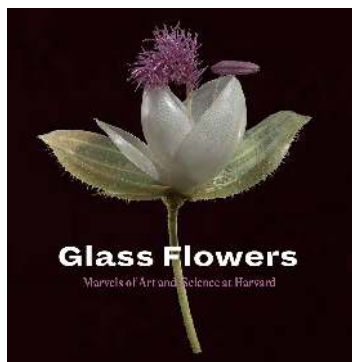


Glass Flowers

Marvels of Art and Science at Harvard



Slender rosette grass (*Dichanthelium xanthophyllum*)

Model number 774, Rudolf Blaschka, 1923

Harvard University Herbaria

Photo by Natalja Kent

The Glass Flowers on display at the Harvard Museum of Natural History

[The Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants](#)

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The highly anticipated new Glass Flowers book is here! In collaboration with Jennifer Brown, Collection Manager for the Glass Flowers, Scott E. Fulton, Conservator for the Glass Flowers, and Donald H. Pfister, Asa Gray Professor of Systematic Botany and Curator of the Farlow Library and Herbarium of Cryptogamic Botany, photographer Natalja Kent captures the stunning beauty of the Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants in *Glass Flowers: Marvels of Art and Science at Harvard*.

Shown here is the book's cover image which includes a closeup of model number 774, *Dichanthelium xanthophyllum*. This enlarged rendering of a tiny grass flower made by Rudolph Blaschka in 1923 shows the adaptation of grasses to wind pollination. The long, dangling filaments of the stamens allow the anthers to release pollen as turbulent air disturbs them. The highly divided and feathery stigma promotes the capture of pollen.

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