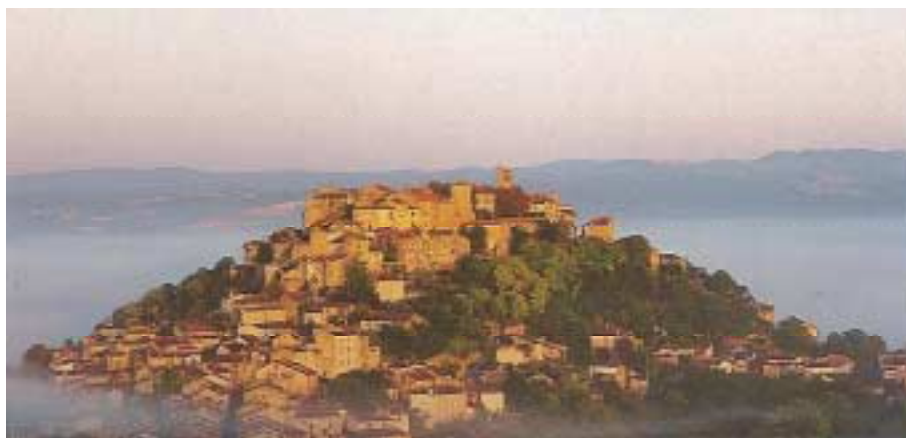


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Situated just across from the Picasso Museum gardens in Paris, Luniverre Gallery exhibits glass sculpture by international established artists as well as emerging young creators who work in this rare and challenging medium. The British sculptor Marianne Spottswood, based in Newport, Rhode Island, opened the gallery in 1998 in order to promote the art of glass sculpture in its most abstract and contemporary aspects.

The gallery has become the favorite haunt of glass collectors and connoisseurs alike. All manner of avant-garde glass works are on show; each exhibit presents artists from around the world working in contrasting techniques or with materials such as iron, ceramic, paper . . . in a spirit of « Yin-Yang » confrontation. Glass takes on a totally different meaning in this exceptional environment. No longer brittle or fragile, it exudes strength and generosity. Besides original sculpture, the gallery shows candelabras, screens, and unique one-of-a-kind glass jewelry.

Since November 2006, Luniverre has now opened a second gallery at Cordes-sur-Ciel, a magnificent medieval village surrounded by the rolling hills of the Gaillac vineyards only an hour's drive from Toulouse, which is connected to Paris with the Air Shuttle.

This gallery will be part of a larger complex situated in an eighteenth century mill house on the Cérou River. Currently being restored, the mill will eventually provide electricity from three turbines to furnish power for the glass studio. Plans are for creating an International Summer School with small classes for advanced students.

Also, in the planning stage is a Museum of Contemporary Glass. This new space will include Marianne Spottswood's extensive collection of glass sculpture which she began amassing in the seventies. Currently housed in Newport and in Paris, this impressive collection representing glass artists from around the world continues to grow, and will become open to the public for viewing in its entirety.

On Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> Luniverre Gallery will be opening in Newport, Rhode Island. Marianne Spottswood will be showing her screens, multilayered glass tables, light columns floor lamps and also one-of-a-kind glass jewelry. Neal Drobnis will show his unique sandcast vessels and Sylvie Belanger from Canada will show sculpture and candelabra. Sylvie is also the featured artist for the October show in Paris – "LUNIVERRE ANNIVERSAIRE" to celebrate the gallery's tenth birthday. Looking forward to seeing you all soon – Newport in June...

