



BRITISH GLASS FOUNDATION

From the Chairman Graham Knowles

Welcome to our second newsletter which coincides with the charity's first Anniversary.

The BGF was launched on 24 November last year at Hagley Hall in Stourbridge and I feel we can look back with pride at everything we have achieved over the last 12 months. In that time the BGF has transformed from a pressure group set up to protect the glass collection at Broadfield House into a much respected organisation which is now widely recognised for its integrity and breadth of intellect.

We have recently launched the extremely popular and witty GlassCuts which is issued on a regular basis by e-mail to keep you informed of what is going on in the world of glass. If you have missed any they can be found on our web site.

I would like to thank everyone who has made a donation to the BGF and to assure you that these will be put to very good use. The office running costs of the charity are being met from other sources which means that all donations are intact to be used for the purpose for which they were intended.



With Christmas now fast approaching, on behalf of all the Trustees at the BGF I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy and healthy New year.

Seasonal Greetings,

Graham Knowles
Chairman and Trustee



BGF Working With Dudley Council

The BGF continues to work very closely with both Dudley Council and Complex Developments, the owners of the White House Cone site, to achieve its aim of a world class museum

on this historic site and a very informative presentation was held at the last meeting of the BGF by Dudley Council and Complex Developments. Full details of these exiting plans can be viewed

on our web site under 'Museum of Glass Proposals' on the home page.



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BRITISH SOFT DRINKS ASSOCIATION GIFTS HISTORIC COLLECTION TO BGF



The British Soft Drinks Association, which is the national body representing the collective interests of UK soft drinks manufacturers has gifted to the British Glass Foundation their collection of historic glass soda siphons and bottles. The collection comprises about 20 soda siphons and 50 glass and ceramic bottles. Jill Ardagh, Director General of the British Soft Drinks Association in London, said “We are just about to move premises and sadly will no longer have room for our collection of historic glass soda siphons and bottles. I am very pleased that we have found a good home for the collection and it is heartening to know that the collection can find a new lease of life in both safe and appreciative hands”. If anyone would like to borrow the collection for an exhibition then please contact us.

400 Year Anniversary of Glass Making in Stourbridge Biennale Events 2012—International Festival of Glass

The British Glass Foundation will be hosting a Gala Lecture Day at Hagley Hall in Stourbridge on Wednesday 22 August commencing at 2.00 p.m. There will be a lecture from Dr Paul Roberts from The British Museum on The Portland Vase, which is probably the British Museum’s greatest treasure, and Charles Hajdamach will give a talk about Stourbridge Cameo Glass. There will be canapés and wine afterwards. Tickets will be available shortly from the BGF and full details posted on our web site.

A team from the Ruskin Glass Centre in Stourbridge is to replicate the famous cameo glass Portland Vase, one of the most important pieces of glass in history. Glass engraver Ian Dury will co-ordinate the project with the raw materials being sponsored by Plowden & Thompson. The cameo blank will be blown on site by expert glass-maker Richard Golding and engraved over several months by Terri Colledge. All the work will be done at the centre with the aim of completing this to coincide with the International Festival of Glass.

West Midlands glass artists were also gathering at Broadfield House recently to begin an exciting project which will see them being inspired by and exhibiting alongside the collections to celebrate the 400th year anniversary of glassmaking in the Stourbridge area. *Back to the Future: Contemporary West Midlands Glass Artists Celebrate 400 Years of Stourbridge Glass* will be open during the International Glass Festival in 2012.



Charles Hajdamach’s Visit To Corning Museum in New York



Renowned glass expert and BGF Trustee Charles R Hajdamach (<http://hajdamach.com>) paid a visit to the world famous Corning Glass Museum last month where he delivered a presentation that was streamed live on the web, one of only four of the lectures from the entire three day seminar to be done like this.

Whilst in New York, Charles presented a copy of the book 'Museum of Glass' to Karol Wight, the new Executive Director of The Corning Museum of Glass (on the right) and Jane Shadel Spillman, Curator of American Glass, on Friday 21st October 2011 at the 50th anniversary seminar at The Corning Museum of Glass.

For information about The Corning Museum go to: <http://www.cmog.org/>

BGF RECEIVES DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF BROADFIELD HOUSE

On Saturday 15th October at a meeting of the Friends of Broadfield House Glass Museum, a cheque for £1,000 was presented by Barbara Beadman, Chair of The Friends, to Allister Malcolm, a Trustee of the British Glass Foundation.

The amount had been agreed by the Friends at their recent AGM as a gesture of support for the work of BGF. Allister Malcolm said he was delighted to receive the cheque on behalf of the BGF and thanked the Friends for their most generous donation which he assured them would be put to very good use.

For more information or to join the Friends of Broadfield House please go to: <http://www.friendsofbroadfieldhouse.co.uk/>



THE BLUE BASKET



Graham Fisher MBE; Jaqueline Cooley; Simon Atkins and Meriel C Harris

On Monday 7 November accountants Clement Keys purchased the Blue Basket which had been donated by renowned glass artist Jaqueline Cooley. Jaqueline said “I am delighted that Clement Keys have purchased Blue Basket, my donation to the British Glass Foundation”. Glass artists from the West Midlands, nationally and internationally donated items for the Fieldings annual glass auction to help raise funds this year for the BGF.

Simon Atkins, Partner at Clement Keys said “The Blue Basket is a truly beautiful piece that will add an extra dimension of depth and quality to our premises from the moment it goes on display. We have been delighted to

have worked with the BGF in its start-up phase and have assisted the Trustees with the establishment of the charity, the setting up of a gift-aid scheme as well as providing training in the area of finance and accounts. We fully support the work of BGF and wish them every success in working with Dudley Council to achieve the best for the Broadfield House Glass Museum Collection.”

GEORGE GREEN & CLEMENT KEYS

As the BGF look forward to their first birthday on 24th November, the Trustees are very appreciative of the continuing support shown by all its supporters in its efforts to protect and promote the world famous Stourbridge Glass collection.



Kirsty McEwen and Philip Round from George Green with Allister Malcolm and Graham Fisher.

The BGF is particularly pleased to note the ongoing endorsement from two major players locally, namely George Green LLP solicitors and Clement Keys Chartered Accountants both of whom have offered sterling support to the charity from the start and joined with them to celebrate their first successful year.



Colin French from Clement Keys with Allister and Graham, and Kirsty and Philip from George Green.

What's On

26—27 November
10 a.m.—4 p.m.
FREE admission



Glass Quarter —Christmas Craft Weekend : www.glassquarter.org.uk
Ruskin Centre, Stourbridge: Various Craft Stalls; Live Glass Blowing and the chance to watch Terri Colledge working on the 2012 Portland Vase; Organic Café.

Broadfield House Glass Museum: Christmas Crafts; Storytelling; glass bauble decoration; Meet Santa and Mrs Claus.

Red House Glass Cone, Wordsley: Christmas Craft Fayre; Free Glass Making Demonstrations; Open Studio. Children's Trail and Crafts; Traditional Tea Rooms.

8 December
5.30 for 6 p.m.

Official Launch of The Crystal Mile: Along The Stourbridge Canal a new DVD presented by Graham Fisher MBE in association with Martyn Barnbrook. Ruskin Centre, Stourbridge.

Now —31 December

Broadfield House Glass Museum—Glass Detectives.
Become a glass detective and learn how to identify glass with this fun and informative exhibition, including hands-on exhibits and a display of fakes and forgeries!

Now—19 Feb 2012

Broadfield House Glass Museum—Light Fantastic
Light brings an added dimension to artworks and this exhibition highlights the work of six artists who use neon in their artworks to convey different ideas and messages.
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The British Glass Foundation would like to thank the following organisations for their financial and moral support:-



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