

Featuring the latest from the Contemporary Glass Society

Glorious Glass

Twenty Years of the Contemporary Glass Society

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In 2017, the Contemporary Glass Society (CGS) celebrated 20 years since its foundation as the principle supporter and promoter of artists and collectors of contemporary glass in the United Kingdom. It now has almost 1,000 members both nationally and internationally. To continue the celebration of this landmark anniversary and to raise awareness of the glory of contemporary glass, a series of linked exhibitions are being held around Great Britain over the next three years. This circular tour will start and end in the South West.



Susan Burne, Xanadu 1 Opium Poppies.

Exploring the Magic of Contemporary Glass

CGS has chosen the Creative Innovation Centre (CIC) and Taunton as the first venue where the organization will be displaying glass artwork from artists based in the South West. The exhibition is open to all members so that the work will range from international high flyers to hobbyists. It will take place at the Creative Innovation Centre, Memorial Hall, Paul Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3PF on Wednesday February 21 through Friday March 30th, 2018.

The aim of the exhibition is to demonstrate just how utterly glorious and amazing contemporary glass is so that attendees can appreciate and enjoy its magical colors, textures, use of light, and variety of techniques as well as discover their own local glass artists.

Expressing a Passion for Glass Art

A wide range of techniques will be represented in the work on display, which will feature everything from hot blown forms, fused glass, and stained glass panels to pâte de verre and cast glass. All of the artists will explain why glass is glorious to them and why they have chosen the pieces on display to express that passion for their chosen material.



Geraldine McLoughlin.

Visitors will be able to see and understand how pieces are made through a Glass Forum day, Meet the Artists events, workshops, and a craft fair. All of the work on display will also be for sale. Come along and plunge into a glass fiesta of color and delight, explore a new art form, and have a go yourself!

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CGS is the UK's foremost organization for supporting established artists and up-and-coming makers and for promoting contemporary glass in the wider art world. For more information on CGS, please visit www.cgs.org.uk.

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