



### [AACG Asheville Trip Now Open for Registration](#)

Beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, is the location of the 2015 Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass member trip. The trip will begin around 3:45 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 5**, and will end after the evening event on Saturday, August 8, with departure on **Sunday, August 9**. We have no activities on Sunday, so your schedule is open for departure at any time that day.

**Current Plans:** We will meet in the hotel lobby around 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, and walk to a nearby glass studio where AACG member Bender Gallery has arranged a special artist demonstration for our group. We will also visit the Bender Gallery for its current exhibition. We then have dinner at Blue Spiral gallery, featuring art by contemporary Southeastern U.S. artists. The studio and galleries are all a few blocks from each other and our hotel.

On Thursday, the group will go to the Biltmore mansion for a tour, then have a private lunch on the Biltmore grounds. We also will spend time at Biltmore Village. The evening will bring a very special event at the Center for Craft, Creativity and Design (CCCD), where Tim Tate has arranged a private jewelry show and works in glass by dozens of North Carolina artists. CCCD is graciously providing dinner and cocktails.

Friday morning, we will have several home tours, then will board our buses with a box lunch for Penland School of Crafts about an hour away in the mountains. At Penland, we will be first to see a special exhibition of works in glass and other craft put on by the Penland Gallery. On Friday afternoon, Penland will have its first silent auction, then dinner and a live auction under a tent with a view of the entire valley.

On Saturday, we return to Penland for breakfast, the second silent auction, lunch and the final live auction. On Saturday night, after we return to Asheville, the Asheville Museum of Art is hosting our group for a wonderful dinner event with the museum open to tour.

We **can take a maximum of 112 people**, so get your registration in early to guarantee your spot on this exciting trip. Mail in the registration form with your check, or register online on the AACG website.

Cost is \$975 per person, which includes a \$200 tax deductible donation to AACG (does not include hotel or airport transfers). This also includes the \$385 cost for the Penland Auction weekend events including several meals. Of this, \$155 is a tax deductible donation.

**Hotel Information: Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible because space is limited.**

#### **Renaissance Hotel in downtown Asheville**

We have a very special rate of \$156.00 per night plus tax for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and \$199 for Saturday night. There is free Internet and free parking. For those who don't think they will get enough to eat with everything we're doing, an all-inclusive special breakfast rate of \$16 is available for the hotel buffet. If you need to add an extra day or two on either end of the trip, the \$156 rate is available.

For reservations call the Renaissance Asheville Group Sales Office at 828-210-3009 (Sharon) or 828-210-3006 (Paula), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time. On weekends, leave a message. Tell them you are with the Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass group.