

# Collectors Club

JH Collectors Club 2009 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Celebrating 10 years of innovative design and craftsmanship.

### Dear Collectors

Welcome to the first newsletter that celebrates our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We can hardly believe that 10 years have passed since we first wrote to you with details of our early designs that you have all enjoyed so much and we hope continued to throughout the years. And rest assured, we intend to continue designing and delighting you well into the next decade and beyond!

### 2009 – Off to a ‘Hot’ Start

As usual, the ‘glass’ doesn’t get chance to cool on the end of our irons! We have been so busy over the last few months, I hardly know where to begin. But as this is our 10<sup>th</sup> year we felt it important to consider our developments and achievements and to somehow find a way to commemorate them. Not an easy task, but we think we have found what we were looking for and we hope you agree.

### Anniversary Collections – Studio Cameo & Crystal Cased Cameo.



Following hours of experimental & development work, we have finally managed to successfully combine our studio & cameo techniques together. We have fused silver leaf & hot colour prior to the

shape being formed & together with simplifying designs this has helped to reduce the number of hours involved in carving & shading the surface colours. This new technique has not

affected our usual standards of quality and attention to detail. The three designs to date, Japanese Carp, Fleur & Forest Glade are carved in light relief through the silver leaf creating a wonderful marbled iridescent surface. And most amazingly, delivery is currently just 12-16 weeks.

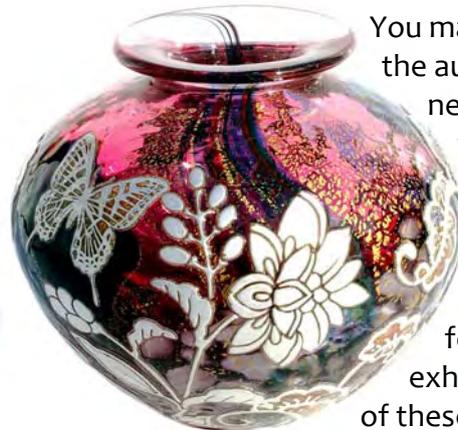


The crystal cased cameo ‘Flora’ is a delicate design with flowers carved through the clear casing to create a ‘lens window’ allowing you to see through the form & discover its hidden beauty. We hope you like the prices too! Full details of these lovely designs are in your catalogue.

### Collect It! Feature – on sale now.

Collect It! Are always interested in our new innovations and you can read Val Baynton’s informative and colourful article covering all the new designs in the May issue.

### British Museum Commissions.

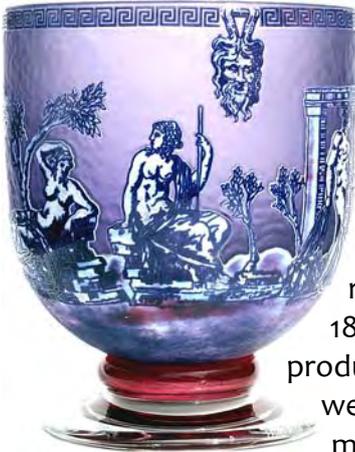


You may recall from the autumn newsletter that we are working with the BM on designs inspired by their forthcoming exhibitions. Some of these are still in the development stages but we have finalised designs inspired by Gardens and Cosmos & Shah Abbas. To commemorate each exhibition, we have produced a limited edition inspired by the graphic imagery and artefacts that will be on display. These collections are only available from us and the British Museum shop. The limited editions are exclusive to our collectors. Full details are enclosed. Designs for Moctezuma will be revealed on our website shortly and in the next newsletter.



## The 'Portland' Collection

Some of you will recall that in 2004, Jonathan was commissioned by the British Museum to design & produce a vase and open bowl inspired by the original Portland Vase discovered in Rome in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and John Northwood's replica carved in the 1870's. Jonathan produced two sets that were displayed in the museum. Shortly after, one complete set was stolen and to this day, how this happened remains a mystery, as does the whereabouts of these pieces. Although one set will remain in the museum, the exhibition has now come to an end and we can now offer the large and small bowl for sale to our collectors. Only one each of these iconic pieces are available and are surrounded by legend and intrigue following the discovery of the original roman vase and John Northwood's replica and we are humbled to think that we were invited to contribute to the history of what was probably the most famous pieces of cameo ever made. Full details are enclosed.



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## Bonhams Contemporary Glass Auction-Bond Street London – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009



Scarlet Twilight Flight. Detailed carving on both the inside & outside layers of colour.

We are delighted to give you a sneak preview of the two pieces Jonathan has submitted to the Bonhams glass auction taking place in May.



*Intrinsic Cameo vase to be sold at Bonhams in London.* Dan Klein invited Jonathan to participate in the auction that takes place on Tuesday 19 May at 1pm. All items can be viewed on Sunday 17 May 11am-3pm & Monday 18 May 9-4.30pm. Apparently, this auction, the first of its kind, has created considerable interest and if you would like any further details or a catalogue please contact [modernglass@bonhams.com](mailto:modernglass@bonhams.com) Pieces can also be viewed on the website. If anyone decides to place a bid on any of the items in the auction, good luck and please let us know how you get on!

## 2009 Studio Collections – Refreshed

Enclosed is your new catalogue with details of our new additions to the cameo & studio designs. EDEN welcomes new shapes & two new colours. A lovely warm 'Rose Gold' & the strikingly cool 'Iridised Petrol.' WILDERNESS sees the introduction of new 'Amethyst' & RENOIR LANDSCAPE now promotes the stunning iridised blue colour.

## Limited Editions – Wildlife Collection

Attached are details of the first 2009 limited editions featuring our new wildlife designs incorporating birds, rabbits, butterflies & flowers. The first pieces released are the 'Wren' designs. The original examples of these pieces are



also featured on the attached trial sheet and can be purchased by the first collector to call! We hope you like them and orders can be placed at any time. 01952 246381.

### **Trials**

Due to popular demand, Jonathan has been busy creating a few trial pieces, which we also hope you will find appealing. Full details are enclosed.

### **Same Difference 2009; From Stourbridge...to Frauenau...to Corning**

Just in case any of you happen to be in New York next month, you might like to know that we are



participating in an exciting exhibition featuring examples of European glass at the 39<sup>th</sup> Glass Arts Society of America Conference (GAS). The gallery is located at the Cedar Arts Centre, Corning, New York and the exhibition runs from 6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a full exhibition catalogue available soon.

### **Glass Fair – National Motorcycle Museum Solihull – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**



We are delighted to be returning to this venue for the specialist fair and we will be located in Hall 1 stand number 7, with our usual display of both new cameo and studio designs. We hope to see you there.

### **Open Day – Weston Park**



#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

We are delighted to be hosting our open day at Weston Park again this year. We will have our usual selection of new designs on offer, DVD presentation and a delicious

lunch. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy the grounds and stately home and the newly converted exhibition gallery and Granary farm shop. Booking is essential & a small contribution of £5 per head will be requested. So please call or email to reserve your place ASAP. 01952 246381

### **Harrods Knightsbridge – Now stocking all designs**

We hope all of our collectors within reach of London will be pleased to hear that you can now see a wide



selection of our studio designs and also a small selection of 'one off' pieces including cameo and intrinsic cameo in the Crystal & Glass department on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collectors Piece 'Silver Vine'**

With all the new designs & techniques that we have been working on, we thought it would be appropriate to combine our results into the new collectors' piece. Inspired by images of Persia & the Orient and the new studio cameo technique, we have decided on this delightful design, rich vibrant colours with hand carved cascading, trailing vines & butterflies, accentuated with marbled silver leaf.



Well, as you can see, we have been rather busy and it appears we will be for sometime to come and we hope you will all continue to enjoy hearing about our exciting projects and new designs throughout the rest of the year.

Happy collecting and best wishes

*Alison & Jonathan*