

Collectors Club

Autumn 2008

We can not quite believe that autumn is already upon us and we do hope you are enjoying the colourful flora as much as we are {apparently the most vivid for many years}. We would like to wish all of our new members' a very warm welcome [a record sixty two new enrolments in the last quarter!] Perhaps glass expert Mark Hill's advice to invest has had more of an impact than we thought! But more importantly, we do hope you all continue to enjoy your pieces.

OPEN DAY- enjoyed by all

Thank you to all of you for coming and for your kind comments and thanks.



It is always difficult to know if events in a new venue will succeed but everyone seemed to enjoy the day.



The live glassmaking demonstrations were a treat and the shock of a piece of reheat cameo hitting the floor added to the drama. Fortunately, the quick and skilful actions of Katie, Jonathan and Darren saved the piece!



'WRENS & BIRDS of PREY-stole the day
Jonathan's delightful new 'wren' design was the star of the day, with all trials literally 'flying' off the shelves in a matter of minutes! Some of the designs will become



new 2009 limited editions, and will be released in the spring.

TEAM UPDATE

We welcome two new members' to our 'team'. Darren, our new glassmaking assistant has joined us following completion of his honours degree in 3D design. He shares our passion with glass and anyone visiting our studio will enjoy Darren's very enthusiastic and comprehensive run down of our techniques.



Jane has completed her glass course at the International Glass Centre and will be involved in sales, jewellery design and production & will start her training as Jonathan's sand carving assistant shortly. Katie, our master glassmaker, continues to consolidate her position as a very fine glassmaker indeed. Paul is also still supporting sales and is always keen to pass on his knowledge on the subject & is a well known face at Coalport.

TRIALS-in demand

As so many of you have contacted us for details of trials following the open day, please find enclosed images of the pieces available.

ORDERS UPDATE



We are pleased to report that at long last we are finally catching up with your orders. If you are still waiting for an order, you will be receiving a letter from me shortly {if you have not already} confirming a delivery date.

Basically, we aim to complete any orders over 12 months old by spring 09 and any orders less than 12 months old will be completed by the end of next year. We also intend to fulfil any new orders within 12 months and thank you once again for your continued patience.

EXHIBITIONS

Just to remind you we will be exhibiting at; '**Gorgeous**'. **Enginuity, Coalbookdale, Ironbridge. Sat and Sun 29th & 30th November.** This show supports Shropshire craft and **fine foods** – A real treat. Further details -www.ironbridge.org.uk



BRITISH MUSEUM

As usual, something is always hotting up on our iron warmer and along with our usual projects we are extremely busy working closely with the British Museum, designing collections inspired by their very exciting 2009 exhibitions. The main feature shows are, **Shah Abbas**, featuring wonderful Persian images and artefacts. **Gardens & Cosmos**, focusing on the miniature paintings from the Mehrangarh Museum in Jodhpur and **Moctezuma**-featuring the Aztecs and the Spanish conquest. With an abundance of graphic imagery, myriad of colour and precious metals, Jonathan can hardly contain himself!

BONHAMS & DAN KLEIN

In addition to that wonderful opportunity we are very privileged to have been invited as one of just fifteen artists by Dan Klein, world authority on contemporary glass, to produce two works of art for an exclusive sale at Bonhams comprising classic and contemporary art glass! What an exciting year ahead-we hope to exceed your expectations and thank you for supporting British Art-at its best! Watch this space!



XMAS ORDERS & SPECIAL OFFERS



We have special offers on the Eden & Renoir collection up until the end of November. Please see the enclosed details or visit our website. Members' will receive a further 10% discount off the prices quoted. Last date for receipt of orders for xmas delivery is 30th November. **01952 246381.**

COALPORT & SILVERLEAF GALLERY

Silverleaf Gallery at Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent, is open 7 days a week and always has a comprehensive selection of glass and jewellery on show. **01782 657623.** Please phone for Coalport opening times or to arrange an appointment. **01952 246381.**

In early 2009 we will be in touch with exciting new updates, designs and limited editions but in the meantime please contact us with any questions or queries you have. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very happy Christmas and prosperous 2009.

Best wishes and happy collecting

Alison & Jonathan .



...and finally Just a quick thank you to our three children, Jessica, Jason & Amy for their continued support and patience. We are very proud of their achievements. Twins Amy & Jess (13) are studying hard at school & Jason, (just 18) is balancing his full time new job with a degree in computer science!

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