sponsors for the Demo Stage and the Gallery of Excellence. We hope you'll take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to learn new techniques and discover the latest new products on display in the various exhibits. While you're there, please stop by Booth #617. We love getting to meet our readers. And once you're home, think about taking advantage of the Glass Expert Webinar™ on June 16 to learn more about working boro into marbles with Josh Mazet. Please check www.theflowmagazine.com for more details.

In closing, let me direct you to the pages that contain a tribute to Marvin Lipofsky, an exceptional artist and one of the most important forces in the beginning of the American Studio Glass movement. We were saddened to hear of his passing this past January. The glass world will greatly miss this brilliant artist who touched our lives in so many ways.

As always . . . Keep your light shining and your torches lit!



Jennifer Menzies
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