



*Glass Society talk*

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## 5,000 Years of Glass

7pm, Thursday 17 December 2020, on Zoom

First formed by accident 5,000 years ago on an Iraqi beach, glass has gradually evolved into Mankind's most important creation and its greatest tool in shaping the modern world.



screens, for cars & planes, televisions or phones. There would be no functional or artistic glassware.

This talk traces the history of glass from its earliest beginnings, demonstrating how its gradual

By its nature, glass is virtually invisible and out-of-sight means out-of-mind. As a result, most people are oblivious to its impact on our daily lives: From lenses, though architecture and transport to the fibre-optic cables that connect the world. And that's not to mention the glass that sits in our hands of an evening!

Lenses enable the poor-sighted to see and scientists to work. Without glass, our homes would be little more than lightless caves, there would be no

evolution has benefitted us and our forebears. We'd be lost without glass, Mankind's greatest discovery and tool.

As a scientist once said, 'Glass is the answer. Now, what is the question?'

Andy McConnell is well known to Glass Society members as a writer on and dealer in glass, the author of *The Decanter*, and the BBC Antiques Roadshow's glass specialist.

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We expect to continue to hold meetings on this platform into 2021, and will let members know when we feel able to restart meetings in London and elsewhere.