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**DRAWING WITH FIRE:
THE GLASS SCULPTURE OF ALAN KLEIN
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Brockton, MA – Most people are familiar with tools made from metal and wood. Artist Alan Klein takes a different approach, however, making tool-like objects out of glass. On exhibit at Fuller Craft Museum January 20 – May 6, 2007 *Drawing with Fire: The Glass Sculpture of Alan Klein* features some of the artist's most evocative and intriguing works. Elegant and humorous glass objects reference tools and devices both real and imagined in an important dialogue between man and material.

Alan Klein uses artistic devices of abstraction and reduction of form to create tactile and familiar objects which allude to function but are firmly enmeshed in the realm of sculpture. Abstract shapes made from blown, cast and fabricated glass combined with copper, bamboo and rope recall some of man's earliest tools in simple, elegant forms.

Klein says, "Conceptually this body of work reflects my interest in our relationship to objects, certain aspects of the body, and in some cases, a frozen moment of time. The unique qualities and properties of glass in its change from a molten to solid state help me in the development of these ideas... My intent is for the objects to evoke continuing discovery, an appreciation for the richness of material language, and a sense of time and grace."

Alan Klein is a Professor of Glass at Massachusetts College of Art. His work is included in numerous private and public collections including the Corning Museum of Glass, Fuller Craft Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including The Society of Arts & Crafts' Craftsman Award and an Artist Residence from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Drawing with Fire Images

For high-resolution images of works in *Drawing with Fire* please contact Kristin Villiotte at 508.588.6000 x118 or communications@fullercraft.org.

Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students, Free for members and children under 18.

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About Fuller Craft Museum

Fuller Craft Museum, New England's home for contemporary craft, is dedicated to the objects, ideas, and insight that inspire both patrons and artists to explore life through the art of contemporary craft. Craft is an art discipline that is both intriguing and accessible. Its roots are in the creation of functional objects, but today, craft has come to be more closely aligned with the inspired ideas of artists who work primarily with their hands in materials that are tactile and familiar. Fuller Craft offers a collection, exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops and special events where you can literally touch the materials and objects. Fuller Craft Museum is the most exciting place to be in the world of contemporary craft.