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NEW BOOK NOW OUT: The Blue Vase - the 2024 interpretation of an iconic cameo by contemporary Stourbridge glass artisans.

Available from usual sources or direct from the museum. All proceeds to BGF. (SEE BELOW)

ALSO ON SALE: Stourbridge Glass Museum – how it came into being.

The remarkable tale of the period from the formation of BGF in 2010 to SGM official opening in 2013. Available from usual sources or direct from the museum. All proceeds to BGF.

Exclusive invitation



There's an opportunity to be amongst the first to see **Strike a Match** at an exclusive free private viewing in Stourbridge Glass Museum celebrating the artistry of Elliot Walker (**fellow BGF Trustee – Ed**) and Bethany Wood. Here's an extract from their publicity brochure that explains all: 'Strike a Match celebrates the dynamic collaboration and individual expressions of

glassblowing artists Elliot Walker and Bethany Wood. With nearly three decades of combined experience, the pair began their shared journey nearly ten years ago in a Stourbridge studio. Their partnership has since taken them across various locations, ultimately returning to the iconic Red House Glass Cone in the heart of the Black Country - a site rich in glassmaking history.

This exhibition is both a tribute to their shared practice and an exploration of their distinctive artistic voices. From early collaborations to evolved solo works, Strike a Match showcases a broad spectrum of glassmaking techniques - including intricately sculpted still lifes, conceptual installations, and luminous molten paintings. The result is a vibrant reflection of two artists united by craft, vision, and a deep respect for material’.



Bethany Wood



Elliot Walker

The private viewing commences at 1pm on Saturday 21st June; Public tickets are available from 7th June onwards. Click [here](#) and book a space for each person attending. Learn more about Elliot, Bethany and the rest of the team at Blowfish Glass [here](#)

Get those pens and felt tips busy

Yes friends, it's time for a challenge as The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers of London (WCGSoL) set the ball rolling for their Doodle Competition. You know how it works by now: submit a doodle and the winner's effort will be translated into a wonderful and unique piece of glass art by our own Allister Malcolm. The theme this time around is 'wild UK plant life and fungi' and the winning design will be translated into glass on Saturday 23rd August at the museum. The contact for more information is Events and Education Coordinator Corrina at SGM on CField@stourbridgeglassmuseum.org.uk and full details are also on the WCGSoL site [here](#)



Your visits, your feedback

Yet more letters of appreciation have come in since last issue from visitors to SGM who have not only enjoyed their stay but have then graciously gone to the trouble to tell us. There are the usual public platforms for this such as Trip Advisor but the ones we receive direct are inevitably more personal and so we generally keep these between ourselves to prevent possibly embarrassing the sender. Nevertheless we are most grateful for your comments, every one of which our staff read and take note of. We feel that every positive comment we receive is a personal testament to our wonderful volunteers, without whom there would simply be no museum for you to visit.

From the donations front

As with our letters of support, and as mentioned in ***Gifts and Donations*** below, unless there is a valid reason for doing otherwise we tend to keep donations and donors confidential. But we are happy to mention the fact that a donation is received, such as the most recent from Mr and Mrs S of Stourport who have made a donation following their recent visit. It is also normal practise for us to acknowledge the donation by letter, which in this instance we have already sent. Thank you.

Stourbridge Glass Museum Updates & Events

Details of forthcoming events are [here](#) or to subscribe for updates of events and other GDPR- compliant communications from SGM, including ***GlassCuts*** and promotions, direct to your inbox.

Gifts & Donations

to BGF funds, for which we thank you

Funding and maintaining a revenue stream is an ongoing requirement. We greatly value your contributions. BGF Trustees are unremunerated; all monies received go to the cause. Donations can be as one-off contributions or standing order.

BGF routinely reviews its donation procedures. Enhancements are announced as and when but we currently accept donations direct by cash, cheque and BACS.

We would respectfully ask that *all* cheques and orders be made payable to BRITISH GLASS FOUNDATION.



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In addition to cash BGF is similarly grateful for donations of good quality glass to sell in our shop. All funds raised from the sale of donated glass go into a separate Collections Account towards future acquisitions for the museum. To make a donation directly into the **British Glass Foundation Collections Account** use sort code: **40-38-07** and account number: **52291789**.

You can donate when you visit in person, if you are a UK taxpayer we can add **Gift Aid** at no extra cost to you.

To donate via **Just Giving** visit: justgiving.com/britishglassfoundation

To donate via **PayPal** visit: paypal.com and donate to bgf@britishglassfoundation.org.uk

To donate through our **website** visit: stourbridgeglassmuseum.org.uk/donate

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Notes and Queries

Whilst we are happy to facilitate this **ad hoc** information exchange on unusual items of interest BGF cannot undertake valuations or offer comment other than that supplied by our correspondents. Submission does not guarantee publication. No responsibility ... etc
(usual caveats apply)

None this time around – keep ‘em coming in.

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tell us the news from your world

Send us yours and we'll try to mention it. No guarantees other than we'll do our best. Our sponsors and supporters also here.

- Alan J. Poole newsletter latest edition. alanjpoole@aol.com
- Contemporary Glass Society latest news cgs.org.uk
Monthly Glass Network Digital also available.
- The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers of London. Updates: info@glass-sellers.co.uk
- The Glass Society Events Schedule. glassassociation.org.uk

From the Hot Glass Studio:

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Keep up with developments down at the studio and his work via Al's media feeds.

His latest news is also now available [here](#)

Just a reminder ...

If you've got something 'glassy' to say and you want it said to somebody else, consider sending it to us and we'll do our best to help pass the information via **GlassCuts** or **OffCuts**. Usual address. There's no fee, but if you've got a few bob lying around in a spare pocket we can always find a good use for it.

And finally ...

I'm having a bad day. I woke up to find someone had actually dumped a mattress in my front garden. Honestly, I don't know how they sleep at night. And to those low-lives who stole my anti - depressant tablets, well, I hope you're happy.

Thank you, friends. Taking bookings for Christmas now; latest DVD currently available.

Graham Fisher MBE FRGS Trustee, PR & Comms *pp* British Glass Foundation
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Volunteering at Stourbridge Glass Museum

Would you like to be part of a vibrant and enthusiastic group of volunteers dedicated to supporting the British Glass Foundation and its work at Stourbridge Glass Museum? Specialist skills or knowledge are welcome but not essential. We are committed to equal opportunities and full training will be given where necessary. To find out more, contact us [here](#).

Promotional opportunities

Award-winning **Black Country Radio** and **BCR Xtra** broadcast throughout the Black Country on 102.5 FM and also via DAB and on-line around the world. Part of BCR's remit is to promote local events. If you are organising an event that satisfies the criteria of not-for-profit, charitable or philanthropic and is community orientated then you may be eligible for no-fee promotion.

Go to blackcountryradio.co.uk hover over 'Local' and click 'Local Events Guide'. Submit the form you'll find at upper left under **'+ Add Event'**. Your announcement will then appear on the **Events Guide**. Allow sufficient notice and the event may be 'voiced' and broadcast live on air during daytime broadcasting. Depending on the number of events, yours might be broadcast several times; there's no guarantee but it should appear at least once. Meanwhile it stays on the **Events Guide** listings on the world-wide web until the day itself. And it's all entirely free of charge.

Second time around

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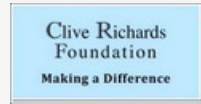
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