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## Olympia Glassworks

Olympia Glassworks consists of three lampworkers who joined together to create a studio/gallery/retail store in Olympia, WA to augment one of the largest lampworking communities in the Pacific Northwest. The vision is to see the community of flameworkers to grow stronger both locally and nationwide, through the sharing of information. OG provides a hub where artists can exchange ideas, concern and techniques that advance glass as an artistic medium.

Co-Founder John W. Roberts grew up in Georgia near the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. After a few years of traveling around the country, he settled in Tacoma, WA in 95'. After briefly contemplating working with soft glass, he was exposed to borosilicate lampworking, and hasn't put it down since. He credits Clinton Roman and Justin Welles with teaching him the fundamentals of flameworking. In 1996 he was blessed with the birth of his daughter Lianna. This was a great source of motivation as well as inspiration in his work. John has always found new things to make to expand his capabilities by working on goblets, vessels and jewelry. Co-Founder Robin Moore grew up thirty-five miles out side of NYC in suburban NJ. His father Jack is a commercial illustrator who inspired Robin's interest in the arts. He took lampworking classes at Art by Fire in the Ballard neighborhood in Seattle. Robin then developed independent learning contracts to experiment with cold working at Light Storm Studios. Our main man Tim Peterson moved to Olympia from Wisconsin with the intention of learning how to blow glass. He started out making pendants with soft glass before moving on to borosilicate. Tim has tried many different styles, but mostly enjoys creating unique contemporary marbles.

The city of Olympia is located in the foothills of the Olympic Mountains, squeezed between the glass meccas Eugene and Seattle. Olympia the capital of Washington State has been home to a growing artistic community for decades. Over the years, many talented lampworkers have spent time honing their craft in Olympia. Olympia Glassworks is exceedingly fortunate to be able to collaborate with the many local artists.

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