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The 16th Annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch 2011

Palo Alto community event moves to a new location at Rinconada Park for 2011

Palo Alto, CA – August 4, 2011 – Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI), the Palo Alto Art Center (PAAC), and the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PAACF) present the 16th Annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch (GGPP), from Tuesday, September 27 through Sunday, October 2, 2011. Celebrating its 16th anniversary, this Bay Area event and art showcase will feature 8,000 hand-blown glass pumpkins crafted by 30 prominent glass artisans. One-of-a kind glass pumpkins and unique glass objects will be on display throughout the event and on sale October 1 & 2, 2011. Proceeds from the GGPP support the Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI), the Palo Alto Art Center (PAAC), and the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PAACF), as well as participating local artists. Due to the PAAC renovation, this year the event will be held at a new location, Rinconada Park, located at 777 Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto, CA. This family friendly event is free to the public.

Highlights

The GGPP, the original Bay Area glass pumpkin patch is the only Patch in which sales go to benefit three important arts nonprofits in the community. The Patch is also unique in that it boasts the largest selection and number of glass pumpkins in California.

This year's harvest theme will feature fresh and exciting designs that bring a touch of tradition and elegance to the fall holidays, a great addition to any collection or home. In addition to the more than 8,000 one-of-a kind designs, the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch 2011 will engage event goers with:

- Torch working demonstrations
- Artist meet and greets
- Music performances
- Gourmet food trucks

Candlelight Cocktails

The PAACF will host a "Candlelight Cocktails" reception on Friday, Sept. 30th from 6-9p.m. where special guests will get a sneak peek at the art and will also be able to participate in a pumpkin presale. Those

who join the Foundation at the Advocate-level (\$250), or who upgrade their membership at www.paacf.org/join will receive free admission to this event. The Candlelight Cocktails reception is also open to the media.

Event Details

Exhibit Dates & Times:

September 27 - 29, 2011 from 10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.; September 30, 2011 from 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Sale:

October 1 – 2, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Event Location:

Rinconada Park

777 Embarcadero Road

Palo Alto, CA 94301 (Across the street from the Palo Alto Art Center)

About

The Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to make the celebration of glass art accessible to all while providing 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, offering a variety of glass-working classes, and demonstrations by internationally renowned and local artists. www.bagi.org

The Palo Alto Art Center (PAAC) fosters creative process and thought by forging a greater appreciation and understanding of the visual arts through exhibitions, studio experiences, and related educational programs. www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter.

The mission of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation (PACCF), a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded 1973, is to support the mission and goals of the Palo Alto Art Center, to promote unique art experiences and education for people of all ages, and to serve as the Art Center's advocate and ambassador in the community. 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. www.paacf.org

For more information about the 16th Annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch please visit www.greatglasspumpkinpatch.com.

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