

Jonathan Harris artGlass

Spring/summer 2015

Dear Collector

Welcome to our spring/summer newsletter. We apologise that it is a little overdue as we have been so busy & there is so much to tell you that we decided to combine our spring & summer news together. Included is all our up to date exciting new developments & events for the first half of 2015. But firstly, a brief report of our special collector event day, which took place last November.

OPEN DAY



I will begin by saying a huge 'thank you' to all of you who came to spend the day with us & for all your kind messages following the event. It appears that the new venue at 'Enginuity' was well liked by all & a huge 'thank you' also to our guest speaker Charles Hajdamach, who as always, delivered a fascinating lecture 'A Few Favourite Pieces of Cameo & Gräal' & to Trevor Willis, one of our avid collectors and dear friends who, along with his wife Janet, has



supported and collected our designs since June 2004 & his very entertaining talk, 'There's always room for one more!' - And this is an indication that together with his wife Janet, they are still collecting!!

Our new designs were a great success including our daughter Amy's 'wildlife' collection & 'Silver Birch Trees.'



Amy's Scottish Wild Cat commissioned by Trevor & Jan.



Susan Banks the lucky owner of the stunning vase designed by Amy.

SPECIALIST GLASS FAIR – Knebworth House

Stevenage

Once again, it was wonderful to see you at the new Cambridge fair and it appears that this new location was also liked, although a little chilly in some of the rooms, but with all the wonderful glass to see, it soon warmed up! The next fair here will be on **Sunday October 11th**.



And so to our new designs & forthcoming events.....

LEGENDS in GLASS – 15 Years on

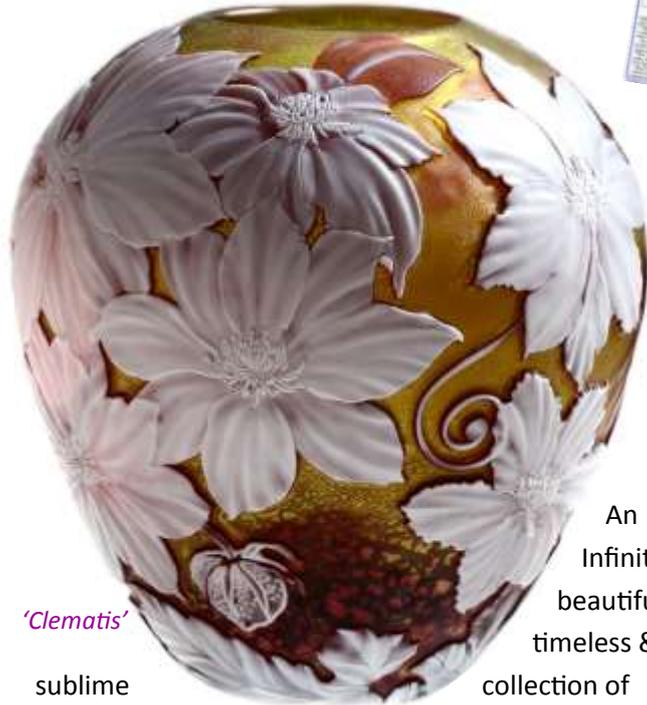
Many of you will recall the amazing millennium exhibition, 'Legends in Glass' at Broadfield House Glass Museum May 2000-January 2001 that showcased the largest collection of cameo, ever shown together, by the great masters, Thomas & George Woodall. Stunning examples were shipped from all corners of the globe to grace the cameo room and provided a 'jaw dropping' exhibition.

Jonathan was one of the few, very privileged glass artists to be invited to create a collection of contemporary cameo pieces to accompany this exhibition. This he did and it was one of the pinnacle points in his career.

Fifteen years on, Jonathan has decided to commemorate this occasion and once more, pay homage to these great masters and by combining all the skills that he has developed and continued to refine over the last 15 years, he has created a small, stunning collection of very special 'unique', pieces, which we have called '**Jardin de verre-Garden in Glass.**' Please refer to the enclosed leaflet for specific details and pieces that are currently available to purchase.

Pride & Joy—Legends in Glass May 2000

'JARDIN DE VERRE' – Celebrating 'Something Old, Something New'



'Clematis'

sublime

An infinitely beautiful, timeless & collection of unique, cup-cased cameo vessels. Darren & Dan make the blanks incorporating multiple layers of enamel colours and often 24ct gold and sterling silver leaf are fused between the layers allowing Jonathan to carve and shade each delicate layer with painstaking skill and endless patience. Due to the time taken to produce these very special and complex pieces, only a few will be made each year. Please contact us if you would like further details of these pieces. 01952 246381 alison@jhstudioglass.com



BBC the Local Media!

As many of you know, one of the designs that we produce for Dior in Paris is the 'Savannah Giraffes' drawn by our exceptionally talented daughter Amy.



'Ruby & Sasha'

one of Amy's recent commissions

Her amazing skill and achievements have recently been recognised by the local media! You can imagine our delight when we picked up the paper to see our daughter on the front page of the paper and surrounded by her wonderful illustrations. Well done Amy!



CHRISTIAN DIOR COMMISSIONS TULIPS, FLORALS, TREESCAPES & BUTTERFLIES...

Our cameo designs have been so well received at Christian Dior, Paris; they are commissioning several new designs. Exclusively available from their flagship store in Paris.



AMY GRADUATES WITH A 1ST!

We are extremely proud to announce that Amy has recently graduated with a '1st' in her degree & continues to be inundated with commissions ranging from textile and clothing designs, portraits and children's book illustrations. So, like everyone else; we have to get in the queue!



.....and Makes Front Page News and is Interviewed by

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of GLASS – 'Celebrity Doodles' 28th-31st May

This amazing festival took place in Stourbridge in May and as always, we were happy to support this worthy cause and this year, The British Glass Foundation's charity fund raising project, was to ask celebrities to produce a 'doodle' that could then be realised in glass by a team of talented glassmakers.

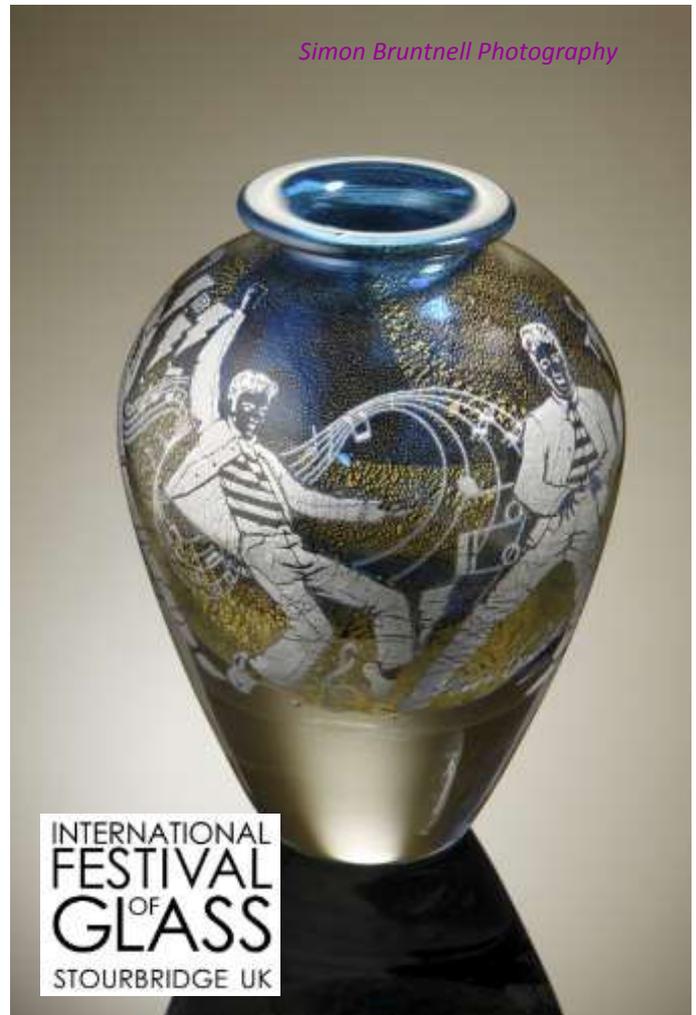
We invited Mark Hill, antiques and glass expert & co-presenter of BBC2 'Collectaholics' to draw a doodle. The



inspiration for Marks 'Lightning Bolt' doodle came after looking through an old Bonhams auction catalogue that featured the ultimate 'Elvis' sale. Over 2000 lots, includ-



ing his jewel encrusted jumpsuits & white Rolls Royce, went under the hammer and sold by members of the infamous Memphis Mafia, Elvis' closest colleagues & advisors! Mark explained that leafing through the catalogue sparked memories of years gone by, as Bonhams is where his career really began, as he worked in the collectors & entertainment dept. as a junior cataloguer. During his time there, Mark also recalls Bonhams auctioning other authentic Elvis stage clothes & TCB jewelry! So, bearing all of this in mind, Jonathan has created & hand carved these three amazing designs, incorporating Marks doodle that we hope will attract the attention of all glass, 'Elvis' & music fans! Each of these 'one off' reheat cameo and cased gräl pieces have been gilded in exorbitant amounts of 24ct gold and silver leaf (donated by Gold Leaf Supplies.) Jonathan worked with Allister & Dan at his studio, based at Broadfield House Glass Museum during the festival on Saturday 30th May and much to the delight of the crowd, together they completed the complicated final 'reheat' stages of these amazing 'One off' pieces! All of the 'celebrity Doodle' pieces, that also included doodles by other celebrity's including Beverly Knight, Frankie Valley, Raymond Blanc, & Lenny Henry to name but a few, will be auctioned later in the year to raise funds for the Glass Foundation. Amazingly, through social media these three pieces



have created an enormous amount of interest from Elvis fans, music, glass lovers & many of our own private collectors, who are all looking for something completely unique. Will Farmer of Fieldings Auctioneers in Stourbridge, has offered to auction all three pieces in the Decades of Design Auction on 24th October and will of course, be sold to the highest bidder, with all funds going to the British Glass Foundation's charity.

www.fieldingsauctioneers.co.uk.

These pieces are currently on display at Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford if you would like to have a closer look! For further details please do not hesitate to contact us.

Simon Bruntnell Photography



'TCB' Taking Care of Business—Elvis Presley inspired cameo & gräl



KUWAIT BEACH HOUSE



Jonathan definitely reached his limits with this fine pair!

Over the last several months, we have been working very closely with a London based interior design company on a huge project, which involved them designing, building & furnishing an amazing beach house in Kuwait for a family whose identity remains under wraps! For this incredible residence, we have produced bespoke pieces covering a multitude of our techniques, colours & designs from dressing table make-up pots, to flower vases to soap dishes to these 'epic' lamp bases. They are so large that Simon & Darren had to make the blanks in the studio at Wolverhampton University—this pair we will not be in a hurry to repeat any time soon though!!

NEW COALPORT SHOWROOM & MUSEUM-NOW OPEN!

For those of you who have visited our studio & showroom at the Coalport China Museum, you will know that we do struggle with the lack of space & we have been actively looking to relocate for some time. To date, we have not been successful in finding a suitable new studio space, however we are delighted to announce that the museum have offered us an area within their own Coalport shop for us to relocate our own shop, which allows us more space & does not flood!! We also hope to create a small 'Museum' area of our



Jessica Always happy to help! you will come and visit us-please give us a quick call if you are making a special journey, just in case we are away at an exhibition or late opening for some reason!



own displaying early examples of our work for collector's enjoyment. We will also be supporting and exhibiting other local artists work in this space. We will be having an official VIP opening a little later in the year to which you will all be invited. In the meantime, we do hope

'COALPORT ON THE SEVERN'

To mark the occasion of the opening of our new showroom we have launched this lovely new design inspired by the Coalport landscape.

Please keep an eye on our website for news updates and new ranges and designs.

We do hope to hear from you all again soon and we will of course keep you updated with our progress and other exciting projects that are on the horizon-but we will leave those until next time....



Best wishes & happy collecting

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