

Dear Collectors'

Autumn 2001

Welcome to you all. Once again the last few months have flown by and here I am putting pen to paper once more. As always, we have plenty to tell you and pictures to tempt you, but firstly we would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to contact us and offer your congratulations on the marvellous Collect It! feature. We must admit to being rather embarrassed when we first read the many complimentary comments written by the author, the very knowledgeable Muriel Marshall Jones and we also extend our thanks to the editor, Gwyn Jones, who has given us so much support and has helped to expose our designs to collectors' worldwide. Following the publication of this feature, we have been inundated with enquiries and enrolled 63 new collectors as a direct result. We are only too pleased that our designs have given so many of you such pleasure and we hope this will continue for many years to come.

New York Fire-fighters Collectables Charity Auction

Fortunately, we rarely need to mention such tragic and harrowing events in our newsletters but on this occasion the devastating effects of last month require our attention and support. The horrific scenes that dominated our screens last month have filled us all with great sadness and sorrow. Not only have thousands of innocent people lost their lives, but also over three hundred New York fire-fighters were killed whilst trying to save those trapped in the World Trade Centre's twin towers before they collapsed. Little can be done to comfort and support their families, friends and colleagues left behind, but we would readily offer our help in any way that we could. Needless to say we were very pleased to receive a call from Collect It! magazine informing us that they have set up the biggest ever Collectables auction to include a huge range of collectors' items. FSauctions.co.uk have agreed to host the auction on line. You can see the full range on www.Fsauctions.co.uk/special/collectit.htm or in issue 53 of Collect It! on sale from 11th October. Bids will be accepted until midnight on 21st October and you can either place your bid on line, by filling in a form in the Collect It! magazine, or by simply phoning or faxing them.
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We have decided to donate number 1 of the 'Moonflower' cameo limited edition (LOT 25) to this very worthy cause. As you are aware we usually reserve number 1 of our limited editions for our museum archive, so this will be a very special piece for the lucky bidder. I know that many of you have already ordered one of the editions, but you can still bid for no1 and if you are successful you can cancel your previous order.

Please take the time to look at the items in the auction. You might find several items that you would like to bid for and please remember that every penny raised would go to the families of the New York Fire fighters, who so tragically lost their lives, while trying to save others. Thank you for your support.

Domonic Joins the Team

We are delighted to welcome Domonic Cooney to our glassmaking team. We have known Domonic for many years and he has been working with Jonathan on a part time basis for the last two years as well as working at the Brierley Hill Glass College. Both Domonic and Allister possess a very high level of skill and now that we have double the skills, we will be able to keep pushing forward the boundaries of artistic and technical brilliance, as they work closely with Jonathan on his 'hot' new designs over the coming months and beyond.

'Lagoon' Cranberry

Especially for Christmas, we have introduced into the collection, this lovely warm cranberry pink, dusted with white and 24ct gold leaf and judging by the response in our own shops 'cranberry' is going to be a best seller. If you would like to order any pieces for Christmas delivery please let us know ASAP.

Fortnum & Mason

Pictured here, is Debbie Chivers the glassware buyer at F&M, who now have in stock a wide selection of cameo and graal limited editions and 'one off' special commissions and also the 'Horizon' collection.

I have to admit that we have produced some stunning pieces for them, so if you happen to be in Piccadilly do pop in-they are worth a look!

Golden Jubilee

For the very special occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's golden jubilee next year, we are releasing our very first piece of 'golden cameo'. The exquisite 'Golden Rose' bowl, approximately 8x9cm, is on a ruby core with emerald green and white and gilded with multiple layers of 24CT gold leaf. Jonathan has carved by hand the delicate double roses, buds and foliage. This design is very intricately detailed and as these pieces require a substantial amount of gold and extreme care when carving, each piece takes twice as long to carve than the silver cameo. Therefore, the edition will only be 50 and is priced at £375 less members' 10%. A few select retailers have already requested some of the edition, even though they have not as yet seen the finished design. So, if you are interested in receiving one of these very special 'Golden Rose' bowls to add to your collection please contact us ASAP as we expect the edition to sell out very quickly. We do not anticipate commencing production of these pieces prior to May 2002 and as usual, we only request a deposit of £25 with order to secure your edition.

Specialist Glass Fair

Just a brief reminder that we will be attending the glass fair at the National motorcycle Museum, Birmingham, on 4th November. Here, as usual, we will have the cameo limited editions on show, several cameo and graal trials and 'one off' pieces. A sneak preview of Jonathan's very new re heat enamelled cameo designs, which I have to say are quite simply stunning-his work still manages to amaze me!! Plus the very popular Horizon, Monsoon, Lagoon, Golden Pond and the new studio designs including 'Water Garden' that incorporates Italian millifleur. You will find all of this and much more at our usual spot in the **Manxman Suite stand 101**. So, we look forward to seeing you and hope that you find your 'special' Christmas gifts!

New Catalogue & Open Day

Our new 2002 catalogue is currently being compiled and this will be with you early next year. The date for our collectors' open Day will be set and details of forthcoming events will be included and all our other news!

Christmas Opening

As many of you usually visit us prior to Christmas, please note that we will be **closing the studio shop at Coalport on Friday 14th December. However, our shop in The Square, Ironbridge will remain open 7 days a week up until 24th December.** In addition to our glassware we also have a wide selection of high quality gifts to compliment our glassware. **Collectors' will also benefit from the 10% discount on all purchases! For any enquiries after the 14th December please telephone 01952 432000/588441. As always, if you are looking for something very specific we do advise that you give us a quick call before setting out on a long journey.**

Christmas Orders

All that is left for me to say now, is once again thank you for your continued patience in waiting for your orders. We will do our up most to supply as many as we can before the end of the year and we have everything crossed in the hope that the river Severn stays well within its banks throughout the coming months!

Both Jonathan and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your overwhelming support and we hope to continue delighting you with the new designs and techniques that we are developing for 2002.

Merry Christmas and our very best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

As dawn breaks the valleys of the gorge are swathed in mist and the Severn tumbles on its way down stream. The autumnal dew clings to the crimson and russet leaves of the Oak and Chestnut and the inspiration to capture nature's seasonal phenomena on to glass has begun...