

# APPALACHIAN WOODLAND

*A limited edition lamp commemorating Glass Collector's Digest's Fifth Anniversary*

**G**LASS COLLECTOR'S DIGEST, in celebration of our Fifth Anniversary, is offering for sale a signed, numbered, limited edition, commemorative lamp. We have commissioned Michael Dickinson, a nationally recognized, award-winning glass artist to design and personally paint each lamp. He has chosen as his canvas a beautiful shade—mold blown and hand finished—by the Fenton Art Glass Company.

The exquisite landscape exemplifies the best technique in the ancient art of reverse painting. This lamp will be one of the most beautiful and prized possessions in your home.

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**Glass Collector's Digest**

P.O. Box 553,  
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Price: \$510.00

*(Includes shipping and guaranteed safe arrival at your delivery address)*

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*Appalachian Woodland features trees in shades of green, gold, orange and brown. A stream with waterfall runs between two rock ledges. Wooded hills rise in the background adding a three-dimensional effect. The scene changes as one views the lamp from different perspectives, yet the design has a perfect unity.*

*Over for more information*



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**M**ICHAEL DICKINSON lives in Marietta, Ohio with his wife, Cathy, and family. As a decorator at the Fenton Art Glass Company from 1974-1986, Michael designed and painted limited-edition items featured in Fenton catalogues. He was also selected by the company to give a trade-show demonstration at the New York Coliseum. In 1985, Michael's reverse painting on glass won awards for Excellence in Design, Excellence in Technique, and Best of Show from the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators.

Today Michael is self-employed. While he paints in various media, glass shades provide an ideal canvas for scenes of breathtaking natural beauty. "Appalachian Woodland" is an original design commissioned by *Glass Collector's Digest* in honor of our Fifth Anniversary. By using special glass-based paints on both the inside and outside of a shade, Michael achieves a remarkable three-dimensional effect. Each shade is baked in a kiln to permanently fuse the painted design into the glass.

## A Word from the Publisher...

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"I begin with the inside of the shade, painting what becomes the background design. Layers of glass-based paint are applied and, in some areas, lifted off to supply contrast. The foreground is then painted on the outside of the shade. The result is a subtle multi-di-

mensional scene, especially when the lamp is lit. Each shade is baked in a kiln at 1000 degrees to fuse the glass paint with the shade.

No artist likes to paint the same thing over and over again. While each lamp in the "Appalachian Woodland" design starts with the same scene, I make subtle variations in my work. The branches of the trees may go in different directions or the number of rocks in the stream might vary—little things that allow me some artistic freedom. The result is that each lamp is truly a one-of-a-kind origi-



nal. Each is signed, numbered, and states on the shade that it is a commemorative honoring *Glass Collector's Digest's* Fifth Anniversary."

Let me add a publisher's perspective to Michael's description: While the color photographs on the opposite side are beautiful, they literally pale in comparison to the real thing. The one dimension of printing is incapable of showing the fascinating multi-dimensional beauty of reverse painting. This large, 24-inch-tall lamp will become a focal point and conversation piece for any room in your home.

The Appalachian Woodland Lamp will be strictly limited to an issue of 105. The price is \$510, which includes freight, guaranteed safe arrival, and a certificate of authenticity. Despite our efforts to keep this project from becoming public knowledge prior to this mailing, word did leak out and we have received commitments for several lamps already. If you want to own a useful, unique, absolutely gorgeous keepsake, a lamp that celebrates glass as an art medium and commemorates our fifth year of existence, I urge you to pick up the phone and call immediately to place your reservation. All major credit cards are accepted. Please allow up to four weeks for delivery.

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