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Lyman Allyn Art Museum

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### **LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM ADDS NEW ITEMS TO TIFFANY EXHIBITION**

**NEW LONDON** - The Lyman Allyn Art Museum has added a number of artworks to its permanent exhibition, *Louis Comfort Tiffany in New London*, which has been attracting enthusiastic visitors since October 2018. The new objects include a large Laburnum Library Lamp by Tiffany, circa 1905, a Tiffany & Co. Egyptian Revival Scarab bib necklace and earring set, and a massive Tiffany-designed carved walnut and leather armchair.

Museum staff periodically refresh the popular exhibition gallery, which is dedicated to the life and works of American artist and designer, Louis Comfort Tiffany, whose family had deep ties to the New London area. With items from the Museum's collection and others on loan, the exhibition displays nearly 100 pieces of decorative arts and fine art objects, including windows, lamps, silver, "favrite" glass, paintings and period photographs that tell the Tiffany family's story of life in Connecticut.



*Laburnum Library Lamp*, ca. 1905, Tiffany Studios, New York (1902-32), leaded glass, gilded bronze. The Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Glass, Queens, New York.



*Necklace and Three Earrings*, 1890-1915, Tiffany & Company, gold, copper, lapis lazuli, carnelian, nephrite wood. Tiffany & Co. Archives, A2018.20. Provenance: Mrs. Edith Gipstein (1924-2017).

The large, ornate Laburnum Library Lamp, depicting a laburnum, or "golden chain" tree in full bloom, is on loan from the Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Lamps in Queens, New York, which houses the world's largest and most encyclopedic of Tiffany lamps. The scarab jewelry set, featuring an ancient Egyptian color scheme of red, light blue-green and dark blue was owned by Edith "Fuzzy" Gipstein of New London, a longtime lecturer, docent, and beloved volunteer curator at the Lyman Allyn. The walnut armchair, circa 1881-1883, is on loan from the Lilac Gallery in New York City.

Tours of the exhibition are available for groups and may be scheduled by contacting the Learning and Engagement Department at 860.443.2545, ext. 2110.

Museum admission is always free for New London residents. Adults are \$12, seniors \$9, students \$5, and children under 12 are free.

For more information or to request images, please contact Rebecca Dawson by email at [dawson@lymanallyn.org](mailto:dawson@lymanallyn.org).



*Armchair*, ca. 1881-1883, Attributed to Louis C. Tiffany (1848-1923) for Louis C. Tiffany & Co., New York, carved walnut, brass studs, original suede leather upholstery, and glass ball feet. On loan from Lilac Gallery, New York City.

## **About the Lyman Allyn Art Museum**

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 17,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The Museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. The Museum is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**; it is closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit [www.lymanallyn.org](http://www.lymanallyn.org).