



A visit to the two-day Enys House Antiques & Decorative Fair includes entry to Enys Gardens.

FAIR OF THE MONTH

Enys House Antiques & Decorative Fair

Around 30 selected dealers will display their finds throughout the ground floor of the grand 1830s Enys House in Cornwall, as well as in its coach houses, yard and old tennis court for this popular annual event. Expect a mix of period furniture, rugs, folk art, gardenalia, architectural salvage and more. The house is rarely open to the public, so it's a good chance to have a snoop in this beautiful mansion. 'When you are there you can immerse yourself in the house and gardens and imagine what it was like when it was fully up and running as a working estate and house,' says organiser Ralph Retallack. 'The house has not been lived in for several decades and is "beautifully shabby". It is the perfect backdrop for an antiques fair.' 25th–26th September, Enys Gardens, St Gluivias, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 9LB. 10am–5pm Saturday, 10am–4pm Sunday. £5 (includes entry to Enys Gardens). 07966 534181; ludgatehouseantiques.com; @ludgatehouseantiques

& Collectors Fair, Oswestry Showground, Shropshire, SY11 4AB. 8.30am–3.30pm Saturday, 9am–3pm Sunday. £3.50. 07584 357808; josevents.co.uk

19th Himley Hall Antiques and Collectors Fair, Himley Hall, Himley, Dudley, DY3 4DF. 9am–4pm. £2. 01384 817817; himleyhallandpark.co.uk

19th Malvern Flea & Collectors Market, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW. 7.30am–3.30pm. £5. 01636 676531; b2bevents.info

25th–26th Derby Conference Centre Antiques & Collectors Fair, London Road, Derby, Derbyshire, DE24 8UX. 9am–5pm Saturday, 9am–4pm Sunday. £3 (£4 before 10am Sat). 01332 830444;

jaguarfairs.com

25th–26th Shrewsbury Flea, West Midlands Showground, Berwick Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 2PF. 8.30am–3.30pm Saturday, 9am–3pm Sunday. £3.50. 07584 357808; jos-events.co.uk

27th Runway Monday at Newark Antiques and Collectors Market, Newark & Nottinghamshire Showground, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 2NY. 8am–early afternoon. £5 (£10 before 10am). 01636 702326; iacf.co.uk

East

5th The Autumn Grand Brocante, Glemham Hall, Little Glemham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0BT. 9am–3pm. £3. ablackdogevent.com

11th The Norwich Brocante, St Andrews Hall, St Andrews Plain, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1AU. 8am–3.30pm. £2 (£3 before 9am). 07921 707116; norwichbrocante.com

12th Antiques & Collectors Fair, Sarratt Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt, Hertfordshire, WD3 6AS. 9.30am–4pm. £1. 07887 648255; marcellairs.co.uk

13th Mid Suffolk Mondays, Stonham Barns Park, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, IP14 6AT. 7am–2pm. £5. 01449 797175; stonhambarns.co.uk

19th St Albans Antique and Vintage Market, St Peters Street, St Albans, AL1 3DH. 9am–3pm. Free. stalbansantiqueandvintagemarket.com

25th–26th Long Melford Antiques & Vintage Fair, The Old School, Long Melford, Suffolk, CO10 9DX. 9.30am–4pm. £1. 07837 497617; melfordantiquesfair.co.uk

26th Antique & Vintage Outdoor Market at The Museum of Power, Langford Museum of Power, Steam Pumping Station, Hatfield Road, Langford, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6QA. 10am–4pm. £3. 07519 276507; haddonevents.co.uk

South

3rd–5th Petersfield Antiques Fair, Festival Hall, Heath Road, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4EA. 10am–5pm (closes 4pm Sunday). Free. 01825 744074; penman-fairs.co.uk

4th Vintage & Very Nice Handmade and Vintage Market, Assembly Room, North Street, Chichester, PO19 1LQ. 10am–4pm. Free. vintageandverynice.co.uk

4th Wanstead Vintage, Wanstead United Reformed Church, Nightingale Lane, Wanstead, E11 2HD. 10.30am–4.30pm. £2.50 (£4 from 9.30am). wansteadvintage.com; @wansteadvintage

5th Adams Antiques Fair, Lindley Hall, The Royal Horticultural Halls, 80 Vincent Square, London, SW1P 2PE. 10am–4.30pm. £4. 020 7254 4054; adamsantiquesfairs.com

5th The Big London Flea, Earth, 13–15 Stoke Newington Road, London, N16 8BH. 11am–6pm. £1. hackneyfleamarket.com

5th Wimbledon Homes & Antiques Fair, Prince George's Playing Fields, London, SW20 8TE.

10am–3pm. £1. 01932 230946; sw19antiques.com

7th–8th Ardingly International Antiques & Collectors Market, South of England Showground, Ardingly, Nr Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6TL. 9am–5pm Tuesday, 8am–4pm Wednesday. £20 Tuesday, £5 Wednesday. 01636 702326; iacf.co.uk

11th–12th Hackney Flea Market, Abney Hall, 73a Church Street, Hackney, London, N16 0AS. 11am–6pm. Free. hackneyfleamarket.com

11th–12th Detling Antiques, Vintage & Collectors Market, Kent County Showground, Detling, nr Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3JF. 8.30am–4.30pm Saturday, 10am–3.30pm Sunday. £5 Saturday (£6 before 10am), £4 Sunday. 01636 676531; b2bevents.info

12th Dorking Decorative Vintage Brocante, St Martin's Walk, Dorking High Street, Surrey, RH4 1UX. 11am–4pm. Free. 07952 689717; dovehousefineantiquesfairs.com

14th & 28th Sunbury Antiques Market, Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Road East, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, TW16 5AQ. 6.30am–2pm. Free (£10 before 8.30am, £5 8.30am–10am). 01932 230946; sunburyantiques.com

18th Whitstable Brocante, Whitstable Umbrella Centre, 10 Oxford Street, Whitstable, CT5 1DD. 10am–4pm. Free. 07903 286144

19th Dorking Halls Antiques & Decorative Arts Fair, Dorking Halls, Reigate Road (A25), Surrey, RH4 1SG. 10.30am–4pm (trade from 9.30am). £2.50. dovehousefineantiquesfairs.com

19th London Antique Textiles and Tribal Art Fair, Hilton London Olympia Hotel, 380 Kensington High Street, London, W14 8NL. 10am–4.30pm. £5. 020 8543 3028; pa-antiques.co.uk

21st White Door Brocante, The Barn, Goosecroft Lane, Purley on Thames, Berkshire, RG8 8BW. 10.30am–3.30pm. £5. whitedoorbrocante.co.uk

21st Epsom Racecourse Antiques & Collectables Fair, Epsom Racecourse, Epsom Downs, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5LQ. 9am–3pm. £3. 01584 873634; continuityfairs.co.uk

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AUCTION INSIDER

Alex Froggatt

We peek into the busy working life of one of the youngest specialists at the Essex-based auction house *Sworders*



I grew up in Stourbridge in the Midlands, the home of English glassmaking, so glass has always been part of my heritage. When I was 15, I got a local weekend job at Fieldings Auctioneers and my interest in glass grew from there. I started buying and selling glass online and at car boot sales. I enjoyed researching things and glass became more tangible to me; classic pieces of design that I might be able to afford. I've carried on collecting punchy pieces of studio glass by makers such as American anglophile Sam Herman and Sweden's Vicke Lindstrand. Compared to studio ceramics, studio glass is very reasonable and a collecting field that is not as well known.

After A Levels, I wanted to get an apprenticeship rather than go to university, so I joined Fieldings full-time. I worked there for three years, learning the ropes and, in 2017, when I was 19, I was awarded runner-up in the Novice Auctioneer of the Year competition, co-sponsored by the *Antiques Trade Gazette*. I joined *Sworders* as a glass specialist at the company's Herford office, doing probate, valuations, cataloguing and home visits. I've just taken on a new role as manager of the

fortnightly *Homes & Interiors* sale, and I'm working with the head of the 20th-century design department, John Black, to bring more studio glass to the Design sales.

We see a lot of good glass from all periods. One client recently brought in a glass taperstick, c1730–40, that had belonged to his dealer grandfather, which sold for £1,500. Another client consigned a c1940 Murano vase that made £2,800. One of the highlights of my job is driving around the Essex, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire countryside unearthing interesting things and talking to people about what they've got. I've found expensive French art glass such as a Daum Frères cameo vase or a Lalique piece hidden away at the back of shelves, covered in dust – people don't realise how valuable they are. 01279 817778; sworders.co.uk



RIGHT A glass taperstick, c1730–40, sold for £1,500; a Lalique 'Ceylan' vase, designed in 1924, made £3,500; a Murano glass vase, c1940, with 'Gemmato' decoration was probably designed by Ercole Barovier and made £2,800.