

Public Can Enjoy Glass Experience During Historic Conference in Toledo

Glass Art Society Offers Special Events

The Glass Art Society's 42nd annual conference will be held in Toledo, June 13-17, 2012, to help celebrate the Studio Glass Movement that began in the city in 1962 after two workshops showed how small glass-melting furnaces could enable artists to work in their own studios, rather than design for production in factories. Today, artists around the world produce stunning work incorporating glass. The Toledo conference offers a special opportunity for regional residents to experience the movement that started in this city.



Free

- **Days of Glass** – The conference will open with a Toledo-area “Day of Glass” on June 13. In addition to special gallery and museum exhibitions, special glass-working demonstrations will take place at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion and other locations. A special Detroit-area Day of Glass will follow the conference on June 17.
- **Exhibitions** – Regional galleries and museums will showcase special exhibitions of glass art during and around the time of the GAS conference. The Toledo Museum of Art will highlight a spectacular overview of glass art titled, *Color Ignited: Glass 1962-2012*. Established and temporary art galleries will showcase and sell the glass work of national and international artists not normally seen in the area. An evening “gallery hop” will be held from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 15.
- **Goblet Grab** – As a fundraiser for its Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF), GAS will host its 18th annual Goblet Grab from noon (promptly) to 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, in Ballrooms 2 & 3 of the Park Inn hotel.
- **Technical Display** – The newest and best equipment, supplies, services and publications will be on display and available for purchase. Public hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16, in Hall C of the SeaGate Convention Centre.
- **Live and Silent Auctions** – These free events provide an opportunity to see and bid on artwork donated by conference presenters, GAS board members and others. Auction items will be on display in the Park Inn Ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 15, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16. The first Silent Auction table will close at 5:15 p.m. and the Live Auction is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

Conference Passes

- **You don't need to be a glass artist** to attend the conference but you must be a member of GAS. Individual membership fees begin at \$70. Student memberships are \$40. Daily conference passes are available at \$140 per member per day. Student one-day passes are available at \$85 per full-time student member. Early bird full-conference passes are available through March 1, 2012, at \$275 per member and \$145 per full-time student. From March 2 through May 15, 2012, the cost is \$315 for members and \$175 per full-time student member.
- A GAS **Collectors Tour**, Tuesday through Saturday, will provide exclusive access to private collections in Detroit and Toledo, curator-led tours, demonstrations, private dinners, and conference opening and closing parties. Limited to 25. Call 206-382-1305.

To see the complete catalog of events, visit the Glass Art Society website at www.glassart.org. You can also follow conference preparations and events on Facebook.