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Learn about American Glass and More at Morse Museum's Independence Day Open House

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WINTER PARK, Fla.—From Paul Revere silver to Rookwood pottery, from Louis Comfort Tiffany glass to Daniel Chester French sculpture, it's all on view for free this Independence Day at The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art.

In a tradition for the holiday dating from 1995, the museum provides free admission to its galleries from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Independence Day in conjunction with Winter Park's Fourth of July Celebration in Central Park. The city event, from 9 a.m. to noon, includes family activities, live patriotic music by the Bach Festival Choir, and such summer picnic favorites as hot dogs and watermelon.

The Morse, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, inaugurated its annual Independence Day Open House in 1995 when it opened its galleries on Park Avenue and the city inaugurated its July Fourth event in Central Park. Hundreds of Central Florida residents today enjoy the rich collection of American art at the Morse as part of their holiday outing in downtown Winter Park.

The museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. Highlights include his chapel interior from the 1893 Chicago world's fair and art and architectural objects from his celebrated Long Island country estate, Laurelton Hall.

New exhibitions at the Morse include *Celebrating 75 Years—Pathways of American Art at the Morse Museum* (through September 23, 2018), a presentation of more than 60 objects—among them American paintings, art pottery, and art glass other than Tiffany—that illustrate the breadth and depth of the collection.

The Morse Museum, founded in 1942 by Jeannette Genius McKean (1909–89) and led for nearly a half century by her husband, Hugh F. McKean (1908–95), is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds.

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