

From Joan Bowen, Secretary:

A survey of Studio 55 Members showed that the majority of members wanted to see the Chihuly Exhibit which will be at Crystal Bridges from June 3 – August 14. It *is Chihuly: In the Gallery and in the Forest*. Inside the Northwest room, Chihuly's clumped glass baskets will be displayed together with examples from his own collection of Northwest Coast Native American baskets which inspired them. The Persian Room will bathe guests in brilliant colors of Chihuly glass from above. The north forest contains multiple dramatic Chihuly installations which will be on-view along the gently curving paths accessible to all.

The outside part of the exhibit in the forest will be free, but to see the inside Chihuly Exhibit will cost \$20 a person.

Currently we plan on going July 13, which is a Thursday, the day following our July meeting. We will leave from here by 8:00. We expect to arrive in Bentonville early and have time to visit the Walton Five and Dime museum where Sam Walton started his business.

The bus trip will cost \$20. Getting into Crystal bridges is free and there are wonderful exhibits of American artists throughout the beautiful building. There is a restaurant and lunch will be on your own.

Mark your calendar for July 13. Studio 55 members and their spouses will have first priority and we will start collecting money and signing people up at the April Meeting.