



AMERICA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Journey That Changed the World

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'Hot Glass Roadshow' joins Anniversary Weekend line-up

Corning Museum's glass artisans to help commemorate 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., where glassblowing in America began

Williamsburg, Va.— The Hot Glass Roadshow of The Corning Museum of Glass is bringing its one-of-a-kind glass making demonstration program to the place where glassblowing became America's first industry nearly 400 years ago.

The Hot Glass Roadshow, which has brought the magic, mystery and artistry of glassmaking to audiences around the world, joins the line-up of exhibits and entertainment for America's Anniversary Weekend. The May 11-13 event, which commemorates the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., America's first permanent English settlement, is introducing the world to a "new" Jamestown story made possible by recent archaeological discoveries and compelling new research.

Working with from a fully-equipped mobile facility that serves as both studio and stage, Roadshow artisans – master glassmakers from The Corning Museum of Glass - entertain and educate while creating works of art. One of the Roadshow's most popular programs is called "You Design It; We Make It." In this segment, members of the audience sketch items and artisans create selected audience drawings in glass.



Steve Gibbs, the Hot Glass Roadshow's manager of events marketing, said, "It's a particular honor for us to be part of Anniversary Weekend. How many times does a glassmaker get to perform at an event honoring the place where glassblowing in America began?"

The appearance of the Roadshow complements the traditional glassblowing demonstrations available

to the public daily at Historic Jamestowne's 1608 Glasshouse.

Created in 2001 by The Corning Museum of Glass, the Hot Glass Roadshow made its inaugural voyage to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Since then it has traveled to many major American cities and many other countries.

Anniversary Weekend Tickets

One-day, date-specific Anniversary Weekend tickets provide parking, continuously running shuttle transportation and admission to all three Jamestown Anniversary Weekend sites. Tickets sales have are limited to 30,000 per day, ensuring guests a comfortable visit 400 years in the making.

Anniversary weekend tickets and accommodations are available through Colonial Williamsburg, the official hotels of the commemoration, and may be reserved by phone at (866) 400-1607 or at www.Americas400thAnniversary.com. Guests may purchase date-specific, single-day tickets at \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 6-12. Children 6 and younger will be admitted free. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Callers outside of regular operating hours will be prompted to leave a message, which will be returned the next day.

Americans have observed Jamestown anniversaries every 50 years since 1807. America's 400th Anniversary continues the tradition of grand commemorations, offering 10 signature events during an 18-month period. Anniversary Weekend details and appearance schedules are available online at www.Americas400thAnniversary.com.

The Corning Museum of Glass (www.cmog.org) is home to the world's most comprehensive and celebrated collection of glass, with more than 45,000 objects reflecting 3,500 years of glassmaking history. An independent, non-profit, educational institution, the Museum is dedicated to the art, history, science, research and exhibition of glass. The Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day, and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the summer. Children 17 and under receive free admission.

Jamestown 2007, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. The nation's first representative government, free enterprise system and culturally diverse society began at Jamestown. State, national, and international commemorative events to salute these legacies began in May 2006 and continue into 2008. Major corporate sponsors of America's 400th Anniversary include Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC), Verizon (NYSE: VZ) and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Other supporters include Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. (NYSE: BUD), AirTran Airways (NYSE: AAI), Dominion, James City County, Northrop Grumman, Philip Morris USA, SunTrust, TowneBank and Wolseley PLC/Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. Contributors include the City of Poquoson and Rutherford Insurance. More information about the commemoration is available at www.Americas400thAnniversary.com.