

# From the Editors

Dear Readers,

We could take the opportunity of the editor's page to inform you of the many great things we have planned for 2006. Believe me that we do have a great deal in store for our readers, but Wil and I thought it more appropriate to consider some recent events.

As many of you know, we live in North East Texas and were recently in the path of Hurricane Rita. We were all very fortunate that the storm lost intensity and was downgraded when it got to us. Never having been through a natural disaster, we did not realize what impact a situation like this has on people's lives. Sure, we all watch the news and saw the terrible images that were shown on TV. Living in an area that is affected brings it to your front door.

At that point we tried to imagine how many lives were affected by the two recent hurricanes; Katrina and Rita. In our area alone, there are over 10,000 refugees in hotels, gymnasiums and churches. And how many people displaced by the storms are our peers? How many lampworkers, fusers and furnace workers are currently without a way to make a living? How many have family in the Gulf region?

With this said, we would like to urge those of you that feel a charitable urge to donate whatever you can. Be it a bead, a marble, some extra color, we would like to offer some different organizations that you might consider supporting. Each of them offer a different opportunity to support however you choose.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this. You never know what tomorrow brings.

[www.missionfish.org](http://www.missionfish.org)- This organization is a part of ebay and lets you support organizations through the auction of goods. [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)- Self-explanatory, the Red Cross provides across the board support from housing, feeding and clothing for victims. [www.craftemergency.org](http://www.craftemergency.org)- C.E.R.F. is an organization that supports artists in need on a number of levels. From rebuilding studios to providing sound business advice. [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)- This website allows you to navigate various organizations that support Katrina and Rita victims.

Until next time, keep your light shining and your torches lit.  
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