

Corning Museum of Glass



Get Hands-on with Glass at Top Museum in New York

CORNING, NY (For Immediate Release) – Have you ever worked with glass as hot as molten lava? Bent glass— without breaking it? Or seen an 11-foot (335 cm) tree of swirling green glass?

You can experience this and more at The Corning Museum of Glass in the Finger Lakes Region of upstate New York, where visitors of all ages explore the art, history, technology and craft of glass in truly unique ways:

- **Explore the world’s largest collection of glass.** More than 45,000 objects showcase 3,500 years of glassmaking history. See a tiny portrait of an ancient Egyptian Pharaoh, beautiful Asian mosaics, large Tiffany stained glass windows, fanciful modern-day sculptures—and nearly everything in between.
- **Watch live, narrated glass demonstrations.** See master glassmakers take gobs of molten glass and turn them into beautiful bowls, vases and more in a narrated Hot Glass Show of twirling, heat, sparks, and glassblowing. More than 40 live demonstrations are offered each day (all included in the price of admission), including glassblowing, flameworking and even glass breaking!
- **Try glassmaking in a hands-on workshop.** At daily Make Your Own Glass workshops, try the ancient art of glassworking. Projects exist for all ages. Little ones can decorate a sandblasted drinking glass, blow a holiday ornament or fuse a picture frame. Older children and adults will enjoy forming a flower out of molten glass, or flameworking a glass bead.
- **Explore the science and technology of glass.** Glass changes the world—discover how in the Museum’s award-winning, state-of-the-art, interactive Innovations Center. “Do It!” stations let everyone get hands-on with the science and technology of glass.
- **Shop for glass treasures from around the world.** Featuring eight unique boutiques that enhance and reflect every part of the Museum, the GlassMarket at The Corning Museum of Glass offers everything from jewelry, inexpensive holiday ornaments and gifts, handmade glass art, books and videos related to glass.

The Museum also offers changing special exhibitions, which are always free with Museum admission. In 2009/2010, the Museum will present the following exhibitions:

- *Favorites from the Contemporary Glass Collection* (through January 3, 2010)
- *Masters of Studio Glass: Richard Craig Meitner* (through October 18, 2009)

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- *Voices of Contemporary Glass: The Heineman Collection* (May 16, 2009 – January 3, 2010)
- *Tiffany Treasures: Favrite Glass from Rarely Seen Collections* (November 1, 2009 – October 2010)
- *Medieval Glass* (Summer 2010)

Each season, the Museum offers themed experiences. This summer, visitors can focus on contemporary glass through three exhibitions focused on contemporary art in glass, artist-led tours of the collection, and special contemporary Make Your Own Glass projects. In the fall, glass pumpkins take center stage in the Glass Harvest celebration where visitors can blow a glass pumpkin, buy glass pumpkins and gourds from the Museum's GlassMarket, and enjoy harvest-related activities.

Holidays at The Corning Museum of Glass take on a special sparkle. For the second year, the Museum will feature a giant tree constructed of more than 600 handmade glass ornaments created by Museum gaffers. Visitors can also blow their own glass ornaments.

Nestled in the heart of Finger Lakes Wine Country in New York State, the Museum is located midway between Niagara Falls (3 hours drive) and New York City (4 hours drive). For more information about the Museum, visit www.cmog.org. For additional things to do in the region, visit www.fingerlakeswinecountry.org.

The Museum's Hot Glass Show also travels on the road and at sea, providing glassmaking demonstrations at other museums, art fairs and other public venues. It is also a permanent feature aboard the cruise ship *Celebrity SolsticeSM*, where passengers can experience live glassblowing at sea.

About The Corning Museum of Glass

The Corning Museum of Glass (www.cmog.org) is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of glass. Spanning the globe and encompassing more than 3,500 years of human ingenuity, the collection includes masterpieces from ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome; the great civilizations of Islam, Asia, Europe and the Americas; and the range of artistic movements beginning in the late 19th century and extending to the present day.

The Museum is open daily, year-round, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and until 8:00 p.m., Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Kids and teens, 19 and under, receive free admission. The Corning Museum of Glass is conveniently located directly off I-86/Rte. 17 (exit 46).

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