

From Lauscha to the world – Christmas ornaments and other lampwork creations

Finnish Glass Museum, October 28–December 31, 2022



The town of Lauscha in the Thuringian Forest was first mentioned in a historical document in 1597 in connection with the founding of its first glass factory. Since then, glass has been the town's mainstay, even for those not employed at the glassworks. Many local residents began lampworking in home workshops, using ready glass tubes and rods to create art objects, toys and glass beads. Over time, these large, hand-blown glass beads evolved into Christmas tree decorations that were produced in home workshops and sold all over Europe and the United States.

The exhibition additionally features eye prostheses, art glass and other lampwork objects crafted in Lauscha.

Glassblowing demonstration at the Finnish Glass Museum, November 20, 2022, 11 am–3 pm

Dive into the fascinating world of glassblowing and witness the magic of how a material as cold and hard as glass is transformed into remarkably life-like organic creatures. Falk Bauer's glass studio specializes in the faithful reproduction of insects, beetles and birds. Bauer is one of only three masters in the world specializing in this field.