

# THE 99TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE OF THE STAINED GLASS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

*Oakland, California, Friday, June 27 – Sunday, June 29th, 2008*

*Pre-Conference Classes: Thursday, June 26th  
Post-Conference Tours: Monday, June 30th*

The SGAA will celebrate its 99th Annual Conference at the Marriott Oakland City Center. The Conference will focus on West Coast Glass Trends. Oakland has a great deal to offer, with many of the artists who helped to create the dynamics of change located there. The Conference's outstanding schedule will include demonstrations, lectures, panel discussions and the art glass tour. Special events will include pre-Conference workshops, the Dorothy L. Maddy Silent Auction and the SGAA Annual Raffle. Post-Conference tours are being planned to San Francisco and the Napa Valley. **For Conference updates, visit [www.stainedglass.org](http://www.stainedglass.org).**



*Oakland City Center. Photograph Courtesy of the Oakland Convention & Visitors Bureau and Barry Muniz.*

Founded in 1852, Oakland, California, has history that goes back much further than its 150 years. Native Americans lived in the region for more than 5,000 years. The Spanish visited the area in the 1770s and came to settle about 50 years later. Asians, African Americans and those of Northern European extraction came with the Gold Rush and put down their own roots. Today, Oakland is one of the nation's most ethnically integrated cities.

Oakland's landscape is a picturesque mix of lovely hillside neighborhoods, exciting and diverse architecture, a bustling waterfront, two shimmering lakes, 19 miles of shoreline along the San Francisco Bay and more parks and open space per capita than any other city in the Bay Area. The area features year-round vacation weather, with temperatures in the gentle 70s throughout summer and fall.

The Oakland International Airport is served by 12 major domestic and international airlines. Getting around is easy by train, automobile, BART, bus and ferry. The Marriott Hotel is on the BART Lines, making it a 10-minute ride from San Francisco. Save taxi fare and ride the BART from the airport to the hotel and any number of tourist areas in both Oakland and San Francisco, including historic China Town.

The official conference hotel will be the Marriott Oakland City Center, located at 1001 Broadway. Single/Double rooms are \$109 per night. Make your reservations NOW! Call 800.991-7249 and reference the Stained Glass Association of America. *Conference hotel rooms filled very quickly last year! Don't sleep on the beach! Remember: You can cancel or make changes to reservations up to 72 hours before the event.*