

Cross-Pollination: Honeybees and Murano Glass



Artist Judi Harvest

will host a panel discussion for
the Venice Glass Week at:

Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti
Palazzo Franchetti, Sala del Portego
San Marco, 2847- 30124, Venice
Saturday, September 16, 2017
11:00 – 14:00

"Cross-Pollination: Honeybees and Murano Glass" will be a panel discussion of the role and importance of honeybees in our environment, and the relations between art, nature and Murano glass.

The crucial decline of honeybees has several culprits, including GMO crops, the use of neurotoxic pesticides, stress and lack of biodiversity in their diet. The panel not only aims to raise public awareness about the global threat to nature due to honeybee losses, but also to discuss practical solutions, along with the relationship of art, nature and the similarities to Murano glass makers. The panel will bring awareness to these two colonies of beauty which have more in common than meets the eye.

This conversation was first presented as part of the exhibition, *Denatured: Honeybees + Murano*, 2013, by Judi Harvest in partnership with the non-profit organization *Bees Without Borders*, dedicated to promoting beekeeping for the purpose of combating hunger in the world. Judi has worked with *Bees Without Borders* since 2006.

Denatured: Honeybees + Murano is an ambitious and continuing project which includes the construction and permanent installation of *Honey Garden*, Murano, an oasis of fruit trees and flowers inhabited originally by four honeybee families, now seven. The garden was created by the artist in an abandoned field of 250 square meters, on the grounds of Giorgio Giuman's glass factory on the island of Sacca Serenella, Murano. During the month of March 2013, Harvest brought in 6 boat loads of soil, planted 30 fruit trees and 500 different types of fragrant flowers, including lavender, jasmine, roses, sage, rosemary and wisteria with the intention of creating a suitable environment for the bees. In April 2013, she installed the 4 fully functional beehives which now, in 2017, have naturally increased to seven healthy beehives.

Currently the *Honey Garden* is active and produces over 60 kilos of honey twice a year. Honey from the Summer 2017 harvest will be available for purchase at the conference. The glass factory has seen the benefits of increased business and awareness, and continues to work with artists from around the world.



The exhibition **Propagation: Bees + Seeds, 2017** is an evolution from **DENATURED: Honeybees + Murano** which was born in a spirit of real-world activism. Propagation: Bees + Seeds is on view at Palazzo Tiepolo Passi, 2774 San Polo as part of **Beauty and the Beast**. May 13–November 26, 2017. Open Tuesday – Sunday 10am–6pm.

On Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th, Judi Harvest will offer guided visits at the exhibition 3–6pm.

Monday, September 18, 11am–4 pm there will be a picnic in the Honey Garden and a tour of the glass factory. RSVP Judi Harvest, judiharvest@gmail.com



Guided visits to the Murano Honey Garden by appointment Monday -Saturday 10am–3pm

Panel Discussion Participants:

- Judi Harvest - Artist and Beekeeper, New York - Venezia
- Andrea Grigoletto - Director, Fenice Green Energy Park, Padova
- Lorenzo Bonometto - Società Veneziana di Scienze Naturali, Venice
- Giorgio Giuman - Glass Master, owner, Giorgio Giuman glass factory, Murano
- Bruno Amadi - Glass Master, Venice
- Vittorio Costantini - Glass Master, Venice
- Roger Repohl - Beekeeper and language professor, New York
- Luca Polo - Beekeeper, Murano and Mestre, Venice
- Gianni Pozzani - Beekeeper, Art Historian, Murano glass Cameo technique, Verona

Press photos available here: <http://bit.ly/propagationbees>
 Honey Garden on Facebook: [facebook.com/honeygardenmurano](https://www.facebook.com/honeygardenmurano)

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