

GLASS AXIS IS MOVING!



WHERE WE'RE GOING

The East Franklinton neighborhood in is one of the city's oldest, and has seen a surge of growth recently. With COSI—one of the nation's premier science museums —already established in the area, and with its wealth of space for innovation, this region is already well on its way to becoming a hub for local, regional, and national artists and trendsetters.

The proof is in the pudding: Glass Axis was instrumental to the regrowth in the Arena District and the Grandview neighborhood. We're dedicated to improving our city—and by moving to the Franklinton area we are establishing ourselves in what we feel sure will become the must-see epicenter of arts and science in Columbus.

WHERE WE NEED TO BE

Our move to the Franklinton Neighborhood in West Columbus is a response to our ongoing commitment to supporting and expanding educational opportunities in the Columbus area. Our new facility will address many structural shortcomings, and will enable us to do more good in our immediate community.

The proposed expansion will:

- Provide an increased space for flame-working
- Add classrooms to support kiln-working
- Add 2,000 square feet of programming space
- Include space for special event programming
- Include a partnership with Briosso Coffee bringing locally roasted coffee to Franklinton
- Provide an enlarged space for cold-working
- Improve efficiencies in energy consumption and usage
- Create a dynamic, technologically cutting-edge and interactive exhibition space
- Enable exciting new partnerships with the city's other art and science programs, including The Columbus Idea Foundry and COSI.

These improvements will significantly impact our artists, students, and the Franklinton community as they:

- Provide more space for our growing membership
- Respond to the area's growing need for more flame-working education
- Respond to the growing need for more kiln working education
- Respond to the need for more studio space in the area
- Provide a more flexible area for community programming, including classes for disabled adults and underserved area youth
- Encourage members of the community to participate in Glass Axis's educational and outreach programs
- Practice environmental sustainability
- Promote the economic viability of the Franklinton area
- Provide a facility conducive to tourism
- Expand our educational opportunities to casual visitors of the region



FUNDING THE MOVE AND EXPANSION

Support from The Columbus Foundation and the State of Ohio have demonstrated that not only do we think our move and expansion have great potential for our membership and larger communities, the city and state believe so as well. Still, as the Project and Cost Information included here shows, there are many opportunities to contribute to this fundraising initiative. An overall goal of \$875 thousand will allow us to accomplish all of the expansion plans outlined above, ensuring that the Columbus area will have continued and improved access to the glass art opportunities we provide.

WHO WE ARE

Glass Axis is a self-sustaining nonprofit art center dedicated to providing artists, students, and community members the tools to create innovative, passionate works in glass while learning, sharing, and teaching. We're the only comprehensive glass center art center in the region, and the only in the United States that also features a neon studio. Over the past 27 years, we've grown from 10 to 140 members, occupied two different locations, and made a major impact in our neighborhoods and communities. By bringing internationally recognized artists and thousands of patrons to our facilities each year, we promoted economic development in the Arena District and Grandview as these neighborhoods transitioned into flourishing cultural centers they are now.

Our aim is twofold: to promote glass artistry and cultural equity. We accomplish this by providing a world-class glassmaking facility to our member artists and by offering hundreds of classes and public programs each year, high school and college internship programs, job skills training for disabled adults, and a work-for-credit program that keeps artists in the studio.



WHO WE SERVE

- Member artists through facility rentals.
- Artists with disabilities through our Glass Works program.
- Columbus-area high school and Ohio State University and Columbus College of Art and Design students through our internship program, Out of the Box,
- Columbus's tourism industry by bringing visitors to our city and by providing art experiences for people who are already touring our region.
- You. Whether you participate in a First Experience class, come in for a Last Saturday Demonstration, visit our galleries, or take in a glass fashion show at our Glassquerade, Glass Axis is a vibrant Columbus institution with something for everyone.

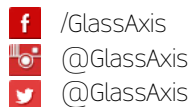


WHERE WE ARE NOW

We've outgrown our Grandview facility. Our Norton Avenue location does not have the dedicated space for kiln-casting and flame-working the artists in our region need. Meanwhile, audiences for our demonstrations and private events routinely exceed our current location's capacity. While local high school's physical science departments greatly enjoy our demonstrations and classrooms, our ability to serve them, like our desire to provide more art and science experiences for urban youth, is limited by our current location. We know that we can provide more and better art experiences than we currently do, and our move to Franklinton will make us more accessible to tourists and citizens of Columbus alike.



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