

# GlassCuts

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## 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.*  
Now available direct from the museum. All proceeds to BGF.

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## Big day out

The Contemporary Glass Society are organising a *Discovery Day* at the V&A in London on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024. It's all [here](#)

## Zoom in

Julia Stephenson, Head of Arts at the National Glass Centre, is presenting a zoom talk featuring their collection on the evening of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Places limited, bookings via [gsmmeetings@outlook.com](mailto:gsmmeetings@outlook.com)

## All lit up

Following our recent item regarding cone illuminations in support of Developmental Language Disorder (DLA) Awareness Day we have received a delightful message from Beth Wilkes thanking us for our support and enclosing some lovely images, which we appreciate. More on DLA [here](#)

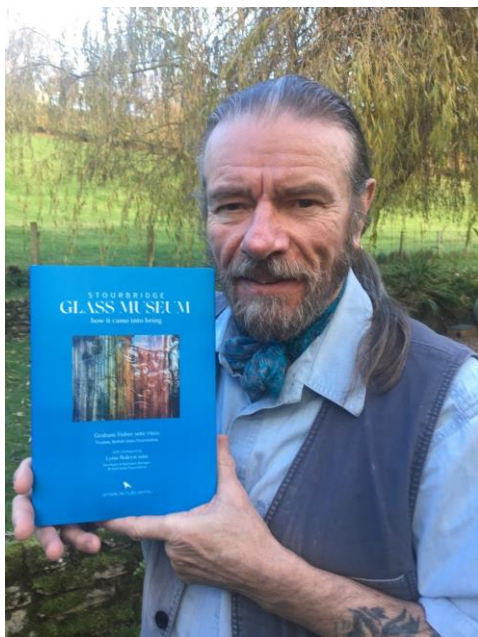


## Looking good

Every single member of our wonderful front-of-house volunteers team goes above and beyond in making people welcome to Stourbridge Glass Museum. Eileen Sanders is not only one of them, she is also a dab-hand at flower-arranging. Here's her latest offering in the foyer; we think it's lovely and are delighted to share it with our readers.



## Supplies replenished



A big thank you to all of you who have purchased copies of our most recent publication *Stourbridge Glass Museum; how it came in to being*. We are pleased to report that, thanks to your interest, we have almost sold out. But fret not, for a reprint is on the way so supplies will be maintained. (And remember, it makes a wonderful Christmas gift – Ed).

For anyone not yet familiar with the book it offers a warts-and-all account of the development of our new museum right from the initial formation of the British Glass Foundation – with its early dreams and aspirations but very little else – right through to the official opening in 2023 by HRH The Duke of Gloucester. It retails at £10, with every penny going to BGF/SGM funds, and is available through the usual outlets including Amazon, or straight off the counter when you next visit the museum.

## ***Stourbridge Glass Museum*** information corner

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

## Blue for you

Here's a quick update to say the Blue Vase project is still well on track and we will be making an announcement about its launch and what-have-you in due course. In the meantime you can still see Terri working on it at the museum; she'd be delighted if you were to stop by and have a chat.



## GIFTS AND 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**.

## 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*)

All quiet this time around, although we have been answering some intriguing questions that may lead to some additions to our collections in due course. More to follow, as it occurs.

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Keep up with developments down at the studio and his work throughout IFoG via Al's media feeds. His latest news is also now available [here](#)

### Just a reminder ...

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### And finally ...

*'This modern life can be so confusing. I've arranged a date with a lovely girl who self-identifies as a wheelie bin. Now I can't remember if I'm taking her out on Wednesday or Thursday. Ho hum. Still, it beats the time I used to play my grandad at who can get the best Schadenfreude. But he's dead now so I suppose I win, eh?'*

Just remind me, did I come in with a coat?

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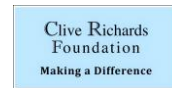


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