

International Festival of Glass Special Edition

WHITE HOT

news from WHCmog

IFoG arrives

Details of what's going on in and around **WHCmog**, can be found by clicking here: www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk/international-festival-of-glass-2017/

A summary of IFoG events at Red House Glass Cone can be found at www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums/red-house-glass-cone/events-and-exhibitions/ and their Facebook page.

Times of the festival shuttle bus service have been announced and will be widely available throughout the festival sites.

And full information on what's going on everywhere else at one of the greatest glass festivals in the world is at www.rmlt.org.uk/international-festival-of-glass

BGF offers best wishes to all concerned. Enjoy the show.

Calling potential new Trustees

As will be seen simply by driving along Wordsley High Street, the development of the new **White House Cone museum of glass** is rapidly approaching the point of transition from being largely aspirational to fully operational. Commensurate with, and in anticipation of, these exciting developments the BGF is looking to expand its Board of Trustees.

Applicants from all backgrounds are welcome to apply and, other than the obvious bars such as a legal minimum age of 18, 'fit and proper person' *provisos* and so forth, the field is wide open. Although we would be especially interested in those with a proven background in management, finance and strategic corporate planning, BGF is also seeking to develop its breadth of expertise across a spectrum of other disciplines in readiness for when the museum is fully open in 2018.

Trustees are unremunerated but this is more than offset by the exhilaration of the task in hand. If you are willing to commit to a few days per quarter and would like to be an integral part of a dynamic team with a defined vision then either download our Trustee information pack and application form direct from www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk/the-trustees/ or contact us via any of the other usual channels. We would love to hear from you.

RICH MIXTURE

news from elsewhere

Mosaic workshops

During a recent event organised by the Webb Corbett Visitor Centre, now known as the Glasshouse Heritage Centre, Stourbridge residents were invited to bring in glass that had been dug up in their gardens. One lady brought in an amazing array of scrap glass that of glass that had been unearthed by foxes. Investigations led by Glass Heritage Officer Ian Dury, established this was from the waste tip of the Thomas Webb Factory that operated between 1837 – 1990.

The idea evolved that for the 2017 International Festival of Glass these remnants could be utilised to make four glass window panes depicting four of the key elements that became associated with the early glassmaking in this area; coal, fireclay, glasshouses and canals. These four elements will be featured in a contemporary mosaic design drawn by a leading mosaic artist, Birmingham based Caroline Jariwala, to produce four unique murals that will then be installed in the front of the Glasshouse heritage centre.

And here is your opportunity to partake in this exciting initiative to rejuvenate these ancient scraps into contemporary works of art.

Throughout the Festival there are eight opportunities for members of the public to assist Caroline. This will be by way of morning and afternoon sessions on each day of 25th – 28th August. Admission is free with a festival pass. Each session can accommodate a maximum of 6, which means there are a total of only 48 places (minimum age 10 years, please). This is doubtless going to prove hugely popular so booking is essential via www.ifg.org.uk



Carnival Glass Society news



Trudy Auty of The Carnival Glass Society has kindly notified us that they have been gifted an outstanding miscellany of carnival and other glass, much of it rare.

The collection is being exhibited to its members from 19:30 on Friday 19th September and an invitation is extended to non-members to attend for a temporary membership fee of £5.00, which will include Prosecco and light refreshments. Following an introductory talk, over 100 pieces from the collection will be unveiled. Advanced registration is required on 07595 261735 or via 'contact us' at www.thecgs.co.uk

On Saturday 16th September 2017, the Society will hold its 35th AGM following which there's a sale of members' glass including a selection from the Anthony and Maureen Ward Collection. For those wishing to attend the afternoon glass sales and presentation a temporary membership is available for £1. The venue for all is the Three Swans Hotel, High Street, Market Harborough LE16 7NJ.

The Society is also holding a celebratory Coral Anniversary raffle which features a stunning piece of glass from the collection as a star prize. It is open to all members (electronic membership is £14 which includes four newsletters per year) and raffle tickets are available now at £1 each or 12 for £10. Details of all these events are available from the contacts above.



GIFTS AND DONATIONS

to BGF funds, for which we thank you

BGF is delighted to announce the receipt of a substantial donation from The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust. Our thanks to all concerned for assisting in the securing of this, which is of considerable assistance in our efforts to raise the required 'matched funding' targets that steer our fit-out proposals.

In addition to cash donations, which are always gratefully received (*see below as to how you can do this*), readers are reminded of the opportunity to secure a lasting *memento* in the new museum by way of purchasing one of Allister Malcolm's engraved glass plaques. Details via the usual BGF address.

BGF routinely reviews its donation procedures. Enhancements are announced as and when but in the meantime we continue to accept donations direct by cash, cheque and BACS. For donations by BACS our bank details are:

HSBC Bank
Branch Identifier Code: MIDLGB2108U
Sort code: 40-38-07
Account number: 72076780

BGF recognizes those who wish to donate via *Virgin Money Giving*. Go via the *Virgin Money Giving* QR code listed below or click here: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1005650> **Potential donors are advised that contributions via VMG may invoke commission fees that are beyond the control of BGF.**

Donations made by a UK taxpayer can attract Gift Aid, which is a great supplement to our funds and costs the donor nothing. All we need to claim this is your Gift Aid declaration; contact us for details if you have not already supplied us with relevant particulars.

Please note: In acknowledging the support of donors **GlassCuts** generally will not reveal either the details of the donor or the amount donated unless the donor indicates otherwise or the circumstances are in the public domain or public interest. This does not preclude the possibility of details, including the amount donated and/or the donor's particulars, appearing elsewhere in BGF material.

All donations are greatly appreciated. BGF is entirely philanthropic and its Trustees are unremunerated. BGF policy is that all monies received go directly to the cause. Donations can be as one-off contributions or standing order.

CRYSTAL CALENDAR

what's going on and where. Tell us yours

White House Cone museum of glass

International Festival of Glass

www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk/international-festival-of-glass-2017/

Red House Glass Cone

Various dates July to December 2017

Juniors at Museums

A wide range of activities for adults and kids alike, including a new additional venue at Dudley Archives & Local History Centre. Details at www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums and via Twitter and Facebook feeds. For large print leaflet ring 01384 815571.

Ruskin Glass Centre

See <http://ruskinglasscentre.co.uk/events/>

Elsewhere around Glassville^{©GF}

14th - 15th October 2017

Connections

20th anniversary celebrations of the Contemporary Glass Society

M Shed, Bristol BS1 4RN www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed

Further information at admin@cgs.org.uk

12th November 2017

The National Glass Fair 10:30am - 4:00pm

National Motorcycle Museum B92 0EJ

<http://specialistglassfairs.com/>

PARISH NOTICES

thank you for contacting us

Contemporary Glass Society Graduate Prizes Newsletter. Details of winners for inclusion in CGS Graduate Review 2017. Follow via www.cgs.org.uk

More soon. In the meantime, Keep it Glass.

Graham Fisher MBE

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The White House Survey

The success of this project depends greatly on public support. BGF is very grateful for yours. Please spare a few moments to visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/whcoffsite> and complete the survey form. It will take very little of your time but will be of immense value to us. Thank you.



These are the QR codes for the British Glass Foundation (left) and Virgin Money Giving (right).

Scan to browse the work of the BGF or to make a donation. If you are donating by VMG then please note that VMG's own commission fees, over which BGF has no control, may apply.



Promotional opportunities

Black Country Radio (BCR) is the area's premier local radio station operating on 102.5FM. If you are organising a local event that is philanthropic, non-profit (it doesn't matter if there is an admission fee) and community orientated then it can be promoted free of charge via BCR. Visit www.blackcountryradio.co.uk and follow the links.

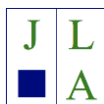
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... also Jane Alexander and colleagues at JLA Consulting www.jlaconsulting.org.uk for advice on the securing and management of funding, partners at Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council www.dudley.gov.uk and all friends and associates at Fieldings Auctioneers (Stourbridge) <http://fieldingsauctioneers.co.uk>



Details of other BGF partners, supporters and sponsors at: www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk/the-foundation/

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<https://m.facebook.com/The-White-House-Museum-of-Glass-1783619608579416/>



<https://twitter.com/whitehousecone>

Please note: These are 'live' links - click to try - but depending on your operating system you may need to insert manually into your browser.

Disclaimer

I start off with the sad news that my missus is in court tomorrow for assaulting our neighbor with a sanding block. It's all a misunderstanding; she only meant to rough him up a bit. Problem is, I now have to feed the kids for a while and I'm not a brilliant cook, so if anyone could please advise me how much vodka I should add to make the perfect omelette I'd be grateful. In the meantime, this gives me an opportunity to dedicate a *Disclaimer* to the subject of family harmony.

GlassCuts is the socially cohesive planning programme of the British Glass Foundation. It is compiled by a group of grown-ups aided by precisely 2.4 junior assistants here in the shimmering opulence that is the creche-and-refreshments facility at *GlassCuts Towers* and has no other function that to establish domestic bliss in a pressurised world, shine a light on the path through austerity and perhaps even say a bit about glass.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure accuracy, no responsibility etc etc ... (*usual child helpers apply*).

This email is sent to you solely on the basis that we are in some way very distantly related, especially now you know my mom has made her will, but if you do not wish to receive further **GlassCuts** then either explain why most of my family are fat because it runs in the family but no-one ever runs in my family, or send an email marked: *'There's nothing I have learnt from being married that I couldn't have learnt just by setting all my money on fire'* to bgf@britishglassfoundation.org.uk A brief indication as to why we are no longer your favourite house-sitters would be appreciated.

BGF welcomes onward transmission to anyone who believes their weekly skipful of soiled nappies may be indicative of our Editorial content; may we courteously remind you that Politicians, like nappies, should be changed frequently and for much the same reason. Similarly if you have anything you consider may be worth swapping with our colleagues in the *Wonderful World of Parental Guidance* ^{®GF} then send it to BGF at the usual address.

Final word goes to my poor dad who used to work on the roads. I just couldn't believe it when he was locked up for stealing. But when I got home, all the signs were there. *Boom boom!* Enjoy the International Festival of Glass, y'all.



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