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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Mosaic artist Jackie Stack Lagakos’ creative inner eye blends bottles, smashed tile, mirrors, stained glass, stone and mortar to give birth to unique bottle walls, benches, mosaic tile floors, birdbaths, plaques, murals and paths. Her house and surrounding one-acre property, where she lives with husband George, an ISB member, father Joe and dogs Stella and Basso, is the canvas for her work. Her art was previously featured on the cover of Vol. 28 #2 of *Bass World*. To see more of her work go to www.bottlestructures.com. The life-size stained glass mosaic on the cover of this issue was created to honor the life of Robert Riccardi. Jackie drew the outline from Robert’s own beloved pear-shaped Italian double bass. “Bob was bassist for The Pennsylvania Ballet for over thirty years and the mentor and teacher of many Philadelphia-area bassists,” says Jackie. “His loving, kind demeanor was reflected in his playing and his being.”