

## 'Fireside' Artist talks in Carp

West Carleton Arts Society Members free, Guests \$5

Wednesday May 21, 2014 7:00 pm

St Paul's United Church, 3760 Carp Road

parking and entrance at the back

### Jennifer Kelly, Glass Artist

Jennifer works with stained glass, fused and kiln formed glass, pure silver and metals. The process, including sand blasting and kiln work, is completed in her studio beside the Mississippi River. Her work can be found at Cirque Du Soleil boutiques, Montreal Musee des Beaux Arts boutique, and select exhibits in Ontario.

Jennifer has spent most of her life in the Ottawa area and attended Carleton University in the early nineties. No one, including Jennifer, thought she was an "artist" until 1993 when Jennifer signed up for a stained glass course. Something about the glass spoke to her and to this day Jennifer has a strong desire to speak through glass. Though other mediums are often incorporated into the finished piece it is always the glass that takes center stage. The journey to identifying as an "artist" has been long and winding and continues to offer the greatest joys mixed with complete bewilderment. Jennifer will share her journey, her inspiration, and her glass fusing techniques.

"Whether creating a spirited dancer or a November sky, there is a pensive mood in my designs. When celebrating the human spirit or the beauty of a simple view from my car window I am aware of how fragile it all is. To place these feelings in glass is to make a fleeting moment permanent and at the same time underscore our vulnerability. My glass scenes are depictions of a world from my imagination but with the bittersweet beauty of my reality. Lyrics from a song or lines from a poem generally inspire figures and landscapes. My degree in English literature still informs my desire to translate events, feelings, and experiences into something to share and understand. A single teardrop or a single word spoken can create an emotional response. This range of emotion and sensitivity is what motivates me."

More about me and my work at:

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