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American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Pacific Northwest Section

Directors Report

ASGS BOD Meeting November 5, 2005

Section Office: ASGS-PNW, PO Box 1589, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924

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Section Profile:

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/05 - 6/30/06: **2**

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/06 - 6/30/07: **N/A**

Number of meetings since last ASGS board meeting: **1**

Number of National section members: **55**

Average attendance at meetings: **40 (60% Non Members)**

Financial Resources: **Adequate**

Typical section meeting includes:

**Educational Talks, Social Activities, Speakers, Tours, Workshops
Hands On Training**

Section Challenges:

- Difficulty in finding meeting locations. *This has been getting better, but is still a problem.*
- Difficulty in organizing a meeting.
- Difficulty in finding workshop presenters. *Yes, more so now than in the past.*
- Difficulty in getting ASGS members to attend the meetings. *YES, this has become serious.*
- Difficulty in getting members to pay dues. *Yes, more so now because it is tracted.*
- Difficulty in finding Section officers. ***YES! THIS IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM!***
- Difficulty in getting member participation. *Yes, it is the SAME people all the time.*
- Other: *The Fall meeting will be the last one put on by our section. We did not get enough volunteers to help and support the event. All the effort was handled by Litton Engineering staff.*

Summarized section plans, activities and comments:

1. The Fall Show was held on October 1, 2005, at Condon Park, Grass Valley, California.

The turn out by ASGS section members was VERY disappointing. Only ONE ASGS National PNW Section Member did a demonstration. I am grateful to Jim Merritt for doing a demonstration and discussing the upcoming symposium in 2006. I am also grateful to the following vendors who supported this event:

GM Associates, Litton Engineering Laboratories, North Jersey Diamond Wheel, Roach Industries and Wale Apparatus. Special thanks go to Litton employees for all their efforts:

Richard Karnuth: lathe and bench setup, coordinating exhibitor freight.

John Griffin: being our BBQ chef for the event, along with his wife Pam.

Tim O'brien: gave a one hour presentation on what to look for when buying a used lathe.

April Charmak: a past Litton employee who volunteered to help at the registration table.

Scott Foot: Using his labor to move and handle the lathes, supplies and tables.

The program was set for 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with 30 - 40 minutes for a BBQ lunch.

A raffle was also held with several items donated by the vendors, including a CD set from Jim Merritt and a sketch from Tim O'Brien of a ventage railroad engine. The entire show was captured on digital video.

Glassblowers Gathering October 1, 2005 Condon Park, Grass Valley California



Demonstrations
Artistic
Scientific



Exhibitors
North Jersey
Diamond
Wale Apparatus



Demonstrations
ALL AGES



Exhibitors
Litton Engineering
Roach Industries
GM Associates




Presentation by Tim O'Brien
What to look for when buying a used lathe.

BBQ Lunch ~ Raffle



2. Prior to the October show nominations were requested to fill ALL offices. NONE were received. Victor Mathews will serve out his term through the June 2006 board meeting, at which time he will make a motion that the Pacific Northwest section go inactive until further notice. The reason for Vic stepping down is to ensure no conflict of interest between ASGS and the starting of a new society designed to promote the businesses of glass-working manufacturers, suppliers and distributors.
3. A vote was taken regarding the changing of the name of the section to better represent the territory covered. Only three ballots were received and the idea was dropped.
4. A Spring meeting is planned for March or April. It will be held at Sierra Lightsource in Auburn, California. It will be at this meeting when a decision will be made if the PNW section is sending a Junior to the Symposium.
5. We have a 17% increase in membership mostly due to Farlow's Scientific Glassblowing.
6. We have five Corporate Section members: Adams & Chittenden Scientific Glass, Farlow's Scientific Glassblowing, GM Associates, Litton Engineering Laboratories and Oxford Instruments.



Pacific Northwest Section
American Scientific Glassblowing Society
Serving Western United States

Glassblowers Gathering PROGRAM
2005 Member Directory

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Glass Apparatus Products

Glassworking Products

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7. The suggestion was made again to include a \$10 section fee to the annual dues statement at the national level. Checks would be made out to each section at the end of each month for the fees collected. Members would be required to check a section box each year as to which section they wish to be affiliated with. This takes a tremendous burden off the local section treasurer. The local sections can then concentrate on getting non national members to increase their sections and to convert them into national members.



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SPRING 2005 MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005
The Spring section meeting at Aaron Neom was a tremendous success. Thanks go to Bill Concession for opening up his neon shop. A special thanks to Bruce Subs for pulling it all together and handling the lunch and raffle items. Kudos to Monty Roach representing our sponsor, Roach Industries.

FALL 2005 MEETING
Annual Glassblowers Gathering
L.O.V.E. Bldg, Condon Park
Grass Valley, California
Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm
October 1, 2005

EXHIBITOR



DEMONSTRATION



DISPLAYS/FOUR



LECTURE



DEMONSTRATION



LUNCH/RAFFLE



Scientific & Artistic Demonstrations
Featured Product Presentation
Special Lecture:
When buying a used Lathe,
WHAT TO LOOK & ASK FOR!
ASGS-PNW Section Meeting
Raffle - BBQ Lunch - Exhibits
Hands On: New Borosilicate Colors
Special Burner Demonstration

\$10 (2005 Paid Section Members)
\$15 (ASGS National Members)
\$20 (Guests & Non Members)

R.S.V.P. REQUESTED BY FORM
REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE
EXHIBITOR FORMS AVAILABLE
RAFFLE DONATIONS REQUESTED

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FALL MEETING REMINDER
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ASGS-PNW, PO Box 1589, Cedar Ridge, CA
Condon Park, L.O.V.E. Building, 680 Minnie St., Grass Valley, CA

Glassblowers Gathering
October 1, 2005
Saturday, 10 am
(Registration Open 9 am)

L.O.V.E. Building, Condon Park
Grass Valley, CA

2005 SHOW
A Look Back
Exhibits

Demonstrations

Presentations

BBQ Lunch

Hands On
Trying New Colors

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Raffle - Lunch - Exhibits
(BBQ Chicken, Hamburger or Veggi-burger)
Hands On: New Borosilicate Colors

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See reverse side for R.S.V.P.
Let us know if you plan to attend!

PNW Newsletter

Fall Meeting Notice