

# CollectorsClub

Dear collector, Spring 2002

Welcome to our 2002 spring newsletter, which we hope you will be pleased to hear includes full details of our new studio collections and cameo limited editions.

## THE V&A MUSEUM COLLECTION

At the end of last year we were approached by the V&A museum to produce a collection of re heat cameo to commemorate the opening of the new British gallery. The pieces were influenced by William Morris and William de Morgan designs to coincide with the V&A's exhibitions and some of our 2002 re heat cameo limited editions are based on these pieces.



Reheat cameo 'Evergreen Poppy'

The V&A have only 3 pieces out of the collection remaining. The re heat aqua fish paperweight 2/50, the re heat Astor vase 2/50 and a lovely 'Evergreen Poppy' vase 2/50, which has not yet been released as a limited edition. Each of these pieces is particularly lovely and they are very early editions. For further details please contact us, or Alison Cant at the V&A 020 7942 2689/2988.

There is also a stunning collection of 'one off' pieces of gräal and cameo now available at Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly.



'Chrysanthemum' which sold within 24 hours of being on display at the V&A.

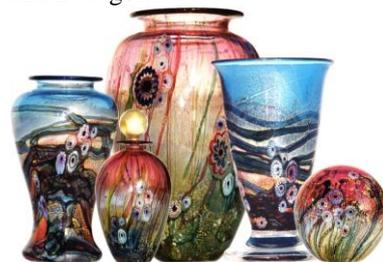
## NEW COLLECTIONS

Last month we attended the spring gift fair and presented our new cameo and studio collections to the retailers, hoping for some positive feedback and we were not disappointed! The cameo was, as always the big attraction with one customer alone requesting no less than 60 pieces! We have not as yet confirmed acceptance of this order particularly as it will probably take us several years to produce! This year we have introduced both new cameo and several re heat cameo editions. Many of last year's editions have now sold out and a few have been replaced with an alternative colour, as you will see from the enclosed details.

Each piece of cameo that we now produce will have Jonathan's initials carved into the surface. The 'JH' will be discreetly carved around the base of the piece and will further enhance our identification, authenticity and will be impossible to remove. Please remember that you only need to reserve a limited edition with a deposit of £25. You may order just one or more at any one time, even if you want to receive pieces with long intervals in between. I think you all know by now that the more time you can give us the better! Delivery for cameo orders placed at the present time is currently 8-12 months, and we assure you that your orders are always given our priority.

## NEW STUDIO COLLECTIONS

We were also overwhelmed with the response to our new studio ranges, Wilderness & Watergarden and Flower. Each of the designs is skilfully decorated with our very own hand made millifleur. Wilderness depicts delicate spring flowers gently swaying in the breeze, its warmth accentuated by gold ruby enamels and 24ct gold.



Watergarden is vibrant and dramatic. The detailed millifleur nestles amongst a myriad of rich colours, straps, trails and 24ct gold. Each piece of this complicated technique is skilfully hand blown and shaped entirely by hand and two spectacular limited edition vases are also available in this collection.

## WELCOME JO

Jo Robertson has recently joined our team after completing her degree, and attending the Brierley Hill Glass Centre. Jo will learn and develop her skills by assisting Jonathan, Allister and Domonic. The techniques that we use are quite diverse and highly skilled making our studio a haven for students and glassmakers willing to learn this wonderful ancient craft.



**MILLERS ANTIQUE'S  
JIGSAW PUZZLE**

Thank you to collector and dear friend Vivienne Daubenspeck who spotted one of Jonathan's pieces of gräal in the group shot of glass featured in the Miller's collectors' puzzle. On close inspection of the piece we think that it is possibly only the second piece of gräal that Jonathan made, dated 1990. The vase would have been sold for around £200 and is now valued by Miller's at £600-£700! We feel very privileged to have been featured in such a collector's item although we never expected to see our glassware included in a jigsaw puzzle! For any of you wishing to obtain the puzzle please contact the distributor 'Upstarts' 01473 274444



**EXHIBITION** Broadfield House Glass Museum. The first opportunity to view a wide selection of our new cameo and studio ranges is at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford. The exhibition, which is located in the new glassmakers' gallery comprises of seventy pieces of our unique work. The studio pieces on show are available to purchase and orders can be placed for the cameo. For those of you who have never visited the museum it is also a wonderful opportunity to browse through the many other rooms, which are home to some of the finest examples of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century English glass, including exquisite examples of cameo by George and Thomas Woodall. The exhibition is open from 2-5pm Tuesday-Sunday until 15<sup>th</sup> April and there is no entrance charge.



**GLASS FAIR** National Motorcycle Museum Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 9.30-4.00.

As always we will be attending the glass fair with a wide selection of studio collections and 'one off' pieces of cameo, but please remember to be there early if you are interested in the 'one off' pieces, as there is only one of each!

**COLLECTORS' OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Well, the event that you have all been waiting for has finally been set and we promise that this will be a day not to be missed. We plan to offer a large choice of cameo, re heat cameo, gräal trials and 'one off' pieces in all shapes, sizes and designs. An auction, glassmaking demonstrations including, studio, re heat cameo and gräal techniques, lectures by Jonathan and a guest speaker. A delicious buffet lunch will be provided and all this will be complemented by the delightful setting of the Ironbridge Gorge.



Each collector is welcome to bring their partner or guest but as our studio is small, spaces will be limited, so please let us know if you are able to come ASAP. I know July seems an age away at

the moment, but it isn't really. The sooner we know if you can join us, the sooner we can plan the perfect day.



*Wilderness close-up*

We do hope that you will be able to come, as this really will be a day to remember. So, please put this date in your diary and a full itinerary will be forwarded to you in June along with our new collectors' piece. In the meantime, we are always here and ready to answer any questions. Our shop at Coalport is usually open 7 days a week and often has a few gems on the shelf! But if you are making a special journey a quick phone call is always advisable. 01952 246381/588441.



*Watergarden close-up*

Well now I will leave you in peace to study our new designs, which we have carefully created with you in mind and as always, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes to you all and happy collecting!

*e Alisa & Jonathan*

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