



**New England
Botanic Garden**
AT TOWER HILL

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Larger-than-life pollinators soar in new exhibition coming to New England Botanic Garden Experience *Glass in Flight* from May 16 to November 1

BOYLSTON, MA, April 27, 2026 – [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) has announced an exciting new sculpture exhibition coming to the Boylston-based garden this spring. [Glass in Flight](#) by Alex Heveri, will be on view from May 16 to November 1, and features 30 larger-than-life sculptures that bring to life pollinators and other beneficial insects through *Dalle de Verre* stained glass and steel. Visitors to the Garden will encounter hummingbirds, butterflies, dragonflies, beetles, and more as they shimmer in the sunlight, soar overhead, pose in midair, or hide among the blooms. Blending brilliant color, light, and scale, *Glass in Flight* celebrates these charismatic creatures and their environmental significance. *Glass in Flight* has been featured at major botanic gardens across the U.S., but its appearance at New England Botanic Garden marks its regional debut and includes several never-before-seen sculptures.

“With *Glass in Flight*, I hope to create moments of surprise and delight within the Garden’s landscape. My sculptures are meant to enhance the experience of walking through nature—to celebrate color, light, and the essential role pollinators play in the world around us,” Heveri says.

Based in Tucson, Arizona, [Alex Heveri](#) is a nationally recognized glass and steel sculptor and a full-time defense attorney. For more than 30 years, she has transformed public and private spaces with her bold, luminous sculptures. Heveri’s signature stained-glass technique, *Dalle de Verre*, is a French method involving thick slabs of colored glass cut and shaped into bold designs and set into place with epoxy. This creates a textured surface that comes alive in natural light, shifting and glowing as the sun moves across the sky. Over the past five years, Heveri has created more than 150 monumental steel-and-glass sculptures, some soaring over 14 feet tall. Each work is conceived, designed, cut, assembled, and welded entirely by Heveri in her Tucson home studio.

“Working with Alex Heveri has been an inspiration,” says Lea Morgan, exhibitions manager for New England Botanic Garden. “Her sculptures invite a sense of wonder, awe, and curiosity about the natural world that perfectly aligns with the Garden’s mission and the experiences we aim to foster year-round. We hope our visitors will enjoy encountering these captivating, iconic pieces, and return throughout the seasons to experience them again in a new light.”

For a first look at *Glass in Flight* before it opens to the public, and an opportunity to learn about Heveri and her process, the Garden is hosting an evening walk-and-talk with the artist, May 15 from 6-8 p.m. This is a ticketed event with advanced registration required. While *Glass in Flight* is on display, the Garden will also offer guided walking tours of the exhibition, as well as golf cart tours designed for visitors with limited mobility. These tours are included with general admission, but advanced registration is recommended. On Wednesdays and Thursdays during June, July, and August, visitors can also experience the magic of *Glass in Flight* during golden hour, as the Garden stays open late for [Extended Summer Evening](#) programming.

To learn more, visit <https://nebg.org/glass-in-flight> or contact Public Relations Manager Liz Nye at lnye@nebg.org.

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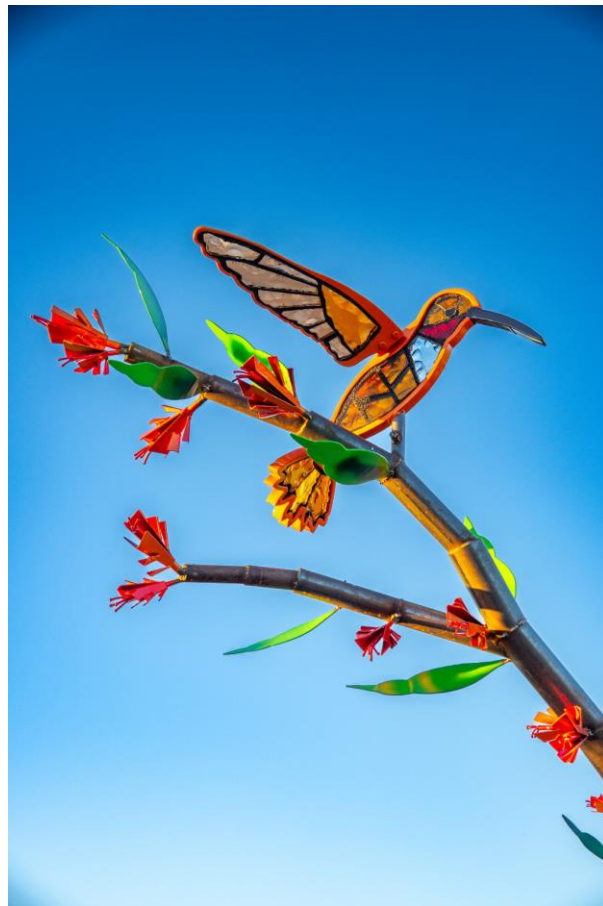


Image Caption: *Glass in Flight* by Alex Heveri, photo by Naimma Reyes.

About New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, [now celebrating its 40th anniversary](#), is a nonprofit organization located at 11 French Drive in Boylston, Massachusetts. A regional destination, the Garden is operated on nearly 200 acres by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, one of the oldest of its kind in the country, and is open to the public for garden viewing, trail walking, educational programs, private events, weddings, exhibitions, and more. In 2023, New England Botanic Garden was voted "Top Botanic Garden in the U.S." by *TravelAwaits*. New England Botanic Garden is an [AAM-accredited](#) museum that includes an irreplaceable collection of plants and creates opportunities for visitors to experience the wonder of plants, learn about the natural world, and make joyful connections. Learn all about New England Botanic Garden including its history, mission, and its staff at www.nebg.org.

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