

Collectors Club

Summer 2008

Dear Collector,

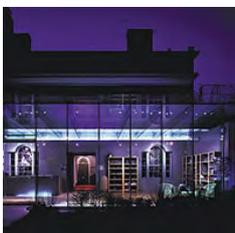
I am almost afraid to say 'welcome to our summer update' because like many of you, my response would be 'what summer?' However, I think we are all used to the great British weather and we are never surprised by the forecast! But whatever the weather we have been busy preparing for the second half of 2008 and our latest news is all included.

ANOTHER ROYAL VISIT



Seven years after Prince Charles visited the studio; we were delighted to be informed that Princess Alexandra had requested to visit the Coalport China Museum and our studio following the opening ceremony of the new Severn Hospice in Telford. After watching the production process of 'Eden' Jonathan presented HRH with a delightful silver cameo vase carved with the 'Magnolia' flower. The Princess was more than a little surprised to be given the piece and asked Jonathan more than once 'are you sure'. Royal visits are always run on a very tight schedule, but the Princess was so taken with everything in our shop that she stayed well over the allocated time and purchased several items for herself and family and what a friendly and down to earth royal customer she is!

OPEN DAY 11th OCTOBER



As you are aware our open day this year will take place at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford. Once

again this event has proved extremely popular and after further talks with the museum to discuss health and safety issues, I can confirm that we can offer just a few more places. Therefore, if you would still like to come please contact us asap. 01952 246381. For those of you who have already booked, we will be contacting you again with full details prior to the event.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF GLASS STOURBRIDGE 22-25 AUGUST

We will be attending this four day event for the first time this year. Our exhibition space is located in the Glass Emporium marquee at the entrance to the Ruskin Glass Centre site. We will be displaying our cameo, studio and jewellery throughout the four day event. The festival offers a feast of activities including exhibitions, lectures, expert demonstrations, films, dance, glassblowing etc and is a must for anyone interested in glass! For further information visit www.ifg.org.uk.

MEMBERS' PIECE 2008 – 2009 'DAWN CHORUS'



We hope you are as pleased with this stunning design as we are. Intrinsic cameo, cased cranberry and midnight blue, intricately carved Wrens, butterfly and foliage adorn the internal surface of the bowl. Full details are attached.

SILVER LEAF 2007 MEMBERS' PIECE

These orders are now almost complete and if you have not yet heard from us regarding delivery you will be contacted very soon.



TRIALS

As we are busy carving your orders and trials for the open day, we have attached details of just a few pieces that we have



available and we will also update our website with trials as and when we can.

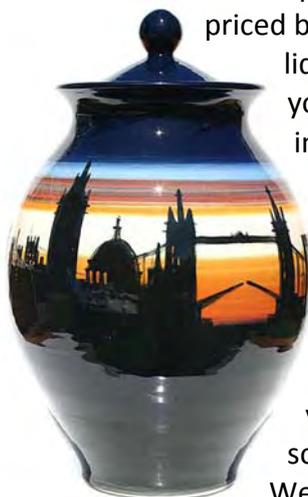
CERAMIC COLLECTION

Our new ceramics have been very well received and we are



working on new designs all the time. Our new autumn range 'The Shires' is available in two colour themes Dawn-mauves and Dusk-ambers. Each piece is unique and

priced between £75 -£85 and lidded pots £25 excluding your discount. Further images are on our website. We are also happy to discuss special commissions that might be a view from your home, a building or somewhere you visited that means something special to you. We can work from good



quality prints and please allow 8-12 weeks for delivery.

IMPROVING OUR SERVICE

As a very small, specialist, family business, we are always trying to find ways of offering you better service & collector care. We are still very conscious of our delivery times & to try and overcome this, we have decided to reduce our studio collections, allowing more production time for cameo. This will allow us to plan production schedules better and in turn reduce delivery times. We also intend to offer new designs & techniques on a more regular basis. You have always been very supportive & understanding through our difficulties & we hope you agree that these changes will be beneficial to you.

Coalport & Trentham Opening Times

Just to remind you, as we approach Autumn/Winter our showroom at COALPORT is not always open 7 days, but if you contact us prior to making a special journey and we are closed, we can try and arrange to open the shop for you. 01952 246381. Alternatively, Silverleaf Gallery at Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent is open everyday (except xmas day) & we always have a wide selection of glass, jewellery and special offers available in addition to our complimentary design led gifts, home accessories & collectables. Your collectors discount is also valid on all purchases. 01782 657623. Please also check our website periodically for latest news & updates.

Well all that is left for me to say now is fingers crossed for some sunshine and that we hope to see you at the glass festival, either of our shops and our open day, but failing that we always enjoy hearing from you on the phone or by post!

Happy collecting!

Alison & Jonathan 01952 246381.

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