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L-R: Ellen Schön *Gathered Glow* & Christopher Frost *Prometheus* (sketch)

***Boston Sculptors ALight on MARS***

September 25 - October 24, 2021

At the Manship Artists Residency + Studios  
 10 Leverett Street, Gloucester, MA

**Artists' Reception**

Saturday, October 2, 6 – 8:30pm

**Reception Rain Date**

Sunday, October 3, 6 – 8:30pm

**Open Weekends - Timed Entry Only**

[Reserve your visit in advance](#)

Gloucester, MA – Guided by the light of the fantastic firefly as their inspiration, 16 Boston Sculptors Gallery artists will exhibit site-specific sculptural works on the grounds of the Manship Artists Residency + Studios (MARS) in Gloucester, MA. On display September 25 through October 24, *Boston Sculptors: ALight on MARS* embraces a diverse range of media, featuring glowing, twinkling, light-emitting works populating the lawns, afloat in the quarry waters, and amidst the trees.

Paul Manship, celebrated sculptor of the Prometheus Fountain in New York City's Rockefeller Center, established his summer residence and studio here amid Cape Ann's granite quarries. Fascinated by the fireflies that lit up the meadows at night, Manship named this enchanting property "Starfield" in their honor, delighting in his ability to walk through the virtual field of stars they created.

As part of their Firefly Initiative, an ongoing effort to draw attention to the magic and wonder of these luminescent beetles, MARS invited Boston Sculptors artists to create a "festival of light." The exhibition was juried and curated by Belinda Rathbone and Cynthia Roth. Supported by The Manship Artists' Prometheus Circle of donors and with grants from Applied Materials and New England Biolabs Foundations, as well as by the Local Cultural Councils of Gloucester, Rockport, Hamilton-Wenham and Beverly; programs of and funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

**Exhibiting Artists:**

Chris Abrams  
 Adria Arch/Kathleen Volp  
 Jodie Colella  
 Murray Dewart  
 Christopher Frost

Mags Harries  
 Michelle Lougee  
 Claudia Olds Goldie  
 Ellen Schön  
 Nancy Selvage

Jessica Straus  
 Marilu Swett  
 Kenson Truong  
 Leslie Wilcox  
 Christina Zwart

Free and open to the public with timed entry only. [Reserve your visit in advance](#) as space is limited. For more information and a complete list of related events, including an outdoor light dance, night sky viewing, and a talk on the impact of artificial light on fireflies, visit [ManshipArtists.org](#).

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