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Congratulations to John Merryweather



Vos Glass, Inc. co-founder and vice president John Merryweather retired from the company in

January. John has been a part of the Vos Glass family for almost three decades, and has seen the company grow from modest beginnings to the industry leader in West Michigan. We thank him for his many years of service and commitment.

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Welcome to another issue of Vos Online Scoop. We are sharing important information about a handy booklet for residential customers, our work on the new Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and an unusual collaboration with art students at Calvin College. If there's a story or topic you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter, please let us know.

Linda J. Vos-Graham



Creating a Podium for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Vos Glass, Inc. was honored to be entrusted with the construction of the podium curtainwall of the new Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. The podium has a distinctly different and unique glazing design and system from the cylindrical main tower that rises from it. Highly visible at street level, the podium's blue, green and silver glass and curving metal waves offer an engaging sight to visitors, pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

The podium consists of a glass and aluminum curtainwall that stretches along Michigan Street and Bostwick Avenue. A custom Kawneer four-sided, structural silicone-glazed curtainwall system was chosen for the project.

One of the most challenging aspects of the project was the development and installation of a sloped glass system at the corner of the building. This challenging design called for a complicated layout and fabrication, and the installation of custom trapezoid-shaped aluminum systems and insulated glass.

Over 16,000 square feet of energy-efficient, reflective blue, green and metallic silver glass were installed. To support LEED certification and promote easy, environmentally-friendly cleaning, the exterior insulated units were constructed with outboard lite Pilkington Activ™ glass, a sophisticated coated glass product.



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The unique design required over 900 panes of glass, each having a unique size and alignment. Each unit of glass had to be offset from the next to follow the distinctive pattern of the aluminum wave panels that flow along the length of the building.

An additional challenge: over a thousand custom-designed and-fabricated brackets were mounted before the glass installation for attachment of the multiple layers of aluminum wave panels. Brackets were precisely positioned by laser guidance technology to ensure accurate alignment.

Vos Glass, Inc. is proud to have been a part of this distinctive and extraordinary feature of this landmark hospital. Its successful completion is the result of our glazing craftsmanship along with the skilled coordination and planning on the part of the Wolverine Construction Management team and the expertise of GMB design professionals.



Our New Glass and Mirror Projects Home Guide Gets Residential Customers Off to a Good Start

Glass and mirrors continue to be prominent features of quality homes. Homeowners who are building new, remodeling or simply looking to update part of their home now have a great way to get started, with the new Glass and Mirror Projects Home Guide from Vos Glass, Inc.

Tips, definitions and quick checklists help customers to quickly define their preferences for shower enclosures, mirrors, tabletops, shelves and cabinet doors. These checklists make it easy for decision-makers to find just what they're looking for. During a visit to the Vos Glass Resource Center, give our experts the information they need to make recommendations and generate estimates.

To request a copy of the Residential Glass and Mirror Project Home Guide, please call Sara Berg at 616.458.1535.



Calvin College Sculpture Collaboration with Vos Glass, Inc.

In April 2010, Calvin College Architecture and Studio Art students were invited to develop designs for a glass sculpture to hang in the student lounge/east lobby of the college's renovated Covenant Fine Arts Center (CFAC). The students were asked to consider the concepts of covenant and community, and to think about the role of the space in illuminating the fine arts to visitors as well as those passing by.

The winning concept, created by students Hannah Abma, Jeremia Handoko, Brianna Perez and Yohan Na, was refined over the summer with the help of the college's architect, Frank Gorman, along with a team from Vos Glass, Inc. and their partners, Echo Etching and Accuform Industries, Inc.

The final piece is composed of five large circular panes of glass, in graduated sizes, held in metal bands that are suspended from the ceiling. The five panes represent the multiple elements of the fine arts, while the varying colors, textures and circular shapes reference the continuity idea of covenant and community. Dramatic and inspiring, the sculpture celebrates the renewal of the fine arts structure and provides a meaningful welcome at the entrance.

This project gave us the opportunity to work with students and support Calvin in a truly creative project," said Linda J. Vos-Graham, president of Vos Glass, Inc. "It's a beautiful design that combines art and architectural features, and a great example of what can be achieved in a non-traditional working relationship."

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Vos Glass, Inc. receives “Award of Excellence” for two projects from the Associated Builders and Contractors of Western Michigan

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Western Michigan has awarded two 2010 “Award of Excellence” honors in glazing to Vos Glass, Inc.

Vos Glass, Inc. received an award in the Glazing Under \$2 Million category for the renovation of Holland Hospital, in Holland, Michigan. This was a project that involved the six-story replacement of 20,000 square feet of prefabricated curtainwall and aluminum windows in an operational hospital.

In the Glazing Over \$2 Million category, Vos Glass, Inc. received an award for the Van Andel Institute—Phase II, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This expansion project called for the installation of unique glazing in a building where glass is a key architectural feature.

Vos Glass, Inc. has been honored with awards from ABC in the glazing and metal panel categories for seven of the past eight years.

Platinum Safety Award goes to Vos Glass, Inc. for the Fourth Consecutive Year

The National Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Safety Committee has awarded Vos Glass, Inc. with a Safety Training and Evaluation Process Platinum Level Achievement Award.

Through the STEP (Safety Training and Evaluation Process) program, builders and contractors analyze and further develop their safety programs and measure safety program improvements. The STEP awards recognize companies for their commitment to making safety in a workplace a priority.

Vos Glass, Inc. is the only glazing contractor in the Western Michigan Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. to receive this recognition, and has done so for four consecutive years.

Platinum Level Achievement is the highest award, and to be eligible, candidates must have earned previous gold or platinum certification.

At Vos Glass, Inc., safety is an ongoing process, where the greatest reward is a safer workplace.

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