

## **36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FIRE BRIGADE MUSTER AND FIRE FIGHTER'S FAMILY DAY**

**MILLVILLE, NJ (August 13, 2016)** – Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, in association with the Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade, will present the 36th annual Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade Muster and Fire Fighter's Family Day on Sunday, August 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event celebrates the important role, past and present, that firefighters play in the community.

The Muster is included in WheatonArts' "Wheaton Wide Open," initiative, so all visitors receive free admission. The "Wheaton Wide Open" will run for the entire weekend, from Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each of the three days. Wheaton Wide Open offerings are made possible by grant funding provided through the PNC Arts Alive! program.

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. In addition to the Fire Brigade activities, the Museum of American Glass, artist studios, and award-winning shops will be open.

The winner of the "Nancy Howe Memorial Award - Best In Show" receives a glass trophy created by a WheatonArts artist. The winner of "Best Appearing Hand or Horse Drawn Apparatus" receives a WheatonArts paperweight. The Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade is the South Jersey chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA). This national organization of over 3,000 members and over 50 chapters was organized in 1958 in Syracuse, NY. New Jersey Assemblyman, John J. Burzichelli (3rd District) is an active member and trustee.

For more information about the Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade visit [gafb.net](http://gafb.net). Muster information: John Burzichelli at 856-423-8910. Apparatus registration: Diana Ford at 856-299-9434. Flea Market information: Lee Eggert at 609-296-1025.

WheatonArts is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about WheatonArts, call 1-800-998-4552 or 856-825-6800, or visit online at [wheatonarts.org](http://wheatonarts.org). Please submit requests for press images to [wheatonartsnews@wheatonarts.org](mailto:wheatonartsnews@wheatonarts.org).

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