

Collectors Club

Autumn 2006

Dear Collector,

We hope you have been enjoying the glorious summer sunshine and hopefully we will be blessed with a colourful and picturesque autumn.

Firstly, we must apologise for the lateness of this newsletter. As many of you are already aware the first half of 2006 was a rather traumatic time for us, because since February Jonathan has been battling with extreme discomfort due to a bulging disc in his neck.. This condition has meant that Jonathan was unable to work or carve any cameo. Not only were we unable to fulfil any cameo orders but we also had to make the very difficult decision of postponing the 'Open day' in July.

By early August we were hopeful that following a period of rest Jonathan would be able to avoid surgery. Unfortunately, his condition continued to deteriorate and neurosurgery became necessary. On the 25th August Jonathan underwent surgery to relieve the pressure on the effected nerves and we are very pleased to report that he is now pain free and are confident that he will be back to full carving capacity very soon! We would like to thank you all for contacting us with your kind thoughts, support and best wishes. Jonathan has spent his time 'thinking creatively' and new designs, techniques and even exciting new horizons will be presented to you very soon! We

firmly believe something good will always come from something bad!

SILVER LEAF GALLERY

In addition to Coalport, for some time now we have been looking for a new, more accessible showroom and last year we found just the place.



Moorland trial

Trentham Gardens near Stoke on Trent. We are trading as Silver Leaf Gallery and in addition to stocking our glassware and jewellery, we are complimenting the



Silver Leaf Gallery at Trentham Gardens

display with unusual, high quality, design led gifts and home accessories. To this day, I am not quite sure how we managed it - months earlier we had committed to the 25th August as the day we would open the gallery- which turned out to be the very same day Jonathan had surgery! Both events went ahead pretty much in a daze and when we look back now it was quite an achievement. None of this would have been possible if it hadn't been for the help and support of our team, Sue, Jane, Sally, Katie, David and Allistair and of course our family. So a huge thanks to all of them.



The Gallery has attracted significant visitors already!

The gallery will be open daily from 11-5.30 except Xmas day. Trentham Gardens is a delightful place to visit with beautiful landscaped Italian gardens, award winning garden centre, restaurants, boating lake, retail village etc., offering something for everyone. We will be hosting a special collectors 'Welcome Day' soon and hope you will be able to come. {Further details to follow} You are of course welcome to visit

us at anytime and your collector discount will be applicable on all purchases including giftware. [Please note that because of the recent situation there is no cameo on show here yet but we hope to rectify this ASAP. I am sure you will appreciate that we have to give priority to producing orders.

'MOORLAND' Silver Leaf Gallery Exclusive

To commemorate the



Moorland limited edition vase 19 x 8.5 x 6cm deep £130. Perfume bottle 13.5 x 6.5 x 4.5cm deep. £75.00 Limited edition size 75.

incorporation of the gallery we have designed the 'Moorland' collection. As you know our first design at Coalport was 'Horizon' inspired by the Shropshire hills, so we thought it would be appropriate to produce a collection inspired by the Staffordshire moorlands. The design includes subtle shades of amethyst, amber, rose, citrongell, emerald, opalin, mocha and 24ct gold leaf. The enamels are applied in layers to create the 3d effect of the landscape and we have designed the above exclusive limited edition just for our members'.

V&A Commission 'Water Meadows' John Constable.

This edition has sold out and we are sorry that many of you were not able to order one. However, we will be working with the V&A again on similar projects in the near future and we will of course, keep you informed. For those of you who have reserved a vase, please be assured that your order is safe and as with all of our orders they will be made as soon as possible.



TRIALS

I am afraid cameo trials are a little thin on the ground at the moment. However, we have saved for you the few pieces that Jonathan carved at the end of last year in preparation for the open day last July.



All Dichroic pendants come with a high quality 18" sterling silver chain and are gift boxed.

Due to popular demand we have also included a selection of studio trials and of course our lovely dichroic jewellery. We have done our best to photograph the pendants but as you know it is extremely difficult to capture their true beauty due to the light refraction in the dichroic layers of the glass. I am sure you all know the routine by now- please call ASAP if you would like any of the trials to avoid disappointment.

O1952 246381. After much deliberation we have also decided to include the only trial carved for the Constable 'Water Meadows' vase.

'The' Constable TRIAL available by closed bid.



I would have dearly liked to have kept this piece but I know that the vase will go to a good home! As there has been so much interest in the Constable vase and because it is impossible to ensure that you all receive your newsletter at the same time, to give all collectors a fair chance of obtaining the 'trial' we have decided to put the vase to closed auction. We would like to invite bids around £500. You can place your bid by e mail, letter or phone and we need to receive all bids by Friday 3rd November. All bidders will be contacted the following week with the result. If you require any further details regarding this lovely vase please contact us.

New Collectors' Piece 'SILVER LEAF'

Yes, the time has come again to release the ever popular annual members' piece.

Carrying on the theme of the gallery, Jonathan has designed the 'Silver Leaf' that adorns this delightful vase and perfume bottle (our first annual members' perfume bottle) We hope you like these lovely pieces and further details are attached. You can order 'Silver Leaf' anytime between now and June 2007. Just to update you, the production of last years piece 'Meadow', will commence as soon as possible.

NATIONAL GALLERY COMMISSIONS

You may recall in our previous newsletter that we mentioned the forthcoming autumn exhibition at the National Gallery. For the first time



in Britain, a major exhibition will trace the career of one of the very greatest painters - Diego Rodriguez de Silva y Velázquez (1599-1660). The National selected three paintings for us to work with and the images and our collections are available to order. Full details are attached.

Renoir Exhibition

In the spring of next year the National Gallery will be hosting a spectacular

Renoir exhibition and we are delighted to have been asked to once again produce a collection inspired by the work of Renoir.

Experimenting is already underway and you will be the first to know when the design is finalised. Watch this space!

2007 'Silver Leaf' exclusive Collectors' Limited Edition.

Specialist Glass Fair – 12 November- Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon.

We will be attending this fair with our usual display of delights and very much hope to see you there.

Well now we will leave you in peace but just before we go Jonathan and I would once again like to say a very sincere thank you for all for your support and best wishes over the last few months, which has been a very difficult time. However, our determination, passion & creativity will ensure next year will be one to remember with many exciting challenges on the horizon.

Happy Collecting!

Alison & Jonathan

