

# In order to want your work, they must see it first....

Building your name within the art community is very important. Exposing the world to your work is paramount. Charity art auctions are a great way to introduce your art to the world, and to help stimulate and further the appreciation of glass.

As we emerge from the world of craft into the world of art, full of ideas and ambition, often we struggle to find our identity (not to mention establish a following). Many glass artists spend years in the realm of craft – making production and honing their skills. This allows many of us to make beautiful and functional designs, all the while improving our mastery of the medium.

The summer is now approaching. Many of us will gather our winter-made product and head off to markets and festivals, craft fairs and art shows. This does not mean all of us, not the ones who have "made it." They will continue, as always, to work in their studios, earning commissions and selling in galleries across the nation and around the world. But, as with everything, there is not only room but demand for more.

Glass as a medium is becoming more and more prominent. Flameworking in particular is gaining more recognition as the fine art that it is. The art world is ready for new talent with new designs that combine the traditional with cutting-edge ideas that challenge our perceptions of glass.

In addition, donating to charity auctions has financial benefits.

Most states will allow artists to deduct the value of their donated work, as long as the work is donated to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This allows donating artists, like you, to test the market and determine

whether you are creating the next rage in glass art. It's always fun to watch a bidding war over your own work!

Back Woods Tea Pot  
Chris McElroy



James Landgraf

Pictures are courtesy of the Eugene Glass School. Pictured artwork appeared in the 2002 and 2004 Eugene Glass School Art Auctions. The Eugene Glass School will hold its 6th Annual Art Auction and Benefit on Oct. 1, 2005. The school is already accepting donations. Check out [www.eugeneglassschool.org](http://www.eugeneglassschool.org) for details about donating work or contact the Eugene Glass School at (541) 342-2959. Keep an eye out for glass and other art auctions in your area. Donating work helps the entire glass community. We all hope to see some of you work soon!!!