

Stein's 11 Bee Space takes up residence in Brooklyn Heights

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The Forum @ St. Ann's, Brooklyn Heights, NY will present "Bee Space," an installation of glass works by Emma Stein, AU Class of 2011, in the sanctuary of historic St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church, Sunday, Sept. 13 Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015. An artist's talk and reception are scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 12, 6- 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Emma - a glass artist, educator, and new beekeeper - says she is influenced by the beauty of nature, the need to honor plant diversity and bee survival. The artist created two works specifically for the St. Ann's historic landmark sanctuary.

"The Hive," which will hang from the organ loft near the church entrance, is an oversized uninhabited beehive made of clear glass panels. Ephemeral larger-than life clear bees will accompany the centerpiece of the exhibit: a 9-foot relief panel made of dozens of glass flowers in the pattern of a rose window to be mounted behind the high altar. The flowers represent species that are being supplanted by our mono-crop culture, causing the destruction of our bee populations. The work is a celebration of the beauty of our diverse natural world.

Emma lives and works in New Jersey. She has been awarded a residency at The Corning (NY) Museum of Glass Studios this fall, where she will further explore the theme of rose windows inspired by the St. Ann's show. She started blowing glass at the age of 14 and has been passionate about the material ever since while also experimenting with numerous other media, such as fibers, drawing, plants. She draws inspiration primarily from the natural world, and has recently become intrigued by honeybees and the impact they have on our environment.

"Bee Space" will be on display for public viewing Tuesday through Thursday, noon-3 p.m. and on Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., or by arrangement by contacting office@stannhollytrinity.org or 718.875.6960.