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Local Artists Chosen to Honor Space Hero

Carmel Valley glass artists B.E. Johnson and Joy Day specialize in the art of Space. They were recently honored with a commission to design and produce a master glass sculpture and individual glass sculptures to be awarded to space heroes for Lifetime Achievement by the Space Foundation, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Miss Day and Mr. Johnson presented their blown and carved glass sculpture at the National Space Symposium to this year's recipient, Capt. James A. Lovell, Jr. USN (Ret.), Commander of Apollo 13. The sculpture is now on permanent public exhibit in Capt. Lovell's memorabilia collection in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Day and Johnson have worked numerous years in space exploration, creating conceptual images of future spacecraft designs, providing visions of breaking discoveries and chronicling the history of spaceflight. Their being asked to create elegant blown glass artworks to honor this history has been an exciting and notable journey—one that will continue, as they've been commissioned to produce Lifetime Achievement sculptures for the next 20 years!

To experience their beautiful creations, please visit <http://spherical.org/>
or contact Miss Day or Mr. Johnson at 831-659-4950.

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The Master Award sculpture, seen in the accompanying image, was designed and executed by Day and Johnson in 2002. It was carried from Carmel to Space Foundation headquarters in major subassemblies by train. Final assembly was completed at The Broadmoor Hotel. The sculpture is 7.5 feet tall, weighs 245 lbs. and has internal lighting and a passive cooling system. The design depicts a glass rocket rising through the atmosphere above blast clouds of crystal spheres. The circular launch pad, vertical crystal plates with rocket, and cloud spheres rest upon a cobalt blue and silver leaf crystal rocket engine. The spheres contain items of space history from many missions as well as items representative of milestone technologies that have made spaceflight possible. Each year, the list of items grows, reflecting the ongoing heritage that the sculpture represents.

The Master Award sculpture may be seen in detail at:
<http://bejohnson.net/sculpture/ussf/>

The recipient receives an individual award—a blown glass spiral cradling a sphere. Each individual award, standing 15"-20" tall, is crafted in relation to its recipient. This year's award embodies a blown glass moon, complete with craters and highlands, in recognition of Capt. Lovell's contribution to the Apollo Program. Capt. Lovell's name and year of recognition are engraved into the individual spiral and also into the reverse side of the vertical crystal plates on the Master Award sculpture.

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At their Master Award,
B.E. Johnson and Joy Day
present the individual
2003 Lifetime Achievement Award
sculpture to James A. Lovell, Jr.,
Commander of Apollo 13.



Individual Award detail:
Blown glass spiral and Moon

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