GOMD High School Outreach Event

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Planning Team

• Irene Peterson – GOMD Vice Chair
• Michelle Korwin-Edson – GOMD Secretary
• Joe Ryan – GOMD Chair Elect
• Howard Cohen – Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass

Sponsors: Corning Research and Development Corporation
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CGIF (donated kits for classrooms)
Event held on Friday, May 27, 2022 (just after GOMD Annual Meeting)
Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Corradetti Glassblowing Studio and Gallery
Three local public high schools participated:
  – Western High School
  – Baltimore Design School
  – Baltimore City College High School
Each school was invited to bring 30 students, with 2 teachers
Sponsors paid for everything, including transportation to and from school
Details about the day

• Volunteers arrived at 8:30 AM at the studio.
• Breakfast was provided, and logistics reviewed
• Groups of students were scheduled to arrive at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30
  – The second and third groups arrived very early. Gang Chen gave them an excellent lecture about glass while they waited for the previous students to finish the glassblowing demo
• Ended with a lunch for the volunteers!
Events of the day

• Each group of students saw:
  – An artistic and technical glassblowing demonstration (45 minutes)
  – An interactive career panel (45 minutes).

*Photos courtesy of Amanda Engen*
Highlights of Glassblowing

• Three techniques for blown bowls and vases
• Fabrication and explosion of Prince Rubert drops
• Pulling of glass fiber across the studio
Career Panel

Photo courtesy of Amanda Engen
Roles of volunteers at event

- General logistics/bus greeters
- Glassblowing assistance and technical narration
- Career panel
- Escorts for student groups
- Photographer
The Amazing Volunteers!

Photo courtesy of Dan Edson
Thank you! From Western High School

Thank you for everything. It was a great learning experience and I look forward to using this information to help me out with future plans. - Adeline Lyons

Thank you so much for providing such an educational enrichment opportunity. This was an amazing day! Thank you so much (°_°) - Jasmine Ilyas

Thank you! I really loved seeing how glass was made in person because it looked very cool. - Kayniel Gooden

Thank you! I appreciated learning about glass making and the science behind it. - Aaliyah Fields

Thank you so much for allowing us to watch you guys make glass! It was extremely fun and intriguing to learn about glass and watch him make that beautiful bowl for completely free. - Saniah F.

Thank you for answering questions and making us feel welcome. I was able to have one on one conversations and see artwork that I didn't think was possible. Everyone was incredibly kind. - Ramanpreet Johal

Thank you for the great experience you provided us, I am really grateful for the opportunity and excited that I learned something that broadens my interests. Thanks again for showing us the beauty of glass. - Blessing Z.

I wanted to thank you guys for entertaining us yet educating us. I loved the science behind it and I'm interested in glass making. The glass art within the room was beautiful! - Brianna B.
Additional outreach as part of GOMD

• Video contest for students, run by PCSA representatives
  1st Place: Strengthened Glass, by Charles Bellows
  2nd Place: Glass transition unveiled: a short video, by Geovana Santana
  3rd Place: Is Red Glass Magic? by Elizabeth Tsekrekas

• Fired Up! Glass art exhibit at Coppin State University
  – Free exhibit open for a month, sponsored by GOMD
  – Reception with artists during GOMD meeting
Volunteer list

- Irene Peterson
- Michelle Korwin-Edson
- Joe Ryan
- Howard Cohen
- Gang Chen
- Dan Edson
- Brittney Morgan Hauke
- Aubrey Fry

- Katie Kirchner
- Nathaniel McIlwaine
- John Bussey
- Jessica Erickson
- Amanda Engen
- Marcus Fish
- Linda Day Clark

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