

## Botanical Glass Exhibit brings healing to West Bloomfield

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Planterra interior landscaping firm and Furnace Design Studio glass studio are collaborating with the Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield Healing Arts Program to bring a Botanical Glass Exhibition to the Planterra Conservatory Greenhouse in West Bloomfield Township.

Planterra in West Bloomfield and Furnace Design Studio in Dearborn have both partnered with Henry Ford West Bloomfield in the past and it only seemed right to Planterra President Shane Pliska for them to come together to put on an event with both healing powers and to exhibit art and nature.

“The event was inspired by nature and plants and the glass art respond to the light (of the conservatory) well,” Pliska said.



Pliska said that this is also the first show in the Conservatory botanical garden. The building itself opened last fall after it was imported from Belgium. Pliska said that there is a selection of live plants and Planterra has the largest indoor foliage wall in Michigan.

Along with Planterra, Furnace Design Studio artist and co-founder Chris Nordin said that he and wife, Michelle Plucinsky, are happy to be part of the event.

“Michelle and I were pretty blown away that Planterra asked us to do the show,” Nordin said. “We’ve been wanting to work with them and feel it was the Law of Attraction that brought us together.”

Nordin said that there will be a minimum of 25 nature-inspired glass pieces in the show that they have been working on for the past two months. The pieces will be displayed throughout the garden. The pieces themselves are organic-inspired and shaped like, but not limited-to, plant reeds placed into stainless steel spheres that will be lit, mushroom-shaped glass in planters, and pieces formed to replicate plants in an art-deco and Italian-Murano style.

Planterra has maintained the large \$150,000 healing gardens in the atrium for Henry Ford Hospital. Furnace Design Studio created the “Forest of Recognition” donor wall for the hospital. P

liska and Nordin both said that they believe their occupations help with the healing process since both art and plants are used with therapy and in hospitals.

This is the first year for the exhibit which will have a private reception on March 24 and Color Therapy Roundtable on March 29.

The event is free of charge and all items will be available for sale ranging from \$1,200 to \$12,000. The exhibit is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 25-28.

“This is an exceptional event,” Pliska said. “I think everyone should come see it. It is a breath of fresh air and a breath of spring.”

The Planterra Conservatory is at 7315 Drake Road in West Bloomfield Township. For more information, visit [www.botanicalglass.org](http://www.botanicalglass.org).