

The Cotswolds Decorative Antiques & Art Fair

Westonbirt School, near Tetbury,
Gloucestershire GL8 8QG

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Bristol Dealer Offers Rare Burmantofts Pottery at Cotswolds Autumn Antiques Fair

A fabulous collection of Burmantofts Pottery will be going on sale at The Cotswolds Decorative Antiques & Fair at Westonbirt School, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire from 27th - 29th October 2017.

Bristol dealer Brian Ashbee has been collecting Burmantofts for several years and has acquired a large collection of around 250 pieces. He will be offering a fascinating choice of colourful examples across all the various styles, with prices from around £60 to £1,500.

Burmantofts pottery dates from the late 19th century and was made by a factory in Leeds. Its style is very much in keeping with the designs of the Arts & Crafts movement of the period, with single pieces hand-made by skilled potters and colourfully decorated. Early pieces were complex creations and many reflected the interest in Oriental art and pieces from antiquity. Large jardinières, vases and chargers were popular, multi-coloured with incised and tube-lined decoration. Quirky grotesques are modelled as frogs masquerading as spoon warmers. Wall and floor tiles, wall panes and grand room heaters shaped like Moorish minarets complete the range of architectural and household objects.



*Burmantofts 'Persian'
design vase*



*A selection of Burmantofts
monochrome pieces.*

Says Brian: 'Burmantofts is a neglected area of collecting. It has a fascinating history, it's very colourful, interesting and wonderfully decorative. And with pieces from £60 upwards, it's very affordable and looks stunning in a modern setting despite being over 100 years old. While the Burmantofts output never matched that of Moorcroft, William de Morgan or later makers like Clarice Cliff, so the appeal to collectors is often that much stronger.'

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The Cotswolds Decorative Antiques & Fair is a hugely popular event with collectors, interior decorators and home furnishers across the West Country.

Taking place at the charming and historic Westonbirt House, now an independent school, more than forty specialist dealers present their stock over the main hall, Orangery and adjoining rooms. A restaurant provides light meals and refreshments throughout the three days.

Exhibiting as usual will be W.R.Harvey Antiques from Witney who specialises in the Georgian and Regency periods and pieces for the drawing-room, dining-room and study; and Barry Cotton Antiques, also with period furniture and a variety of decorative accessories.

Candice Horley, who trades as Twentieth Century Glamour will be showing vintage 1950's handbags and 1920's-70's sparkling costume jewellery with signed piece from such highly sought-after makers as Trifari, Dior, Miriam Haskell, Joseff, Monet and Marcel Boucher.

Widening the range of pieces on sale even more will be Fu Ts'ang Lung Oriental Antiques with a range of Chinese and Tibetan carvings, bronzes, drawings and works of art. Fine quality Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau silver feature on the stand of Shapiro & Co who specialise in late 19th and early 20th century European and Russian collector's pieces.

Jewellery and silver is also strongly represented by specialists including Brieve Antiques and Plaza.

Joining the fair for the first time will be David Stoddart of Black Ink Masterprints, the Cotswolds-based company specialising in original signed prints by famous 20th century artists including Picasso, Miro, Egon Schiele, Ben Nicholson and Marc Chagall amongst others.

The fair is open 11am-5pm daily.

Admission is £5.00.

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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.

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