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# ART & ANTIQUES

## FOR EVERYONE • SUMMER

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### FOR DECORATIVE INTERIORS

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### **Art & Antiques for Everyone - Summer**

*The largest vetted fair outside London for the  
widest range of antiques, art and decorative interior pieces.*

**National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham B40 INT  
19 – 22 July 2018**



The summer Art & Antiques for Everyone fair takes place at National Exhibition Centre from 19 – 22 July 2018. The largest vetted art, antiques and interiors fair outside London, it is an international hub for antique collectors, connoisseurs, dealers, interior decorators and anyone interested in 20<sup>th</sup> century design, Mid Century Modern and contemporary art and sculpture.

Followers of the fair, which began in 1986, will notice a change of title – ‘Art’ has been included in the title in recognition of the increasing commitment of leading specialist art and sculpture dealers who are regular exhibitors. The fair is also popular with interior decorators, a fact further reflected in the title. Fair Director Mary Claire Boyd explains: ‘More specialist art collectors, dealers and interior decorators than ever are coming to buy and sell and we considered the time is right to recognise this change in our title. Of course, regular antique collectors will find no fewer traditional antiques specialists, in addition to the many dealers with 20<sup>th</sup> century pieces that are so increasingly sought after too.’

Around 200 specialist dealers take part in a fair that is divided into distinct areas, one providing an elegant collection of prestige stands for the finest and rarest pieces, including traditional antique furniture, Asian works of art, the Decorative Arts, British and European paintings and 20<sup>th</sup> century designer pieces; the other a prime sourcing marketplace for Scandinavian furniture, glass and ceramics, vintage jewellery, textiles, the earliest English pottery, porcelain, folk art, antiquarian maps and prints.

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With so many specialist collecting areas, the fair is always busy. Asian arts, from China, Japan and the Indian subcontinent, have become increasingly popular and the fair attracts expats and visiting collectors adding to their collections.

Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau and Art Deco is always highly sought after. There are many specialists Hickmet Fine Art, London, with Art Deco and Art Nouveau bronze sculpture and glass; Jeroen Markies, specialising in furniture, bronzes and lighting; ArtDecoArt has original French prints from £25, fine clocks and silver; Solo Antiques offer Art Nouveau and Art Deco bronze sculpture and glass; and James Strang shows an esoteric display of rare Scottish Arts & Crafts, furniture, glass and pictures. Morgan Strickland Decorative Art showcases Arts & Crafts and Art Nouveau silver; Deco Dave shows lighting and ceramics; Shine on Design with Art Deco furniture and lighting and Andrew Muir, showing Clarice Cliff, Moorcroft and Italian studio pottery.

Mid-Century Modern and Scandinavian designer pieces, very much in vogue, are represented by several specialists including James Strang with 1950's furniture and Lynways, specialising in Scandinavian pottery and glass. Says James Strang: 'At the spring NEC fair, I sold a 1950's designer cupboard that attracted a great deal of interest from collectors. This is very much an area in which I am sure the fair will be moving forward.'

Traditional art and antiques from the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries are as popular as ever. The furniture specialists include Melody Antiques with 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century pieces; Mark Buckley Antiques showing Victorian and Edwardian inlaid walnut and mahogany furniture; Cantelo with upholstered furniture and accessories; and Tim Saltwell Antiques with 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century English and Continental furniture and clocks.

In other areas, silver specialists include Jack Shaw Antiques; Stephen Marsh Antiques, John Bull Antiques and Acorn Antiques.

Around the galleries, traditional 19<sup>th</sup> century and 20<sup>th</sup> century watercolours mix with contemporary works and sculpture of all periods. Art of the Imagination show works by illustrators, Saunders Fine Art sell fine 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century European and British works, and Stephen Welbourne Fine Art specialises in traditional English watercolours.

The fair is also well known for its wide range of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century jewellery. Plaza, Greenstein Antiques, Daryl Gigg, Scarab, Anderson Jones; Shapiro & Co, Grasilver (specialising in Georg Jensen and Scandinavian pieces) and Dansk Silver offer a wide range of pieces and prices.

The fair has many additional attractions:

**Feature Display: The Button Hook Society**

Buttonhooks appear in many shapes and sizes, and materials utilised range from steel to gold, and from early plastic to inlaid gems. The Button Hook Society be presenting a superb display of button hooks and associated historic pieces.

**Celebrity Talks held daily:**

**Judith Miller**

*Judith Miller began collecting in the 1960s while a student at Edinburgh University. She has since become one of the world's leading experts in antiques & collecting and known worldwide for the Millers Guide books. She is a regular specialist on TV, notably on BBC's Antiques Roadshow.*



**Will Farmer**

*Will's passion for antiques began at the age of 4 months old when he went to his first auction. By the age of 12, he had his own stall at a local fair. Today he is a dealer, writer and BBC Antiques Roadshow expert in Ceramics, Glass and Decorative Arts.*



**Vetted & Datelined for Quality and Assurance**

Antiques for Everyone is a vetted fair by a team of ninety experts assembled to ensure that exhibits are professionally presented and accurately labelled.

**NOTES:**

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**PUBLIC VISITOR INFORMATION**

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**Admission: £16.00 including free car parking.**

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

**Public Open Times: Thurs-Sat 11am-6pm / Sun 11am-5pm**

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