

GOAL

To further develop and refine my glass panel artistry with membership to the Artists of the Black Hills; expanding my presence in regional galleries; and work with regional historic preservation entities. I would like to see more glass enhancing Black Hills environments, homes and public places.

EDUCATION & OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1983 - Black Hills State University double major in Fine Art and Business Management. Was awarded several art and business scholarships.
- 1983 - 1988 Graphic Designer in Steamboat Spgs, Colorado and Grellind Printing in Rapid City.
- In Colorado I learned stained glass technique from a neighbor. It was a 'hobbyist' introduction but the love of light through glass began there. Several panels are in homes in Steamboat Springs.
- Winter 1990 Apprenticed for well known glass artist Alan Masaoka, in Carmel, CA. Spent four months at Alan's studio fabricating his designs. Learned precise glass cutting, grazing and grinding techniques, cutting and fitting came and zinc; equipment care; proper soldering, cementing, and finish techniques. Was given the 'secret putty recipe' upon leaving. The experience gave me confidence in my skill set, gave me experience on new and restoration work, as well as expanded my thoughts on the design process. I have greatly added to my glass art library and research since working with Alan.
- 1989 - 2005 Owned and managed *Sylvan Rocks Guide Service* and *Granite Sports* in Hill City.

I managed new glass creations during the slower seasons, made cabinet panels, lamps, and did a show at the Fifth Street Café, where James Van Nuyes Gallery currently resides.

- 2005 - Current Did two additions to my home, landscaped, traveled, took computer graphics classes, became a Master Gardener, and worked at a xeriscape nurseries. I've produced and sold around 100 panels during this time and showed my glass at Blue Dog Gallery and Dakota Nature & Art.
- Goals for 2011 - demonstrate skill set by attaining local restoration jobs and leveraging my abilities to do larger residential and public space panels. I will be enclosing a back porch to have a larger studio space to work within more efficiently.

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS

Sylvan Rocks Climbing School & Guide Service was begun on a shoestring in 1989 and was the only woman owned accredited guide service in the U.S. Seven full time guides were employed when the

business sold in 2000. I also had a little glass studio at my home primarily making small gifts.

Granite Sports outdoor store in Hill City evolved with the guide service and gave me a wide perspective on business. The business sold in 2005, pre-meltdown, and I'm now working on a new buisness model that includes glassworks.

Thank you for your consideration to repair and replace the Van Nuyes glass panel. I greatly look forward to giving Rapid City a restored gem.

Sincerely,

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