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**Glass Arts Society to Receive
\$20,000 Grant from National Endowment for the Arts**

SEATTLE, WA-- National Endowment for the Arts Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter has approved more than \$27 million in grants as part of the Arts Endowment's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2019. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$20,000 to the Glass Arts Society (GAS).

Art Works is the Arts Endowment's principal grant-making program. The agency received 1,605 Art Works applications for this round of grant-making, and will award 972 grants in this category.

"The arts enhance our communities and our lives, and we look forward to seeing these projects take place throughout the country, giving Americans opportunities to learn, to create, to heal, and to celebrate," said Mary Anne Carter, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The NEA grant will be used to support two significant activities including the Glass Art Society Journal and video documentation of the annual conference for glass artists in St. Petersburg, Florida.

"The Glass Art Society is honored to be included in this first round of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts," said Brandi Clark, Interim Executive Director of GAS. "As a non-profit, this investment in the arts and our organization allows us to leverage the private donations we get in other ways and helps us to promote the beautiful work glass artists contribute to our world."

For more information on this National Endowment for the Arts grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

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The Glass Art Society is an international non-profit organization founded in 1971 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.

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