

**AMERICAS GLASS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
POSTPONEMENT OF AMERICAS GLASS SHOWCASE;
INDEPENDENT GLASS ASSOCIATION EVENT WILL GO FORWARD**

The Board of Directors of Americas Glass Association has voted to postpone the Americas Glass Showcase trade show until 2010. The architectural glass show has been co-located with the Independent Glass Association's (IGA) annual convention and Spring Auto Glass Show™ (<http://www.iga.org/independentsdays.php>). The IGA event will go on as planned but in a different venue.

“When AGA booked its space for the 2009 trade show, the economy for architectural glass was in very different shape than it is today,” said AGA president Donn Harter. “We feel it best for our members and exhibitors if we look toward the future rather than 2009. Given the options available, and its desire to be responsible to the membership, our board voted not to hold the event next year.”

Harter said all exhibitors who have paid a deposit will be offered the option of rolling into the IGA Show, getting a credit with AGA to participate in an AGA regional event, or receiving a refund. “This is not a cancellation of the show for the future,” he said. “We are just going to skip this year.”

The IGA will now hold its annual Independents' Days Convention and Spring Auto Glass Show May 12-14 at the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa in Fort Myers, Florida (<http://www.sanibel-resort.com>). This 5-star luxury resort offers many amenities in an upscale setting. Hotel room rates are \$124/night plus a \$15 resort fee that includes use of the fitness club, beach club, free telephone calls and free Internet service from the guest rooms.

“We have enjoyed having our event co-located with AGA,” said Dave Zoldowski, IGA president. “Our only major concern has been holding both IGA events in Las Vegas each year.” (IGA holds a Fall Marketing Conference in Las Vegas). “Once we learned the AGA's event would not be held, we began looking for a venue outside Vegas and we have found a great one at reasonable prices and reasonable airfare. We are looking forward to having a great event for the auto glass industry.”

Zoldowski said registration for the event will open shortly and booth applications are currently being accepted. “Having personally stayed at the Sanibel Harbour Resort, I believe it better fits our needs. It's a great place to bring the family and enjoy the many amenities included with your room. We are looking forward to a great event, even in tough times,” he added.

The AGA is committed to raising the professional standards of the retail and contract

glazing industry by working for the industry through product and service referrals, code interpretations and everyday practical knowledge of the glazing industry.

The IGA is the only association dedicated to the needs of the independent glass companies in North America. Its members are also dedicated to the professional and ethical installation of glass in a safe and proper manner. IGA members are located in all 50 states and ten countries.

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