

**WHEATONARTS “WHEATON WIDE OPEN WEEKEND” AUGUST 14, 15 AND 16  
FEATURES SPECIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND FIRE MUSTER**

**MILLVILLE, NJ** – WheatonArts’ next Wheaton Wide Open Weekend takes place on August 14, 15 and 16. The weekend features two special demonstrations, a family hands-on activity and the 35th Annual Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade Muster and Fire Fighters Family Day. Admission is free for all visitors during the weekend.

The following demonstrations will be presented in the Education and Folklife Building from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on August 15 only.

■ **Marquetry: The Art of Painting in Wood** with internationally renowned marquetarian, Gregg Perry. Marquetry is known as the “art of painting in wood.” It is decorative woodwork in which elaborate patterns or pictures are formed by the insertion of pieces of materials (such as wood, shell, ivory, etc.) into a wood veneer that is then applied to a surface (as of a piece of furniture).

The technique of veneered marquetry had its inception in 16th century Florence and Naples, Italy. These techniques were developed in Antwerp and other Flemish centers of cabinet making during the late 16th century. The art was imported and accepted in France in the 17th century to create furniture of unprecedented luxury, being made for the mega affluent and most produced at the Royal Manufacturing of the Gobelins under the tutelage of King Louis XIV. Today, the art lives on in America in Perry’s studio

Perry will be demonstrating (verbally and with tools and materials) “The Art of the Traditional French Marquetry.” He will be using marquetry panels which he created while studying in Paris, France. He will examine from inception of material preparation to finish panel substrate adhesion.

■ **Decorative Woodcarving** with Tania Angelova. The art of sculptural ornamentation of a wooden object carries timeless beauty and value. The creative process usually begins with an idea or example of inspiration in the form of a drawing, sketch or an old photograph. The carving of shapes/motifs in wood requires skill and love for work with this material.

In this hands-on demonstration Angelova will present not only the basic techniques and use of traditional carvings tools such as carving knives, chisels and gouges, but will also discuss the ways of visual mapping and shaping of various design elements. By using pieces showcasing different stages of the carving process, she will demonstrate the initial work with images, the rough carving and the detail work with the fine elements of ornaments and motifs on the almost finished pieces of artwork.

Additional weekend activities are:

■ **August 15** - Hands-On Family Activity...Lego Printing: Let’s Build a Fire Truck! 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Suggested Ages: 5 and above (with parental supervision). Lego® bricks are no longer just for three-dimensional building. Create one-of-a-kind prints. Children will use Lego® bricks dipped in paint to create prints of fire trucks.

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■ **August 16** -WheatonArts, in association with the Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade, hosts the 35th Annual Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade Muster and Fire Fighter’s Family Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 80 antique fire trucks from the Mid-Atlantic States will be on display on the grounds. Show highlights include: a firefighter competition to show how firefighters use their training and skills to battle fires; water barrel fight (two opposing teams try to move a barrel suspended on a cable to opposite ends using a high pressure fire hose); bucket brigade (each team is timed as they carry water to the roof of a small building in buckets; and firefighting demonstrations including pumping displays of fire hoses on numerous fire trucks.

The visitor experience at WheatonArts includes: Museum of American Glass exhibitions, “Emanation: Art + Process” and “Creativity Ascertained: The Art of the Fellowship;” “An Ordinary Day - Hyunsung Cho Solo Exhibition” in the Gallery of Fine Craft; artist demonstrations in the Glass Studio; artist demonstrations in the Ceramic and Flameworking Studios; and shopping in the museum stores. The Sweets Suite Café is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WheatonArts is open Labor Day. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. General admission: Adults \$10.00, \$9.00 Senior Adults and \$7.00 Students. Children five and under are free. Free to shop and stroll except during outdoor special events. For more information about WheatonArts, call 856-825-6800 or 800-998-4552, or visit [wheatonarts.org](http://wheatonarts.org). For more information about PNC Arts Alive! and the grant recipients visit [www.pncartsalive.com](http://www.pncartsalive.com).

WheatonArts strives to make exhibits, events and programs accessible to all visitors. Provide two weeks notice for additional needs. Patrons with hearing and speech disabilities may contact WheatonArts through the New Jersey Relay Service (TRS) 800-852-7899 or by dialing 711.

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*About WheatonArts*

With a history spanning four decades, WheatonArts has earned regional, national and international recognition for its unique collections and programs. The Museum of American Glass, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, houses one of the most comprehensive collections of American glass in the country...from the first glass bottles made in America to celebrated works by Dale Chihuly and other contemporary artists who work in glass. Visitors experience the art of glassmaking, ceramics and flameworking in the Artists Studios. From April through December the Museum of American Glass and Gallery of Fine Craft present special exhibitions. WheatonArts also offers traditional and multi-cultural programs, classes, workshops, performances, and weekend festivals. The award-winning Museum Stores offer traditional and contemporary art and craft in all mediums.