

Collectors Club

Collectors' newsletter summer 2003.

OPEN DAY

OPEN DAY 5 JULY

Welcome to our summer newsletter. We can hardly believe that we are almost half way through the year and our event of the year is almost upon us. Our 'open day' on the 5th July promises to promote stunning new designs, incorporating multiple layers of enamel colours, hand painted enamel re heat cameo, inside carved cameo, gold, silver and iridised cameo and gräal. Goodness! Have we really been doing all that? Well actually yes!

'TRIALS' AND 'ONE OFF' PIECES AVAILABLE NOW

We have been working on these special 'trials' and 'one off' pieces over the last twelve months and we hope that you will not be disappointed when you see what we have been up to! We have enclosed details of a selection of these 'trials' that can be purchased prior to the 'open day' which will also give those of you who are unable to attend the day an opportunity to purchase these very sort after pieces. In addition to these items there will be other 'trials' and 'one off' pieces available on the 'open day' but we could only include a selection with this newsletter. A brief description of each item is on the reverse and you will notice that we have mentioned that a couple of the items have a small bubble or seed within the glass. I am sure that you are aware that due to the complexity of our techniques small bubbles are often unavoidable and as long as there positioning is discreet they do not detract from or devalue the piece. However, we felt that we should inform you if a piece has a visible bubble and this will be pointed out in the description. If you require any further details regarding

any of these 'trials' please contact us and if you are interested in purchasing any please call us ASAP to avoid disappointment - **Please remember that there is only one of each and they are available now!**

THE AUCTION PIECES – PLACE YOUR BID by phone or post.

The pieces that will be included in the auction are all there for a special reason and once again we have outlined this on the reverse of the photograph. Although not all the auction pieces were completed in time for the newsletter, we are giving those of you who can not attend the day, the opportunity to place a bid on any of the items included. If you would like to place a bid you need to indicate the maximum amount that you would be prepared to bid and if the price on the day does not exceed your bid then the piece is yours! **Please call us 7 days a week on 01952 246381 and speak to myself or Jonathan to register your bid no later than 6.00pm on Thursday 3 July. Good luck to you all! Once again we could only include a selection of the auction pieces, but as we will continue making right up until the eleventh hour there will also be other pieces in the auction. ANYONE WISHING TO RECEIVE LAST MINUTE DETAILS OF THE OTHER AUCTION PIECES CAN DO SO BY REQUEST.**

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Two core colour magnolia silver cameo

OPEN DAY ITINERARY

For those of you who will be joining us for the event, I have included a brief itinerary of the day and as previously the lectures, lunch and the auction will be held upstairs in a designated room in the museum. We will also display the cameo, gräl and 'trials' in this room for your comfort, ease of viewing and if you wish, purchasing. All studio ranges will remain in our present shop, adjacent to the studio. Glassmaking demonstrations will take place throughout the day and both shops will be open. So please feel free to wander around at your leisure. Mr Derek Spencer, a trustee of Ironbridge Gorge Museums has very kindly offered to take you on a guided tour of the Coalport China Museum at the end of our event. Anyone wishing to accompany Derek will find the tour both enjoyable and informative.

On your arrival at the Coalport Museum please enter through the museum shop entrance and we or the museum staff will guide you in the right direction.

11.00-11.30 *Welcome-refreshments-browse the shops.*

Selling of the 'trials' will commence from 11.00.

11.30-12.00 *Up to date preview of our new designs and techniques with Jonathan.*

12.00-12.30 *Cameo glass by George and Thomas Woodall by*

Chris Woodall Perry

12.30-1.15 *Glassmaking demonstration-reheat cameo and gräl.*

1.15-2.00 *Lunch*

2.00-2.45 *Auction and prize giving.*

2.45-3.30 *2nd glassmaking demonstration-reheat cameo and gräl.*

3.00-4.00 *Book signing by Chris Woodall Perry and any last minute shopping*

Tea & coffee and Dorothy's cakes.

4.00 *'Guided tour of Coalport.*

We hope that you will enjoy the day and we look forward to seeing you all.

NEW COLLECTORS' PIECE

Our next most important announcement of the year is our new collectors' piece. This year our design launches the development of iridised cameo. This delicate design of the 'Iris' flower is carved on a golden ruby core with silver blue, silver green, topaz and white and iridised silver blue on the surface. The flowers are delicately shaded with colour and outlined with the lustrous iridescent finish that sparkles and glows in the light. The subtle effect on the inside of the bowl is as delightful as the outside. I have to say that I personally think this a lovely design and the colour shading coupled with the iridising is particularly lovely. We hope that you also feel that our very first piece of iridised cameo will be a worthy addition to your collection and at just £175 for the bowl and £85 for the paperweight we hope that you might be tempted again this year.



New 2003 Collectors Club piece 'IRIS'

Now I will leave you to browse the following pages and hope you enjoy seeing what we have been making for you and please contact us if you would like any further information.

Until next time, happy collecting from us all.

Alison & Jonathan.