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**WCC COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSE OFFERS INSIDER'S LOOK
OF WORLD-RENOWNED PILCHUCK GLASS STUDIO**

May 12 Event is an Ideal Mother's Day Gift

Bellingham, WA, April 11, 2012 – Searching for the perfect Mother's Day gift? Whatcom Community College's Community Education may have the answer. The program is offering a May 12 Artist's Road Trip that offers a rare insider's look at the world-renowned Pilchuck Glass School. Located on a remote 54-acre site in Skagit County, the school was founded in 1971 by glass artist Dale Chihuly and has become the world's most comprehensive center for glass art education.

Accompanied by local artists Trish Harding and Debbie McCunn, road trip participants will enjoy a rustic brunch with artists, tour the studios and campus, view the fascinating processes of glass making, and enjoy the bucolic setting. The day begins with a one-hour lecture and discussion at WCC. Then, participants will travel by Bellair Charters' motorcoach to the glass school. Participants are asked to dress for seasonal weather and to wear comfortable walking shoes.

The cost is \$85, which includes the brunch and tour. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 6; no refunds or credits will be issued after that date. To register, call WCC's Community Education office at 360.383.3200 or register online at www.whatcomcommunityed.com.

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Whatcom's popular Community and Continuing Education programs serve students seeking career advancement as well as those who want to explore a personal passion. Continuing Education offers business and professional development opportunities, including computer and technical skills training and specialized continuing education courses for healthcare professionals. Non-credit Community Education programs cover a range of personal-enrichment topics, including writing, arts and crafts, fitness, home and garden, and the annual Chuckanut Writers Conference. Annually, more than 3,000 students attend Community and Continuing Education classes. The courses, which are open to the public, are self-supporting without use of tax dollars and do not provide credit toward a WCC degree or transfer to other institutions.

Whatcom Community College is an accredited, comprehensive two-year college with a committed, accomplished faculty and staff who serve more than 7,600 students quarterly. On its beautiful 71-acre campus in Bellingham, WA, and through on-line courses, Whatcom offers transfer degrees, professional and technical training programs, as well as basic education, job skills and Community and Continuing Education classes. For more information about WCC, please call the Public Information Office at 360.383.3310 or visit www.whatcom.ctc.edu.

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