





Glass Flowers Bouquet

Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka, 1889

Harvard University Herbaria

The Archives of Rudolf and Leopold Blaschka and the Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants

This bouquet of glass flowers was made by Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka in 1889 as a gift for Elizabeth C. Ware (pictured center) and her daughter, Mary Lee Ware (pictured right). [The Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants](#), better known as the Glass Flowers, is named in honor of this family. Elizabeth and Mary Ware were early supporters of the collection, having provided funding to order more glass models after seeing examples of the Blaschkas' work. They remained devoted benefactors for the entire production which spanned fifty years. In 1890, the collection was presented to Harvard University as a gift in memory of Elizabeth's husband and Mary's father, Dr. Charles Eliot Ware (Harvard class of 1834). The bouquet includes forget-me-nots, lobelia, phlox, flax and mignonette and a glass ribbon around the stems reads "Dedicated to Mrs. and Miss Ware / L. & R. Blaschka."

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