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September/October at Traver Gallery – Tacoma

Randy Walker: *Revolve*

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The Traver Gallery in Tacoma is proud to present *Revolve*, solo exhibition featuring new work by Washington glass artist Randy Walker. The show features a selection of sculpted forms inspired by the colors, textures, and patterns found in the forests of the Pacific Northwest.

Walker's sculptures, with their sensuous surfaces and nature-inspired forms, recall images of dappled sunlight shining through a tree's canopy, or a beam of sunshine spotlighting a quiet shrine of forest elements – worn by weather and time. "The stillness and solitude of the forest is a basic necessity for me," says the artist. "There, life's seasons and cycles are played out with timeless patience. It is the one place where the beauty of change, both birth and death, is celebrated equally."



Walker's innovative color application techniques result in pieces whose rich textures more closely resemble that of wood or stone than glass. According to the artist, "There is no other material that can replicate the patterns and textures found in nature the way that glass can - the layered lines of wood grain and the surface of stone worn by water - the processes involved in glassmaking are parallel with many of the processes found in the natural world."

Randy Walker lives in Bellingham, Washington, and has worked for Pilchuck Glass School as a faculty member and craftsman since 1990. Walker was a principal member of the William Morris blowing team for nearly 20 years. In addition, he regularly teaches glass blowing workshops in the United States, Canada and abroad. His work is exhibited throughout the United States, as well as in France and Canada.

Image information: Randy Walker, *Harvest Maple*, 2011, blown and sculpted glass on metal stand, 18"h x 19"w x 13"d. Photo: Daniel Fox.

Located on the Tacoma's Thea Foss Waterway adjacent to the Museum of Glass, the Traver Gallery is among the country's premier exhibition spaces for contemporary studio glass, painting, sculpture, and installation art. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 – 6 and Sunday 12 – 5. For more information, please call (253) 383-3685 or visit our website at www.travergallery.com