

The Cotswolds Decorative Antiques & Fine Art Fair

Westonbirt School, near Tetbury, Gloucestenshire GLS 6QN

16th - 18th August 2013

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Cotswolds Summer Antiques Fair Has Charm Appeal for Collectors

Widely described as one of the most charming art and antiques fairs of the year, the summer Cotswolds Decorative Antiques & Fine Art Fair at Westonbirt School, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire takes place from Friday 16th - Sunday 18th August 2013.

Held in the palatial surroundings of Westonbirt House, its main hall, Orangery and spacious rooms, this popular summer event is full of rare and desirable art, antiques, collectables and decorative accessories for any home.

Organiser Sue Ede of Cooper Events, who has been running the fair for more than ten years, explains it's appeal: 'So many of our visitors live in the Cotswolds and arrive looking for something to enhance their home, whether it's furniture, a painting or just a decorative something! Then we find customers looking for a special piece of jewellery. Last year a couple alighted on a superb ring and suddenly he proposed to her and in the charming gardens outside Westonbirt House, the engagement was announced!'

The fair will have many highlights. Among the newcomers will be Derek Newman Fine Art from Gloucestershire who has a range of affordable and interesting watercolour paintings from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The stand-out exhibits include The stand-out exhibits include a charming view of Tewkesbury painted in watercolours by Ernest Albert Chadwick, circa 1930., priced at £1,450.Also new will be Chris Gower from the Cotwolds with modern paintings by Frederick Schwentzel.

Local **Tetbury** dealer Jeanette Hayhurst provides a selection of glass, from Georgian cut glass decanters and air-twist drinking glasses to 20th century Whitefriars, Stourbridge, Kosta and Orrefors designer pieces. Also from Tetbury will be Muse - the Sculpture Gallery, returning with a number of important pieces by leading contemporary artists.









From Yorkshire, Mark Buckley brings a range of 19th and early 20th century furniture including small tables, chairs and a number of finely inlaid walnut pieces. Period furniture also features on the stand of Bristol dealer Brian Ashbee, also showing paintings and objets d'art and Steve Bentley from Buxton who specialises in late 19th and early 20th century Arts & Crafts furniture, lighting and silver.

Period antiques also feature on the stand of Roger de Ville who specialises in 18th and early 19th century pottery; Sue Killinger, with small period furniture, metalwork and decorative pieces, Elizabeth Nicolson, specialising in 18th and 19th century silver, and Enid Riley, one exhibitor who has rarely missed a Westonbirt fair since its inception and who continues to offer a fascinating collection of Victorian sewing tools and work boxes.

Art of the Imagination also return with their range of 20th century and contemporary art works by leading illustrators past and present. Works by Will Worthington, Edmund Dulac, Angel Dominguez, Christian Birmingham, Lawson Wood and Mary Tourtel (who illustrated many Rupert Bear stories) feature among many more. Mike Emeny says: 'Original book illustrations and works by illustrative artists are some of the fastest growing areas of interest for collectors. Artists like Will Worthington and Edmund Dulac have a timeless appeal, great sense of nostalgia and are highly sought after'.

Granta Fine Art are dealers with an eclectic selection of 20th century British and European art with an emphasis on the academic. Look for works by Leopold Pascal, Augustus John, Odilon Redon, Bernard Dunstan and Richard Dunlop. In other areas, Hassan Alabaf decorates a corner air with colourful Persian and Oriental rugs and carpets, and Andy Lambert trades as Fu Ts'ang Lung to display Chinese and Tibetan treasures. Jewellery and silver is another major attraction with specialists Anderson & Jones, Terry Robert, S. & A. Thompson, Plaza, Trivette, Shapiro & Co. and Brieve Antiques.

ORGANISER:

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VENUE:

Westonbirt School main hall, adjoining rooms and Orangery, Westonbirt, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8QG

CAR PARKING Free at Westonbirt School.

CATERING: On site cafe serving tea, coffee and cakes and light lunches.

OPENING TIMES 11am - 5pm daily Tickets: £5.00.

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