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GENERATION **by Gene Hester and Liz Conces Spencer at Archway Gallery**

Exhibition February 3 – March 1, 2012

Opening Reception & Artist Talk

DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2012
TIME: 5 – 8 PM, Artists' Remarks at 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Archway Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy, Houston, TX 77006
Light refreshments will be served

Houston, Texas (January 4, 2012) – Archway Gallery presents *GENERATION*, an exhibition of collaborative and solo artworks by Gene Hester and Liz Conces Spencer. The exhibition will be on view February 3 through March 1, 2012. The artists will visit with guests during the opening reception on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 5 – 8 PM at the gallery. They will offer remarks and insights at 6:30 PM.

GENERATION is an ongoing source of inspiration for Gene Hester and Liz Conces Spencer, who examine visually the natural and sometimes sudden changes that occur in relationships, the environment and our own consciousness. The artists have created collaborative works in fused glass and solo works in papier-mâché and various mixed media as a complement to the more traditional styles they have typically shown. Viewers will be encouraged to relate our shared experiences with natural occurrences that have shaped and reshaped our environment, as well as the life-altering but ever-shifting events that are part of being human.

Hester and Spencer have collaborated on public and large scale projects for several years, with each artist contributing to both the design and fabrication of the artworks. They enjoy the collaborative process, a form of generation all its own, as a counterpoint to long solitary hours of studio time.



**“...but they often take on the appearance of man”
(2012, fused glass on marble base)
By Liz Conces Spencer and Gene Hester**

As a team, Hester and Spencer have completed works of art for Camp Aranzazu in Rockport, Texas, the Houston Arts Alliance, the City of Houston, Silver Eagle Distributing, Cool Globes, Talento Bilingue of Houston and several individuals. Their joint projects have ranged from residential to civic art commissions, including the recently installed sculptures at Flores Neighborhood Library. The artists have enjoyed long solo careers as well. Hester owns Genesis Art Glass Studios in the upper Kirby area and Spencer develops her solo work at Mother Dog Studios in the Downtown Houston warehouse district.

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ABOUT ARCHWAY GALLERY – Established 1976

Archway Gallery, one of Houston's and the nation's oldest artist owned and operated galleries, is located at 2305 Dunlavy and is open Monday – Saturday from 10 am – 6 pm and Sunday from 1 – 5 pm. Since 1976, Archway Gallery has been exhibiting the work of the area's finest artists, providing a great selection of affordable, high quality art including sculpture, pottery and painting in a variety of media and styles. Artists are always on site, offering visitors a unique experience to meet the artist who created the work, offering a personal insight about the process behind their creativity. The gallery offers a "Tea and Tour" program, providing visitors with a free artist-led tour of the current exhibition, followed by tea and refreshments. In addition to monthly exhibitions, Archway also hosts a variety of demonstrations and monthly readings for local writers and authors. With 30 artist-members, Archway Gallery is THE destination in the Houston area for art. For more information, visit ArchwayGallery.com or call 713.522.2409. Become a fan on [Facebook](#).