



**Peter J. Geisser**

Stained Glass Artist/Retired Teacher of the Deaf

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Peter Geisser retired in 2003 after over 30 years as art teacher at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. He taught at RISD's CE for 15 years, and now teaches part time at the UMassDartmouth. Geisser created and directed the award winning "Circle of Clay" project for VSAarts RI at the Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, and he co-authored a chapter in NAEA's best selling publication: *Reaching and Teaching Students with Special Needs through Art*. He makes stoneware/porcelain mosaic murals with colleague Mika Seeger, and has stained glass work in churches, homes and buildings around New England. He is a founding member of the Access Advisory Board of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and is a founding member and Past President of the Special Needs Issues Group of the NAEA. Geisser is a Past-President of RIAEA and NAEA's Eastern Region Vice President 2014-16. He received an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from the RI School of Design in 1997 and the 2008 RI The Pell Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Arts and the 2012 NAEA Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award. ;CityArts! Providence awarded him and colleague Mika Seeger the 2013 Sr. Ann Keefe Award for Creativity and Social Justice. Geisser is an active force in Art, Education and Access locally and nationally. He is a featured artist in the film: RI Archive Project: <http://riaaproject.blogspot.com>