

From the Editors

Dear Readers,

As the new year begins, The Flow is proud to celebrate the women of glass. As a woman of glass, this issue has been an especially fulfilling experience for me. I have had the opportunity to work with many talented female lampworkers from all over the United States and Canada. These women know how to run a torch and balance hectic schedules with grace. Everyone has been so encouraging and willing to pitch in to make this special commemorative issue a reality. Our industry is truly blessed to have so many innovative and inspiring women so willing to share their knowledge.

As The Flow has grown over the last two years, Wil and I have made the effort to adapt with the magazine. We recently changed over to a more complete database system in order to give you more timely and complete service. The transition was fairly smooth, however no transition is without mistakes. If you have had any problems with your subscription, please let us know. Our goal is to give the best service available. Please email any corrections or address changes to theflow@theflowmagazine.com or call 903-539-4806.

I was amazed at the response to our "Women In Glass" request for content. Women united helped to build the largest Flow issue ever, an astounding 96 pages. Of course, our next issue will revert back to our 64 page format. We would like to continue the tradition of a special issue at the end of every year. The Flow is looking for a theme for the 2005 special edition. We always welcome your comments and suggestions. It is what shapes the content and direction your magazine takes. We hope each of you has the happiest and most prosperous of New Years.

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

Jennifer Quaid

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