



Press release

The ÉCONOMUSÉE® Network is growing

The Slumped Glass ÉCONOMUSÉE® is now open Studio des Verriers du Richelieu inc.

Richelieu, Tuesday June 10, 2008 – Today, the Société ÉCONOMUSÉE® du Québec and its President and Chief Executive Officer Cyril Simard are particularly proud to welcome the Slumped Glass ÉCONOMUSÉE® to the Network.

Artisans Serge Mimeault and Nathalie LeClair, surrounded by a team of glassworkers with a diversity of knowledge, experience and talent, invite you to come and share their love of glass with them. You will see how, through their know-how and expertise, they transform ordinary glass into something extraordinary.

In a region where glassmaking has a long tradition – the Montérégie having been the site of the first glass manufacturers in the country – you will have the privilege of meeting creative and innovative artisans, being guided through the steps in carrying out a project and learning everything there is to know about the various aspects of slumped glass.

They created the largest hourglass in the world and the only glass climbing wall built to this day. Always looking for new ideas and keeping abreast of the latest developments in the field, the Studio relies on the creativity and ingenuity of its artisans to meet major challenges, whether they involve architecture, design or works of art.

Through the ÉCONOMUSÉE's interpretive panels, artefacts and illustrations, you will discover the various facets of slumped glass, such as where it originated, how it is made and, of course, a description of this particular kiln-formed glass technique.

Would you like to know even more? Stop in at the documentation centre and feast your eyes on the collection of handsome books on glass and architecture. The boutique offers various glass products made at the Studio that illustrate the wide range of possibilities for using slumped glass. Is there something in particular you would like to have? Challenge the artisans to make it and they will respond with an exclusive contemporary product created just for you!

Visit one of the 33 traditional businesses that are part of the **ÉCONOMUSÉE® Network**, and you will:

meet an “**artisan at work**”

converse with people who are dedicated to their craft

discover the beauty, quality and authenticity of unique products proudly made in Quebec

enjoy an atmosphere of excellence, a feast for the senses

benefit from a concept developed by professionals based on certified standards

enhance your knowledge and broaden your horizons in a dynamic environment

purchase contemporary products inspired by tradition

Enjoy an interactive and authentic cultural experience!

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