



## **Lightscares Glass, LLC**

.....*Leavening the Shape of Light*

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### ***LIGHTSCAPES GLASS FOUNDER, MICHAL McKEOWN LAUNCHES ARTISTS SALON***



Artists' forum to be held  
At Haley Art Gallery, Kittery, ME

**Kennebunkport, ME – February 4, 2008** – Kennebunkport (ME)-based glass artist, Michal McKeown who launched *Lightscares Glass* ([www.lightscaresglass.com](http://www.lightscaresglass.com)) last September, announces the launch of *Artists Salon* – an informal forum for artists to congregate, share works in progress, and exchange ideas and thoughts on their creative journeys.

The *Artists Salon* is a partnership between *Lightscares Glass* and *Haley Art Gallery* ([www.haleygallery.com](http://www.haleygallery.com)) which will host the *Artists Salon* on the first Saturday of each month starting on April 5, 2008, 12-2pm at the Gallery's 178 Haley Rd, Kittery (ME) site -- free and open to all artists.

“Throughout history creative minds have gathered informally to exchange ideas that were later put into action. In modern Europe these gatherings became known as salons—incubators for creative thinking. Paris became a center for such gatherings where artists would congregate to deliberate thoughts and discuss creative works,” explains Michal McKeown. “In our times, artists, caught in a fast-lane life, most often work alone in a studio with little opportunity for meeting or exchanging ideas with other artists. My hope in creating a regularly held artists Salon is to encourage discourse between seacoast artists who will have a regular, drop-in space to meet and network with other artists, and if they care to, share their artworks completed or in progress. The aim is to engage artists in a community of creative minds – to comment, critique, and recognize creativity.”

### **About Lightscares Glass, LLC**

Founded by Kennebunkport, ME-based glass artist, Michal McKeown, *Lightscares Glass* ([www.lightscaresglass.com](http://www.lightscaresglass.com)) is committed to creating glass sculptures with a message of peace for exhibits and on commission.

Michal McKeown has been creating glass art since 1981. She holds a Diploma in mixed media from School of the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston), an MFA in sculpture from California State University, and a Masters in Glass from University of Sunderland (UK). Michal's numerous group and solo exhibits have included those at Museum School Gallery; OCCCA, Irvine Group; the Art Building, LA Group; DIAA, Maine Group, and most recently in 2005 at The Biscuit Factory in Newcastle, UK. She is the 2005 award winner of The Kiln Care Prize for outstanding development in practice. As an avid entrepreneur, Michal has been in real estate investment, owned various design and printing businesses, and was the Co-founder/CEO of Nervous Nellie's Jams and Jellies specialty foods.

### **About Haley Art Gallery**

Since 2005 Haley Art Gallery ([www.haleygallery.com](http://www.haleygallery.com)) in Kittery, ME, has offered original artworks, handmade, unique crafts by artists of the seacoast and beyond. The gallery space is available for off-site meetings, corporate events and gatherings. The Gallery offers Tea-Time Art; Corporate Art Program; Art workshops and changing exhibits.

For further information on *Lightscares Glass, LLC* or to set up media interviews with artist Michal McKeown, contact *JA Associates* – 207-439-2669 or [jaassociates@comcast.net](mailto:jaassociates@comcast.net).

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