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GLASS ART SOCIETY TO RECEIVE \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

December 22, 2016 — National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$30 million in grants as part of the NEA's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$20,000 to the Glass Art Society for the public programs of the 2017 Glass Art Society Conference in Norfolk, Virginia and the Glass Art Society Journal. The Art Works category focuses on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts.

"The arts are for all of us, and by supporting organizations such as the Glass Art Society, the National Endowment for the Arts is providing more opportunities for the public to engage with the arts," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "Whether in a theater, a town square, a museum, or a hospital, the arts are everywhere and make our lives richer."

Glass artists from across America and around the world will come together in Norfolk, Virginia from June 1-3, 2017 for "Reflections from the Edge: Glass, Art, and Performance," the 46th Glass Art Society Conference. Over one hundred artists are scheduled to present on a range of topics and will include art demonstrations to attendees. The public is invited to attend free events such as the much-anticipated Day of Glass program. The 2017 Glass Art Society Journal will serve as an archival record documenting the conference and showcasing art made with glass.

For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

About the Glass Art Society

Founded in 1971, the Glass Art Society is an international non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage excellence, to advance education, to promote the appreciation and development of the glass arts, and to support the worldwide community of artists who work with glass. GAS strives to stimulate communication among artists, educators, students, collectors, gallery and museum personnel, art critics, manufacturers, and all others interested in and involved with the production, technology and aesthetics of glass. We are dedicated to creating greater public awareness and appreciation of the glass arts.