

ANTIQUES FOR EVERYONE SPRING

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THE ENGLISH CERAMICS CIRCLE TO MOUNT SPECIAL EXHIBITION AT ANTIQUES FOR EVERYONE SPRING FAIR

The English Ceramic Circle will be mounting an exhibition of rare and special pieces at this spring's Antiques for Everyone at the NEC, Birmingham, from 6 - 9 April 2017. The display will be titled "Ceramics through the Ages (1640-1970) presented by The English Ceramic Circle".

The Feature Display is a regular highlight at Antiques for Everyone and has provided the opportunity for many museums, specialist collections and individuals to add an extra dimension to this ever-popular fair. The focus on a single collecting area always increases interest from collectors and benefits many exhibitors through greater sales.

The English Ceramic Circle is the oldest society dedicated to the study of British ceramics and enamels. Founded in 1927, it aims to advance knowledge by promoting and publishing new research on these subjects. (www.englishceramiccircle.org.uk).

The Circle's worldwide membership embraces collectors, curators, archaeologists, potters, auctioneers, dealers, social historians and all those with an interest in the history of ceramics made in the British Isles. They will be exhibiting a fine display of diverse ceramics from 1640 to 1970 belonging to their members. These will include pieces from around the world, notably a previously unrecorded and important 56cm high vase, the largest ever made by the Worcester Flight & Barr factory, circa 1820, and signed by one of their foremost artists, Samuel Astles; four rare stoneware pieces by the celebrated 20th century studio potter Lucie Rie; Parian statues and busts by William Boynton Kirk (c. 1860), and a collection of early Chinese plates from circa 1640.



A pair of Worcester Flight, Barr & Barr vases with theatrical scenes by Thomas Baxter, circa 1814-16. From the ECC.



Worcester Flight Barr & Barr armorial plate made for the Nabob of Oude, circa 1815. From the ECC.

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ECC experts will be on hand at the Fair to answer questions and sign up new members at a special advantageous membership rate. Three eminent speakers will be giving talks at the Fair: Charles Dawson on “250 years at the Worcester Porcelain Factory”, James Sewell on “Orchid Mania on Ceramics!”, and Jonathan Gray on “Wonderful Welsh - Pottery and Porcelain of South Wales”.

The Specialist talks - All three will have PowerPoint presentations.

Friday: Charles Dawson (President, English Ceramic Circle) - “250 years at the Worcester Porcelain Factory

Saturday: James Sewell OBE (Chairman, London Ceramic Circle) - “Orchid Mania on Ceramics!”

Sunday: Jonathan Gray (Programme Manager, English Ceramic Circle) - “Wonderful Welsh - Pottery and Porcelain of South Wales”

Antiques for Everyone

Antiques for Everyone is a hugely popular event that features specialist dealers from across the full range of the art and antiques market. The emphasis is not only on a vast range of collector’s pieces but also innovative 20th century design and unique, contemporary works of art.

Described as one of the most varied and compelling fairs in the international calendar, the fair offers the widest spectrum of exhibits to be found at any comparable event. The fair enjoys a very broad appeal with exhibitors in two sections providing items for sale from less than £20 for pieces like early folk art, to more than £20,000 for fine 18th and 19th century paintings and sculpture.

The fair offers a number of additional attractions that continue to broaden its appeal. These include a series of talks from well-known experts, authors and TV celebrities from the antiques world. These are presented free of charge to visitors as a daily added attraction. At the April fair, BBC Antiques Roadshow experts Judith Miller and Will Farmer will be speaking, sharing their advice and top tips on what’s hot in the current market.

Judith Miller says: *‘This is my favourite fair. Antiques for Everyone is always busy and thousands of interested people from all areas of life come here to buy’.* Judith Miller is from Miller’s Publications and a well known and immensely popular celebrity speaker and TV’s Antiques Roadshow expert.

Among the many dedicated pottery and porcelain dealers will be Roger de Ville with early English pottery; John Newton Antiques with German studio pottery, and porcelain dealers Drove House Antiques, Bac to Basics, Bottlebrook Antiques and Julian Eade. Andrew Muir shows a superb range of Clarice Cliff and 20th century pieces including Moorcroft pottery.

Exhibits are vetted by specialist panels of experts for date and condition to ensure all items for sale are correctly labelled and collectors can buy with confidence.

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Fair Director Mary Claire Boyd says: 'With its rich diversity of pieces with varying price points to suit all pockets, Antiques for Everyone always surprises and delights. It's a very friendly and approachable fair, offering visitors the chance to engage with and buy from knowledgeable, specialist exhibitors who provide a dazzling array of highly desirable items.'

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Venue: Halls 18-19, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, B40 1NT. UK

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In Advance: £12.00 for Adults and Senior Citizens from the Box Office Tel: 0844 581 0827. (Under 16's admitted free).

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