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The Palo Alto Art Center, the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, and the Bay Area Glass Institute Present...

~ THE 12th ANNUAL GREAT GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH® ~ SAVE THE DATE!

Exhibition: Tuesday - Friday, October 2 - October 5, 2007 Sale: Saturday, October 6 - Sunday, October 7, 2007

PALO ALTO, Calif. – July 26, 2007 – The Palo Alto Art Center, (PAAC), Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, (PAACF), and Bay Area Glass Institute, (BAGI), are pleased to present the 12th Annual *Great Glass Pumpkin Patch*®. This beloved Bay Area fall tradition - and the largest glass pumpkin patch of its kind in Northern California - will be on display Tuesday - Thursday, October 2-4, from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Friday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All glass pumpkins and other art glass will then go on sale from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on both Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7, rain or shine. Visitors are invited to wander through an incredible - and memorable - artistic installation of thousands of one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins as well as other unique glass art objects created by over 30 California artists. Each work of art will be available for purchase and supports not only local artists, but key art initiatives and education programs at BAGI and the Palo Alto Art Center. Also returning to the patch this year is the live artistry of Barry and Susan Farley of Mercury Rising Studios (formerly Fast Glass), based in Fallbrook, California, who will present extraordinary glass blowing demonstrations on-site.

The Palo Alto Art Center Foundation will also present its Patron-level fundraiser, "Candlelight Cocktails," a fabulous party and pre-sale on Friday, October 5, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Those who join the Foundation at the Patron-level (\$250), or who upgrade their membership, will enjoy free admission to this lively, fun-filled event. For more information, please call 650.617.2218 for details.

This fundraiser supports the mission of BAGI by not only making glass art more accessible to all, but helping to provide continued artistic, educational and intellectual support to BAGI members and the community. The event also benefits participating artists, helping to generate income and providing positive visibility and exposure to a greater audience. In addition, a portion of the proceeds benefit children's art education programs at the Palo Alto Art Center including: Project LOOK!, a docent-led education tour program for grades K-5; the Carrie Abramovitz Scholarship program for artistically talented students; and, the popular Family Days featuring hands-on art activities for the whole family.

About the Palo Alto Art Center

The Palo Alto Art Center, Division of Arts and Culture, City of Palo Alto, is funded in part by support from the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation and the Arts Council Silicon Valley, in partnership with the County of Santa Clara and the California Arts Council. The Center is open to the public without charge from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday; and 7:00-10:00 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The Center is located at 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. For further information: Phone: 650.329.2366 / Email: artcenter@city.paloalto.ca.us / Website: www.cityofpaloalto.org.

About the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation

The mission of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) (www.paacf.org) organization founded 1973, is to support the mission and goals of the Palo Alto Art Center, promote unique art experiences and education for people of all ages, and serve as the Art Center's advocate and ambassadors in the community. The mission of the Art Center (founded 1971) is to foster creative process and thought by forging a greater appreciation and understanding of the visual arts through exhibitions, studio experiences, and related educational programs. The Foundation, through its fundraising efforts, enables the Art Center to offer innovative educational experiences for children and adults, produce high-profile exhibitions and catalogues, pay artists equitable participation fees, and broaden its audience to serve the community as a truly regional art center.

About the Bay Area Glass Institute

The mission of the Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI) is to make the celebration of glass art accessible to all and provide continued artistic and educational growth to artists, patrons and the community. BAGI is the only public access glass-working facility in the Santa Clara County. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, BAGI is funded in part by the City of San Jose and the Arts Council Silicon Valley. We educate the public about glass art by teaching a variety of glass-working classes, offering tours of our facility, bringing in internationally renowned as well as local guest artists to conduct free demonstrations & lectures. Every year, BAGI's co-sponsors the *Great Glass Pumpkin Patch*® and hosts the *Annual Great Glass Auction*. Our goal is to continue expanding our education and program offerings to artists and the general public. BAGI is located at 401 E. Taylor Street, Suite 115, San Jose, CA 95112. Phone: 408.993.2244; Email: studio@bagi.org; Web: www.bagi.org