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President's Message

I would like to start my message off with congratulations to our CGDA Past President, Kevin McMahon of K-Man Glass in Bethel, for becoming Chairman of the NGA Board on October 1st. Kevin has always been a big advocate for education, training and licensing in the glass industry. He is a respectable businessman and an inspiration to my term as CGDA President these past two years. On behalf of the entire board, I would like to wish Kevin all the best in his new position. The NGA is fortunate to have him aboard.

I would also like to welcome our newest board member, Mary Sue Hermann, from Kensington Glass & Framing in Kensington. Mary Sue was voted onto the board on October 8th. I am looking forward to Mary Sue's input and knowledge she will be bringing to the CGDA.

The CGDA is planning to hold another GlassDay New England again at Mohegan Sun in the spring. While we are in the planning stages, we would love to

have some input from the membership on what they want to see more or less of. Perhaps you are interested in Impact Glass or Fire Rated Technologies, or perhaps you are interested in employee benefit programs or need help with human resources. In the next month we will be faxing a survey to you. Please take a moment to answer and fax it back to us. After all, a successful show is determined by your happiness.

We have a new CGDA member to welcome, Commercial Glass of Bridgeport. We also have another newly licensed apprentice, Matt Jaworski, who finished the CGDA training program and passed the State Exam on the first try. Congratulations to Matt for receiving his FG-2 license.

Since this will be the last newsletter for 2009, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I know 2009 was a hard year for everyone and wish everyone a prosperous 2010.

*Jennifer Russell-Vanasse
 President CGDA*

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CGDA Welcomes New Board Member

Mary Sue Hermann of Kensington Glass & Framing Co. Inc.

Mary Sue Hermann has been a partner, estimator, bookkeeper and Secretary/Treasurer for Kensington Glass & Framing Co. Inc. for 22 years.

She grew up in Madison, CT and attended Daniel Hand High School. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from St. Michael's College. In 1987, along with her brother Frank and her parents Frank and Henrietta Carfora, she became a part owner of Kensington Glass. She started running the picture framing shop but soon took over her father's position of estimating and her mother's position of bookkeeping. Her sister Jennifer joined the business in 1996. Mary Sue's aunt and uncles are also in the glass business at East Shore Glass.

Mary Sue is married with two teenage children and resides in Southington, CT. She enjoys alternative music, classic cars, lampworking and fusing glass, tennis and camping with her family.



CGDA Welcome Mat

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CT Glass Shops Beware of Scam

It has been reported to the CGDA office that a national scam has now hit CT. A glass shop in the Fairfield County area was contacted by an IP operator who was corresponding for a person who said they were a deaf-mute. The caller asked for a shipment of glass to a foreign country and gave a credit card number. The shop sent the shipment and later found the credit card to be a bad or fake number. *USGlass* has also reported about this scam and has reported that it has also occurred via e-mail elsewhere in the country. CGDA would like glass shops to be aware of this scam.

Apprentice Corner

The CGDA Flat Glass Apprentice Program fall semester began at the end of October. Apprentices should be completing their online courses and preparing to take their exam at the end of December. For those of you who did not know, the NGA online courses that are used in the CGDA program just went through a website transition. If any apprentices have questions about the new site, please tell them to contact CGDA. *Also, please note that in order to view the courses, pop-up blockers must be turned off.*

Congratulations!

The CGDA would like to congratulate Matt Jaworski from APG for passing the state licensing exam and acquiring his FG-2 license on the first try.

New NGA Chairman of the Board Is a Familiar Name to the CGDA

In early October, the National Glass Association announced that their new Chairman of the Board is Kevin McMahon of K-Man Glass in Bethel, CT. Kevin has served on the NGA Board since 2004 and took the Office of Chairman of the Board on October 1st at GlassBuild America in Atlanta, GA. He will serve a term of one year. Kevin has been very active with the CGDA and has served on the CGDA Board for a number of years. Kevin was most active in helping develop the CGDA apprentice program and its curriculum. The Connecticut Glass Dealers would like to congratulate Kevin on being elected as the NGA Chairman of the Board.

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Reminder—CGDA Members, Check Your OSHA Cards!

OSHA Cards cannot be older than 5 years.

CT State Law (PA 06-175 An Act Concerning Construction Safety) states that "The Labor Commissioner shall accept as sufficient proof of compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section a student course completion card issued by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training Institute, or such other proof of compliance said commissioner deems appropriate, dated no earlier than five years before the commencement date of such public works project." Therefore, if your OSHA card has a date of issue that is older than 5 years, it is considered expired in the state of CT.

News From Oldcastle Glass

CGDA knows that the closing of the Oldcastle Cheshire plant is on everyone's mind, therefore, CGDA has been in contact with Oldcastle New York with regard to their plans for CT customers. Please see their response to CGDA below.

In response to the interest from Oldcastle Glass Cheshire customers about how we will move forward, we have a great interest in maintaining and servicing these customers. These relationships are important to us and we are committed to working together. We have already started servicing the Connecticut customers with delivery twice per week, expanding to daily deliveries in the coming weeks. Our sales representatives are going out and meeting the customers to assure them of our commitment to this market.

We fully intend to support and service the customers in this market. Please contact us with any questions or concerns and we will immediately follow up.

Our New York contact information is as follows:

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Safety of Glass Tabletops Makes News Again

On Tuesday, October 13th, the Today Show on NBC did a special report on the danger of glass tabletops. Visit CGDA's website to view the clip of the consumer report segment. As the clip states, the ASTM International met in mid-October to work on new specifications for consumer safety for glass furniture. According to *USGlass News Network*, 80% of glass table injuries required surgical repair. Industry experts have stated that the use of tempered or safety glass could significantly reduce the number of serious injuries caused by using annealed glass on furniture. CGDA will continue to follow this and update you on the outcome. It is important for glass shops to keep in mind that even

though there are currently no standards on this issue, shops, when selling glass to customers, should ask where the glass is going to be used and educate their customers on the potential dangers. It is better to be safe than sorry and, when in doubt, use safety glass.



Need to Sell Something ...

Let us know. Classified ads are free for CGDA shop members. CGDA can post them on our website or in our quarterly newsletter.

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Visit the CGDA Website:

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