

Peter Wright

Glass Sculptor

"I have been completely drawn in and seduced by hot glass. I am fascinated by the endless possibilities this material has to offer. I love working with color and surface, gesture and form.

Some of my major influences include William Morris, for his incredible surface treatments, Dale Chihuly, for his use of color, and traditional Japanese potters for their simple, almost primitive, but very elegant forms. I've been fascinated by all types of indigenous arts for years, especially Native American, African, and Pre-Columbian Art. All of these influences combine to help shape the statements that I wish to express.

The trick now is to get the vision from my head, through my hands, and into glass. A few degrees here or there, a millimeter's difference in thickness and the results can vary widely from piece to piece. That's the challenge of glass and I'm loving every minute of it."

~ Peter Wright

After twenty years in commercial construction, beginning in Vail and ending in Chicago, Peter Wright says, *"I began to seek alternatives for the second half of my life."* In 1994, his life-long interest in art led him to found Wright Publishing Company. In this endeavor, Wright partners with artists to produce and market limited edition fine art; primarily bronze sculptures. The artists work in many media, including clay, wood, and stone, which Wright re-produces in bronze.

In 2000, renowned glass sculptor William Morris joined this group of artists and Wright was introduced to the world of art glass at the highest level. He spent countless hours watching hot glass being shaped into amazing forms. Ultimately, he realized that the best way to truly understand glass was to learn to work with it himself. He was *"completely drawn in and seduced by hot glass"* and that same year he began studying at Pilchuck Glass School in Washington.

Education

2011

Private Workshop
Santa Fe, NM
Ross Richmond, Instructor

2010

Penland School of Crafts
Marc Petrovic and Ross Richmond, Instructors

2009

Pilchuck Glass School
Shelley and Rik Allen, Instructors

2008

Pilchuck Glass School
Randy Walker, Instructor

2007

Pilchuck Glass School
Paula Stokes, Instructor

Exhibitions

2020

Glass in the Gallery
Creative Pinellas
Largo, FL
March 5 - September 22, 2020

Cut, Blown, Cast
A Contemporary Art Glass Exhibit
Court House Cultural Center Gallery
Stuart, FL
January 10 - February 27, 2020

2019

Art in Embassies
U.S. Department of State
San Salvador, El Salvador
2020 - 2022

Ode to the Natural World
Noel Hart, Jen Violette,
Peter Wright, Hiroshi Yamano
Bender Gallery
Asheville, NC
April 5 - May 30, 2019

Member Exhibition
Glass Art Society
Morean Arts Center
St. Petersburg, FL
March 9 - April 26, 2019

2018

SOFA
Bender Gallery
Chicago, IL
November 1 - 4, 2018

Force of Nature
Winterowd Fine Art
Santa Fe, NM
July 20 - 31, 2018

In Dialogue With Nature:
Glass In The Gardens
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
Sarasota, FL
July 14 - September 2, 2018

2017

SOFA
Winterowd Fine Art
Chicago, IL
November 2 - 5, 2017

Spirit Journey
Peter Wright and Hib Sabin
Mockingbird Gallery
Bend, OR
April 7 - May 4, 2017

2016

SOFA
Winterowd Fine Art
Chicago, IL
November 3 - 6, 2016

Reflecting Nature
Peter Wright
Winterowd Fine Art
Santa Fe, NM
July 1 - 15, 2016

Contempo: The New West
Tucson Desert Art Museum
Four Corners Gallery
Tucson, AZ
March 11 - April 30, 2016

Slices of Life
Florida CraftArt
St. Petersburg, FL
March 4 - April 23, 2016

2015

SOFA
Winterowd Fine Art
Chicago, IL
November 5 - 8, 2015

Hot Gatherings, Cool Conversations
Artist Talk
Museum of Fine Art
St. Petersburg, FL
May 10, 2015

Italian Traditions: Murano Meets St. Pete
Chihuly Collection Exhibit Space
St. Petersburg, FL
January 23 - April 19, 2015

2014

Taos Art Glass Invitational
David Anthony Fine Art
Taos, NM
October 11 - November 9, 2014

Artifacts and Contraptions
Peter Wright & Audrey Wilson
Bender Gallery
Asheville, NC
August 1 – September 30, 2014

Sculptural Forms in Glass: Group Exhibition
Winterowd Fine Art
Santa Fe, NM
June 1 - 19, 2014
Glasscentric
Inaugural Group Show
Chihuly Collection Exhibit Space
St. Petersburg, FL
April 3 - June 3, 2014

2013

Hot Gatherings, Cool Conversations
Artist Talk
Museum of Fine Arts
St. Petersburg, FL
November 10, 2013

Body of Proof: Figures in Glass & Paintings
Peter Wright, Kim Goldfarb, Paul J. Nelson
Duncan McClellan Gallery
St. Petersburg, FL
November 9 - December 7, 2013

Distant Visions II: In Celebration of Glass
Duncan McClellan Gallery
St. Petersburg, FL
January 19 - February 23, 2013

2012

Taos Art Glass Invitational
David Anthony Fine Art
Taos, NM
September 14 - October 7, 2012

Hib Sabin, Liz Wolf, and Peter Wright
Glass, Wood, and Bronze
Altamira Fine Art
Jackson, WY
August 16 - 30, 2012
New Mexico Contemporary Glass Invitational
Mill Fine Art
Santa Fe, NM
August - September, 2012

Journeys: Travels in the Natural and Spirit Worlds
A Group Exhibition
Stonington Gallery
Seattle, WA
August 2 - 31, 2012
Spirits in Wood & Glass: Hib Sabin & Peter Wright
Stonington Gallery
Seattle, WA
May 3-31, 2012

Distant Visions: A Look At Not So Local Glass
Duncan McClellan Gallery
St. Petersburg, FL
January 14 - February 25, 2012

2011

Solstice Masquerade: A Group Exhibit
Stonington Gallery
Seattle, WA
December 1 - 31, 2011

One Man Show
Habatat Galleries
West Palm Beach, FL
October 21 - November 26, 2011

Featured Artist
Kuivato Gallery
Sedona, AZ
October 7 - 31, 2011

GLASS NOW!
Childs Studio Arts
Great Barrington, MA
June 23 - July 19, 2011

The Ultimate Goblet 2011
Habatat Galleries
West Palm Beach, FL
March 12 - April 30, 2011

A Night of Stars
Phoenix Art Museum
Phoenix, AZ
February 19, 2011

2010

Dog and Pony Show
2nd Annual Invitational Exhibition
Brandon Michael Fine Art
Santa Fe, NM

Contemporary Forum Annual Auction
Phoenix Art Museum
Phoenix, AZ
Pilchuck Glass School's 32nd Annual Auction
Seattle, WA

28th International Glass Invitational
Habatat Galleries - Florida
December 2010 - February 2011

2009

Bird's Nest Invitational
Brandon Michael Fine Art
Santa Fe, NM

Poleturners
Pilchuck Auction Centerpiece Production Team
Jiri Harcuba, Designer

Poleturners Group Show
Pilchuck Glass School Gallery

Peter Wright - First Glass
Evoke Contemporary Gallery
Santa Fe, NM

En Fuego Group Show
Evoke Contemporary Gallery
Santa Fe, NM

SOFA West
Santa Fe, NM

Pilchuck Glass School's 31st Annual Auction
Seattle, WA

2008

Totem Interpretations Group Show
Liquid Light Glass
Santa Fe, NM

Press & Publications

Tampa Bay Times
"Future of Art Glass is Here"
March 25, 2019
Front page

Santa Fean Now
June 30 - July 6, 2016
Front cover, pgs. 2, 12

Pasatiempo Magazine
July 1, 2016
pg. 74

Santa Fean Magazine
"Must-Know Artists"
June/July 2016
pg. 54

Tempo Magazine
The Taos News
August 13 - 19, 2015
pgs. 4, 6

Tempo Magazine
The Taos News
October 9 - 15, 2014
pgs. 28 - 32

Tampa Bay News Wire - Press Release
"New Gallery Space at the Chihuly Collection"
March 31, 2014

Pilchuck Glass School's 34th Annual Auction Catalog
Fall 2012
page 67

Pilchuck Glass School's 33rd Annual Auction Catalog
Fall 2011
page 125

Best of Worldwide Glass Artists Volume I
pages 141, 142

Best of America Glass Artists Volume II
pages 127, 128

A Night of Stars Catalog
Phoenix Art Museum
February 19, 2011
pages 28, 51

2011 Palm Beach Contemporary Glass Catalog
Habatat Galleries 28th Annual International Glass Exhibition
December 11, 2010 - January 29, 2011
page 78

Pilchuck Glass School's 32nd Annual Auction Catalog
Fall 2010
page 106

Contemporary Forum Annual Auction Catalog
February 20, 2010
page 26

Pilchuck Glass School's 31st Annual Auction Catalog
Fall 2009
pages 13, 101

The Santa Fe New Mexican
Pasatiempo
June 5-11, 2009
page 61

Dallas Morning News
Learning Vacations That Pass The Test
February 12, 2009
Life/Travel Section

Geico Direct Magazine
Glass Plus: Pilchuck Glass School
Spring 2008
page 11