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Subject: FW: Freeborn Glass Museum

From: Jim Baker
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To: david.thomsen
Subject: Re: Freeborn Glass Museum

David,

Thank you for the update. I admire your 'gumption' and I bet you'll live to 110.

I know we got cross-wise with you and I'm sorry about that. But I do want you to know that I'm retiring (the 'grapevine' probably already notified you). I decided I have a life after Pilchuck and want to get back into the studio to do my photography and writing. Having served 7+ years a director, in February I'm moving to Colorado where we have a home.

Which gives me the chance to thank you for all you've done to keep our 'front door' - that is, the entrance off Exit 215 to this beautiful part of the world - free from big box stores and maintaining the rural ambiance. Only someone with your fortitude could have done it. Every time I drive up to campus I get to leave an increasingly busy and distracting world and when I head back to the big city I start missing what's here soon after I pass the church and see the highway on-ramp signs. Thank you for those gifts -- it really has been a huge contribution to the Pilchuck experience. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Jim

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