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GLASS ART SOCIETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO STEP DOWN

May 7, 2018 — It is with great respect and deep appreciation that the Board of Directors of the Glass Art Society announces Pamela Figenshow Koss will step down as Executive Director after the conference in Murano, Italy.

Having served the Glass Art Society for more than 14 years, the board would like to express its gratitude for the hard work and dedication she's shown while expertly advancing our annual conferences as well as her many contributions to the glass art world. It is fitting Pam will end her tenure by producing the most ambitious conference the Glass Art Society has ever presented. This historic conference in Murano will be an appropriate place for all of us to thank Pam for her many years of service and outstanding accomplishments.

"It was a difficult decision to choose to step down from my position at the Glass Art Society," says Figenshow Koss, "it has been a wonderful experience and Murano represents a real pinnacle in my career."

During Figenshow Koss's tenure, the organization expanded its reach and has built new relationships in the glass art world. She developed the GAS SPARK! events which reach out to forge relationships with communities across the country. Figenshow Koss's major strength has been overseeing and producing more than a dozen conferences in sites on three continents. These annual conferences represent the true spirit of the Glass Art Society and represent a homecoming of sorts--allowing the worldwide community of glass to come together to learn and connect with each other.

Another source of pride is the *Landscape of Glass Art in America*, a comprehensive study of the state of glass in America, the first of its kind, done in partnership with Chihuly Garden and Glass.

"I am excited about the next chapter for me and for the organization " says Figenshow Koss. "After taking a little time off and enjoying the summer in Seattle, I'll explore the next phase of my career. I am so grateful for the experience, this wonderful community, the people I have met, and all that I have learned working for this organization. I have loved this job and the Glass Art Society."

Ms. Figenshow Koss will be staying through the end of June and will help with the transition for the organization.

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The Glass Art Society is an international non-profit organization founded in 1971 whose purpose is to encourage excellence, advance education, promote the appreciation and development of the glass arts, and support the worldwide community of artists who work with glass.