

ART ON FIRE · CHIHULY IN THE HAMPTONS

Art lovers in the Hamptons are invited to an exclusive fund-raising party in Remsenburg, NY on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to view an exhibition of Chihuly glass presented by the Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts. The event will benefit the educational programs at WMODA, the amazing art museum in South Florida which celebrates the Fired Arts of ceramics and glass.

Dale Chihuly is renowned for his breathtaking glass installations and fans in New York can now enjoy his art in a more intimate setting at the private residence of Arthur Wiener, the founder of WMODA. Arthur Wiener is being honored as the 'Collector of the Year' at the Hamptons Jewelry & Objets d'Art Show in Southampton, which runs from August 2-5. Fellow art collector and philanthropist, Rick Friedman, has designated the *Art on Fire* event as the official after-party of his inaugural show.

A stunning Chihuly chandelier, which hung originally at Lismore Castle in Ireland, is at the heart of the spectacular Wiener collection. The exhibition features Chihuly's monumental Fiori and Ikebana sculptures together with his magical Macchia designs – all set against summer sunshine and wonderful water views. Louise Irvine, curator and director of WMODA, will fire your imagination as she introduces Arthur Wiener and the Chihuly exhibit during the evening.

The Wiener Collection also includes contemporary ceramic art from the Ardmore studio in South Africa and their whimsical safari of animal sculptures is one of the most popular attractions at the WMODA museum. The distinctive Ardmore imagery has been adapted for fabrics, wallpapers, and fashions by Hermès making it one of the most innovative international design brands in recent years. Ardmore specialist, Ed Pascoe, will explain how the success of this ceramic art studio has uplifted a remote rural community in South Africa.

This extraordinary collection of Fired Arts is exhibited alongside nature's art - murals featuring fossil fish and plants formed over 50 million years ago in Wyoming. Fossils are another of Mr. Wiener's collecting passions and Doug Miller from Green River Stone will be at the event to introduce these prehistoric works of natural art.

*"I want to share my love for the fired arts and leave a legacy to educate and inspire future generations about the importance of art in our lives and culture"* Arthur Wiener.

**Art on Fire · Chihuly in the Hamptons · Fund-raising Reception · Sunday, August 5 · 6-8pm**

Tickets \$75\* · Advance reservations required · Remsenburg, NY residence details provided with tickets.

\*Proceeds benefit WMODA educational programs

**The Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts** presents exhibitions of the Fired Arts and features studio glass and pottery and porcelain art from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present day.

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