

# Collectors Club

Summer 2004

## Dear Collector

Hello from us all and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to the many new collectors' who have joined us this season. You have all contributed to the largest number of new members' to join in any one period following the inauguration of JHSG- thank you! Several of you were alerted to our glassware, following the wonderfully informative article by Val Baynton in Collect It! magazine. The 'Monet' limited edition vase, which we designed exclusively for them proved extremely successful as collectors' and subscribers' rushed to reserve one and you will be pleased to know that we will be commencing production shortly.

## 2004 – 2005 Collectors club 'COLUMBINE' COMMEMORATES OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Although a few weeks late, our new 2004-2005 Members' cameo vase & paperweight has finally arrived. The short delay was due to Jonathan's pursuit for the perfect harmony with design, colour & form. This new design combines a variety of techniques to achieve the overall effect.



Close-up of our new columbine Collectors piece.

Sitting on a silver aqua core, spun with multiple opalin & pearlescent enamel chips, sprinkled with 22ct gold nuggets, we then apply a layer of gold ruby & silver amethyst powder, before gilding the finished shape with multiple layers of silver leaf. The delightful 'columbine' flower shaded in ruby & amethyst and highlighted by the silver, delicately entwines itself around the shape and is further enhanced by the cool aqua, pearl & opal background, with an opulent sparkle created by the gold leaf. 'Columbine' leads us into our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and needless to

say we are delighted to be launching our 5<sup>th</sup> collectors' club piece! You can place orders for these pieces up until next June and 'Columbine' also heralds the beginning of our new technique, which will be displayed in a number of stunning 'trials' at our open day in September.

## OPEN DAY SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER WESTON PARK

As you are aware this year our open day is to be held at Weston Park stately home where our new shop is located. We hope that you will enjoy this wonderful venue and its many acres of manicured gardens, some of which were designed by Capability Brown. As always, we intend the day to be a relaxed & informal event with time for you to enjoy your surroundings.



Oval Tulip cameo trial & Olive green fish trial

We request that you arrive between 10.30-11.00am. Please give your name at the main entrance to the Park and you will be guided towards the Stable's Courtyard, which is where we are located. A DVD presentation by Jonathan outlining the production process and techniques that we specialise in will commence promptly at 11.00am. As you know we do not have any glassmaking facilities at Weston Park but this presentation will be just as informative & interesting and will take place in a very comfortable auditorium. A delicious buffet lunch will be freshly prepared by Weston Park's head chef and you will have the opportunity to browse around the gardens and tour the beautiful stately home, enjoying its many treasures and antiquities.



*Ruby reheat cameo small landscape trial.*

But most importantly we will have a collection of stunning unique cameo & reheat cameo 'trials' for you to purchase, many of which will incorporate techniques & designs never seen before! We will be with you throughout the day, happy to answer any questions and supply any information that you may require. As always, there is no charge for the day but we must stress that it is necessary for you to book if you would like to attend. We have only a few places remaining so if you can join us please contact us ASAP. We also request that if you have already booked and find that you are unable to make the day please let us know. Thank you.

### **Glass Festival – 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August**

A new International Glass Festival is being held in Stourbridge, the centre of the glass industry next month, which celebrates the crème de la crème of international glass artists. Various lectures & demonstrations by very eminent & well known designer/makers will be taking place throughout the weekend. Jonathan will be lecturing at The Red House Cone Lecture Room, and we are also demonstrating cameo techniques following a lecture on Gallé by Dan Klien at Broadfield House Glass Museum on bank holiday Monday (Booking is essential.) For further details and the calendar of events please visit the festival website:

[www.ifg.org.uk](http://www.ifg.org.uk) or call 01384 399444.

Our studio at Coalport will be open as usual and we are just 40 minutes drive from Stourbridge, so if any of you are in the area we would love to see you.

### **New Book – Progress Report.**

Chris Perry reports that he is delighted with how the book is progressing and we are all very excited about its completion, although we still can not quite believe that someone would want to write about our work. Thank you for all your orders for the book and we will contact you as in print. Anyone who has not yet ordered a



*Cameo & reheat cameo trials available now!*

soon as it is signed copy can still do so. There will be a 'Book Launch' late October early November. Details will be posted on our web site once confirmed.

### **Trials now available**

Due to many requests from you we have been working around the clock to produce a selection of 'trials' that are available now. As you know these pieces are unique and they are one of a kind. Therefore, if you are interested in any of them please contact us ASAP to avoid disappointment. We hope you like them.

To book for the Open Day, order 'Columbine' or a copy of our book, please contact us. Tel: 01952 246381 email: [alison@jhstudioglass.com](mailto:alison@jhstudioglass.com)

### **Glass Fairs we will be attending this year:**

#### **National Glass Collectors Fair**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The Motor Heritage Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire.

#### **National Glass Fair**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The Alban Arena, St.Albans, Herts.

Thank you once again to you all for your constant letters of praise and delight with your pieces. Our pleasure is gained from yours and we hope to continue breaking new boundaries and sharing these achievements with you.

Happy collecting.

*Alison & Jonathan.*