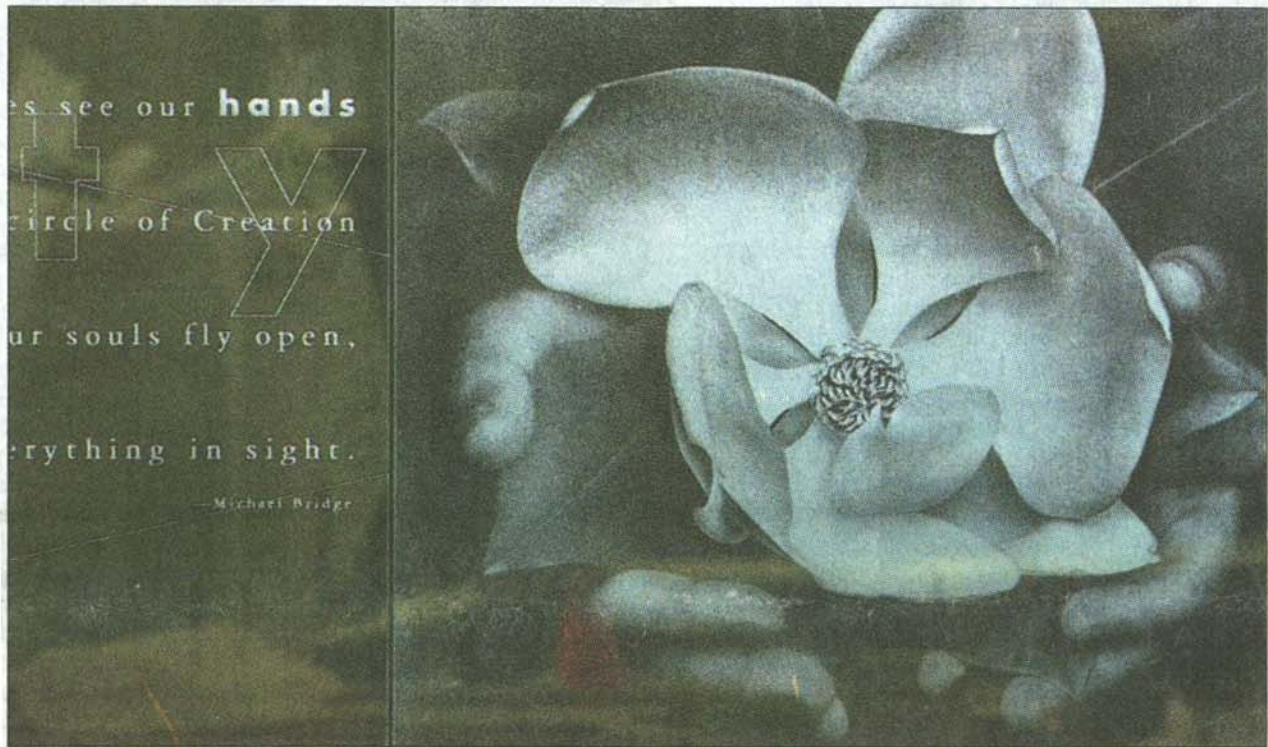


Magnolia delivers sweet inspiration



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Terry Holleman, left, artist Christina Wallach and Charles Rinn install Wallach's artwork at the John B. Amos Cancer Center Thursday afternoon. The "Magnolia Piece," featuring four panels of carved crystal lit with tiny LEDs, or light emitting diodes, is the centerpiece of the wall, honoring those who donated to the facility.

Artist Christina Wallach of Wallach Glass Studio in Santa Rosa, Calif., was commissioned by Columbus Regional Medical Foundation to create an original art form to recognize donors to the John B. Amos Cancer Center. According to Tom Titus, senior vice president of Columbus Regional, Wallach was presented with a floral gift meant to illustrate "life, and the spring, the freshness of a new beginning." The combination of magnolia blossoms, a gardenia and a branch of honeysuckle vine was enough inspiration. The end result incorporates hands, a magnolia, radiant lines, a beacon and a Golden Means spiral into a mosaic-like composition.



Artist Christina Wallach cleans one of four carved crystal panels that comprise the artwork celebrating donors to the John B. Amos Cancer Center. The artwork is carved from a domestic crystal called "starfire."

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