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**GET TWIGGY WITH US**

*Pittsburgh Glass Center Holds a "Twigathon" during Unblurred to Prepare for Susan Taylor Glasgow's Exhibition*

PITTSBURGH, PA...Twigs don't grow on trees. Susan Taylor Glasgow and many artists at Pittsburgh Glass Center (PGC) are making hundreds of them out of glass for a giant glass bird's nest in the Hodge Gallery. On Friday, Sept. 5 from 6 to 9 pm during PGC's free open house Hot Jam and Penn Avenue Arts Initiative's Unblurred, PGC will hold a Twigathon where artists throughout the building will focus all demonstrations on glass twig making. Susan Taylor Glasgow, PGC's current artist in residence, will be onsite making twigs for her upcoming exhibition called "Absence Of Body" that opens on Oct. 3, 2008. Visitors can sponsor an artist to make a twig in honor of someone and see it being made that night, right in front of their eyes for \$50 or \$75. All proceeds go to support the programs of Pittsburgh Glass Center and Bethlehem Haven, a local women's shelter.

"The Communal Nest" will be the focal point of Glasgow's glass exhibition. The main feature of this exhibition will be an eight foot bird's nest, made of several hundred glass twigs created by Glasgow and other artists from all over the world. The nest is being built as a symbol of shelter, domesticity, safety and growth. Also included in the exhibition will be several other glass art works that feature Susan's signature style of "sewn" glass. The exhibition runs from Oct. 3, 2008 to Jan. 9, 2009.

**About Pittsburgh Glass Center**

Pittsburgh Glass Center is a nonprofit, public access glass studio and gallery dedicated to teaching, creating and promoting glass art. A growing arts organization in the region, PGC is bringing new life to Pittsburgh's glass art legacy and maintaining the momentum brought to the region last summer by Dale Chihuly and Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass 2007. Learn more about the Pittsburgh Glass Center by visiting our Web site at [www.pittsburghglasscenter.org](http://www.pittsburghglasscenter.org) or by calling 412-365-2145.

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