



Glassmaking innovations in Corning have shaped the modern world, from the first electric light bulbs for Thomas Edison and the invention of optical fiber for telecommunications, to the glass used in modern flat screen displays. And that story all began with a voyage on New York State's waterways.

In 1868, the Brooklyn Flint Glass Company relocated to Corning, via the New York Waterways, and evolved into the company that is today known as Corning Incorporated. In celebration of the 150th anniversary of this pivotal journey, CMOG will launch GlassBarge—a 30' x 80' canal barge equipped with CMOG's patented all-electric glassmaking equipment—in Brooklyn Bridge Park on May 17, 2018. It will then travel north on the Hudson, then westward along the Erie Canal before making its way to the Finger Lakes. It will stop at ports in Yonkers, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Albany, Little Falls, Sylvan Beach, Baldwinsville, Fairport, Lockport, Buffalo, Medina, Brockport, Pittsford, Seneca Falls, and Watkins Glen. A ceremonial last leg of the trip will take place by land, concluding in Corning with a community-wide celebration on September 22.

In addition to sharing the story of glassmaking in Corning, the GlassBarge tour emphasizes the continued role of New York's waterways in shaping the state's industry, culture, and community. GlassBarge is the 2018 signature event for the statewide celebration of the Erie Canal Bicentennial.



From the Brooklyn Bridge to Watkins Glen

- May 17-28: Brooklyn Bridge Park - ONEst 15 Brooklyn Marina
- June 1-3: Yonkers – Yonkers Recreational Pier
- June 8-10: Poughkeepsie – Waryas Park
- June 15-17: Kingston – Hudson River Maritime Museum
- June 21-24: Albany/Troy/Waterford – Locations TBD
- June 30-July 1: Little Falls – Little Falls Marina Rotary Park
- July 7-8: Sylvan Beach – Location TBD
- July 13-15: Baldwinsville – Location TBD
- July 20-22: Fairport – Packetts Landing
- July 28-29: Lockport – Upson Park
- August 3-5: Buffalo - Canalside
- August 11-12: Medina – Medina Canal Basin
- August 17-19: Brockport – Brockport Welcome Center
- August 24-26: Pittsford – Port of Pittsford
- September 1-3: Seneca Falls – Seneca Falls Canal Harbor
- September 14-16: Watkins Glen – Seneca Lake Pier
- September 22: Corning

Don't miss the opportunity to go to one of these free GlassBarge events!



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TICKETING AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GlassBarge will provide daily demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All demos are approximately 30 minutes long, and reservations are strongly encouraged through free timed tickets that will be available on this page. Registration will be live four to six weeks prior to each stop.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will invite people aboard the Lois McClure to learn about what life was like on board a canal barge in the 19th century. Tours are first come, first served and do not require registration. The South Street Seaport Museum will also be on hand to talk about their historic tug that will be moving GlassBarge along the waterways.

The GlassBarge journey will also be celebrated back in Corning with a re-installation of the Crystal City Gallery, which will share the story of how Corning became one of the premier centers for glass cutting in the United States.

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