# Chihuly from page 1D

Visitors to the Chihuly exhibivisitors to the Chihuly exhibi-tion meander down a winding path through waist-high glass spheres that look like planets from outside this galaxy. Inspired by the blue-green glass floats Jap-ances fishermon used on their nets when Chihuly roamed the shores of the Pacific coast as a

child, Niljima Fleats glow in a rainbow of Iridescent colors on a bed of glittering glass. "Chiluly is the world's greatest artist working in glass, a phenom-ena. Ho's so potent," van der Marck said. "There's a glow that radiates from the man." Born and raised in Washington,

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Upon hearing about a glass program at the University of Wisconsin run by Harvey Littleton, who many consider the father of the American studio glass movement, Chihuly chose to study glass there, earning a master's degree in sculpture. Afterwards, it was on to the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), eventually to earn a master's of fine art degree in sculpture.

Chihuly interrupted RISD curriculum long enough to study with the masters of Murano at the Venini Fabrica glassblowing fac-

tory on a Fulbright Fellowship.
Chibuly initiated glass programs at RISD and Pilchuk Glass
School in Stanwood, Wash.
Around the world, he has shown
his art in sole exhibitions at mu-

he art in solo exhibitions at museums and galleries from New
York to The Netherlands as well
as Israel and Brazil.
Chihuly bloids the distinction of
being one of two American artists
to have solo exhibitions at the
Louvre in Paris. His work can be
found in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Boston
Museum of Fino Arts, Australian
National Gallery, Victoria and Albert Museum in London, Walker
Hill Art Center in Seoul, National
Museum of Modern Art in Japan,
Toledo Museum of Art and the Toledo Museum of Art and the

DIA, to name a few.
The Detroit exhibition came

about when van der Marck saw Chihuly in Aspen, Colo, last year. The two had known each other since the 1970s, when both lived and worked on the West Coast. "Chihuly told me I should come out to the Seattle Art Musemark said. "It's a knock-out exhibit."

However, it was one that almost didn't come about due to the cost. That's what prompted Ferdinand Hampson, president of Habatat Calleries in Booa Raton, Aspen and Farmington Hills to become involved.

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Hampson worked to encourage recognition of the studio glass movement and the medium as an art form through the International Class Invitational Exhibition

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years.
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