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## Harvard University's "Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants" by Jennifer Brown

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### Description

One of Harvard University's most famous treasures is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, better known as the [Glass Flowers](#). This one-of-a-kind collection has delighted museum visitors, educated students, and inspired artistic and scholarly works for more than a century. On permanent exhibition at the Harvard Museum of Natural History, the Glass Flowers were created by [Leopold Blaschka](#) (1822-1895) and his son, Rudolf (1857-1939). Over fifty years, from 1886 to 1936, the Blaschkas produced 4,300 astonishingly realistic glass models that represent 780 plant species. Collection Manager Jennifer Brown will share the history of this remarkable collection and discuss recent projects.

### Biography

Jennifer Brown became the Collection Manager for the Glass Flowers at Harvard University in 2012. She has worked on many exciting projects since then, which include co-authoring *Glass Flowers: Marvels of Art and Science at Harvard*, completing the most extensive exhibit renovation in the collection's history, and co-curating special exhibitions within the Glass Flowers gallery. Jenny's background in art and library science, combined with her experience assisting renowned glass artist Toots Zynsky, prepared her to work with this unique collection.