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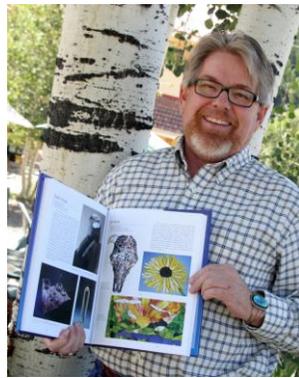
### “Uplifting Art Through Light”

*PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO*- It has been remarked he who works with his hands is a laborer; he who works with his hands and mind is a craftsman; he who works with his mind and heart is an artist. Last July a book revealing the world’s most creative glass craftsmen artists, “Creative Glass” was released by Schiffer Publishing and features local stained glass artist Carl Nevitt as one of over a hundred artists in the book from around the world and one of a few artists featured from Colorado. The book is locally available for purchase at Artisans of the Southwest Gallery, located at 175 Pagosa & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Pagosa Springs.

The hard-bound book, “Creative Glass”, features over a hundred glass craftsmen with over 500 art objects featured in full color. “Their work represents the many techniques employed by today’s glass artists, including glass blowing, casting, fusion, etching, layering, copper foil, enamel, paint, and flame work along with stained glass mosaic composition”, says authors Danijela Kracun and Charles McFadden.



*Creative Glass* hard-bound book features local stained glass artist Carl Nevitt



Carl Nevitt shown in his studio, works on three new windows for the Community United Methodist Church

Carl was born in Wichita, Kansas and started glass work while in a high school art class. He later reclaimed his interest in art at Rayer’s Bearden Studio, continuing his art education of the craft from Colorado to Oregon. In 2000, he established Big Sky Studio in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The studio is a full service stained glass studio specializing in restoration and custom window design. Carl also teaches stained glass at the studio with over 125 students during the last 10 years. He offers stained glass, art glass, chemicals, tools and supplies for community purchase at the studio. Nevitt is found to be unassuming, personable and intelligent with a sense of humor, however very serious about his craftsmanship of stained glass art.



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*Tiffany Hollyhocks*  
24x48 inches Stained Glass



The three new stained glass windows at the local Community United Methodist Church with over 350 pieces each will take about three months to complete

From contemporary to traditional, landscapes to figurative, there is quite the diversified art appetite revealed in Nevitt's art glass. He creates stained glass for a variety of indoor and outdoor installations. He has created commissioned windows, door panels, cabinets and sidelights throughout the Pagosa Springs area. Carl has built a keen reputation around the country and Pagosa Springs for his glass restoration projects including his current restoration of the local Community United Methodist Church. Restoration work is tedious in detail, and restoring eighteen 105-year-old windows is the ultimate in tedious claims Nevitt. "Each piece is carefully removed, cleaned, and placed back to its original position- broken pieces are carefully replaced as close to the original", Nevitt reveals. Currently, he is working on three new windows for the church- Christ's Birth, Crucifixion, and Ascension. "I get a great deal of pleasure in making beautiful things", says Nevitt. The three new stained glass windows over 350 pieces each will take about three months to complete. An old church in Ortiz, Colorado contacted Nevitt to restore 15 of their windows and continues to be an ongoing project with inspiration for him.



*Serenity*  
Stained Glass 36x60 inches



*Tiffany Woodbine Reproduction*  
Stained Glass Lamp



*Mad Cow*  
Iridized Mirror Glass Sculpture

An intimate landscape scene is portrayed in *Serenity* which graces the chapel in the Pagosa Mountain Hospital. When viewing the glass art window, the viewer could conclude the sun is either rising or setting among mother earth's other beauties including water, trees, clouds, and greenery. "I had this glass art in my head for years and the hospital chapel provided the perfect location. I like the composition and how viewers can lead themselves through each piece of glass," says Nevitt. Most of Nevitt's work is in copper coil "window stained glass". However he steps outside his comfort zone with a sculpture entitled *Mad Cow*. The stained glass is applied to an actual cow skull. The intricate glass craftsmanship is apparent in the art sculpture which is composed of over 327 pieces of black iridized mirror glass. Nevitt also crafts Tiffany reproductions creating the perception of depth with pieces slightly raised, as with the traditional Tiffany stained glass style and technique. The glass artist often claims an experience is over in a few moments, but the memory and the impression it provides can last a lifetime.



*Intertwined Roses*

Stained Glass in the courtyard of Lisa and Reid Kelly

Through his glass art, Nevitt expresses an experience with the anticipation he has captured viewers impression for a lifetime and such as in the case for clients Lisa and Reid Kelly. Nevitt was commissioned by the husband and wife to design stained glass for their outside rose garden courtyard- a courtyard that can be covered in snow through winter with below freezing temperatures. Stained glass lends itself to the Colorado outside, as the glass is tempered for expansion and contraction and the lead and zinc components are non-corrosive to Colorado weather elements. Nevitt crafted name and school crests for the couple which included Cambridge and Oxford as well as intertwined roses through stained glass art in the courtyard fencing and doors.



College Crests custom designed for Lisa and Reid Kelly courtyard doors

Artisans of the Southwest Gallery will host Nevitt's first book signing, brief lecture, and art sale at on Friday, October 15, 4-7pm. "Uplifting Art Through Light" features more work by Nevitt, including pieces in the book. Meet Carl as he reveals his individual journey into the vision and creativity that lies behind his work. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase during the signing and art sale reception. "Uplifting Art Through Light" will continue at Artisans of the Southwest Gallery & Winery through October 23, and signed copies of "Creative Glass" will be available in the gallery located at 175 Pagosa Street. For more information call Wen Saunders 970-264-9969, or visit [www.artisansofthesouthwest.com](http://www.artisansofthesouthwest.com).



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Outside courtyard door with intertwined roses