



# The Paperweight Chase

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## Glass Worlds: Paperweights from the ROM's Collection

If you have not already seen this exhibit and the new expansion of the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal space at the ROM, you should make plans to go. The Glass Worlds exhibit features over 250 paperweights, both antique and contemporary. In the exhibit area is an excellent short video on paperweight and cane making. The ROM has acquired paperweights from our own member artists which are also displayed.

The Glass Worlds exhibit runs until November 25, 2007 in the Samuel European Galleries' exhibition space. The Royal Ontario Museum is open Saturdays-Thursdays (10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) and on Fridays (10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.).

The ROM has published a companion book to the exhibit written by Brian Musselwhite, Assistant Curator. It features photographs and descriptions of the pieces displayed. It is available for purchase at the ROM for \$14.99, through the University of Toronto Press, or from Chapters bookstores [www.chapters.indigo.ca](http://www.chapters.indigo.ca).

The Fall 2007 ROM Life events guide has just arrived and features the following Glass Worlds Lunch 'n' Learn Series:

Tuesday, Oct 23 or Sunday, Nov 4 (11:30 am – 2 pm)

Learn about the history and evolution of paperweights from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present with Brian Musselwhite, curator of the *Glass Worlds* exhibition and author of the accompanying book. Following a catered lunch, enjoy an informative tour of the ROM's paperweight exhibition.

\$75 (online \$70)

ROM members \$65 (online \$60)

## Wheaton Arts Paperweight Fest, May 14-17, 2008

Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center (the Village's new name) is already planning next year's paperweight fest. The Delaware Valley PCA will again be collaborating with Wheaton in coordinating the event. Plans are being made for international speakers, demonstrations, raffle and much more for attendees to enjoy and learn.

In 2006, volunteers from the Delaware Valley PCA assembled shadow boxes made from donated lampworked pieces and millefiori canes. Altogether there were seven boxes donated, the largest of which was 20 inches square and the six smaller frames were 8" x 10". The names of the contributing artists were spelled out with letter canes in each assembly. The shadow box with John Deacons canes is shown below.



John Deacons Shadow Box

Sales of these items raised about \$2500 for Wheaton Arts. The Delaware Valley PCA volunteers are starting now to work on 2008 shadow boxes which are planned to be even bigger and better than 2006's. A request is being made for you to donate millefiori canes and lampwork and forward to:

Andy Dohan  
c/o Lentz Cantor Massey, Ltd.  
460 East King Road  
Malvern, PA 19355-3049  
USA

### **Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery**

The CCGG has four new exhibits opening on Sunday, September 9, 2007 : Judy Chicago, Yuichiro Komatsu, Don Maynard & Maurice Savoie. These exhibitions will continue through January 13, 2008. If you are interested, please view additional information on their website at [www.canadianclayandglass.ca](http://www.canadianclayandglass.ca) .

Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, 25 Catherine Street North, Waterloo, ON N2L 2Y5, Canada. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 am-5pm, Sundays 1-5pm. Open LATE and FREE Thursdays: 5-8 pm. Admission: Free for CCGG members; \$10 non-members; \$5 students and seniors; FREE children 12 and under.

### **Cambridge Paperweight Collectors Circle – Search for “J” Glass**

We have received a request from a pair of collectors in the UK who are searching for information and pictures of John Deacons “J” Glass weights. They are avid collectors of “J” Glass weights and have about 85 in their collection. Their aim is to catalogue the “J” Glass period of John Deacons with the hope of publishing their results in the Cambridge Club Newsletter and PCA Bulletin. John Deacons ran the “J” Glass studio in Scotland from 1978 to 1983. A large number of “J” Glass weights were editions made solely for the U.S. market.

If you have any of these weights, and are willing to share photos or information, please bring them along to the next meeting so that we can photograph or contact me directly and we will assist in getting the information to them.

### **Debbie Tarsitano Retrospective Exhibition**

Debbie Tarsitano held a solo thirty year retrospective exhibition at the Evansville Museum of Art, History and Science. The show was very successful and over 8,000 visitors viewed the exhibit of her work. The show “Transitional Glass: The Art of Debbie Tarsitano” documents the change in her work from paperweights to art glass sculpture. Debbie is sending us a complimentary copy of the catalogue from her show for our lending library.

For those of you who do not have email, Debbie's newsletter features new and exciting sculptural work. Both Debbie and her father, Delmo Tarsitano, have earlier weights in the current ROM Glass Worlds Exhibit. You may request her newsletter via her website at [www.debbietarsitano.com](http://www.debbietarsitano.com).

## Josh Simpson

Josh Simpson has a new exhibit opened in New York City at the new Steuben's New York Flagship Store. "Josh Simpson – Steuben Selection Exhibition" (August 27, 2007 – December 31, 2007) is a special collection of Josh's glass including his newest collaborative work with Steuben and several vintage pieces from the 1970's and 1980's.

Meet the Artist: September 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 4 pm  
667 Madison Avenue (at 61<sup>st</sup> Street)  
New York, NY 10065

Regular Hours: Mon-Sat 10 AM-6PM

**Reminder:**

If you have not already done so, please forward your membership dues for PCA Ontario (period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008).

## 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
October 13, 2007	Meeting (hosted by Marcia)
December 1, 2007	Winter Meeting & Holiday Social (hosted by Tracy & Rick)
April 5, 2008	Meeting
May 14-17, 2008	Paperweight Fest, Wheaton Arts, Millville NJ
June 7, 2008	Meeting
August 16, 2008	Summer BBQ
October 25, 2008	Meeting
December 6, 2008	Winter Meeting & Holiday Social



**PCA Membership Application** (please print)

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**Annual Fees**

**PCA Ontario, Canada**

July 1 (current year) - June 30 (following year)

\_\_\_ Single Membership     \$20.00

\_\_\_ Couple                     \$30.00

\_\_\_ Mailings only             \$15.00

Cheque payable to:

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