



May you live in interesting times.

Friends, these times are nothing if not interesting, as well as anxiety-provoking, uncertain and, well, downright scary.

Sonoran Glass School has been closed to the public for three weeks now, and will remain that way until at least the end of April. We turned off the hot shop furnace last week, something we typically only do during our summer closure, and we've significantly reduced the schedules of each and every one of our staff.

We have all the same questions you do: When can we bring people back to work? When will we be ready to gather in groups again? When will it be safe out there?

We don't know.

But we do know one thing. In addition to being scary and uncertain, these times are also inspirational. And full of opportunity.

We are inspired by our nonprofit and Arts & Culture colleagues who are finding new ways to engage their audiences, even when the doors to their institutions are closed. If you're stuck at home but are still able to enjoy an online class or the virtual tour of a museum, if you've shared a poem or a painting or an essay to help express the way you feel right now, then you have a sense of the important role the arts can play in times of crisis.

We are also inspired by you, our community. When we first got wind of how the COVID-19 virus would impact Sonoran Glass School, our staff, our students, and our town, we put out a call for help. And you answered.

We can't begin to express our gratitude for your encouragement over the past couple weeks, and how grateful we will be for your support in the weeks and months to come.

We don't know when we'll "see" you next but we're working on ways for you to see us. Keep an eye out for regular glass sales, so you can stay busy in your home studios, and inspiring videos and interviews with glass artists from around the country to help spark your creative fire.

Please be safe out there. We hope to see you soon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Davis".

Lynn Davis, Executive Director
And the SGS Board & Staff