

Spend a Sumptuous Summer with CGS

Featuring the latest from the Contemporary Glass Society

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After a successful 25th anniversary celebration year in 2022, the Contemporary Glass Society (CGS) is delighted to be continuing with a new series of exhibitions in 2023. CGS is collaborating with the Buckenham Galleries in Southwold, Suffolk in England for the first time to present the *Sumptuous Summer* exhibition. It began on June 1 and will continue through July 15, 2023.

Celebrating the Warmth and Pleasures of Summer

CGS is the UK's foremost organization for supporting established artists, nurturing up-and-coming makers, and promoting contemporary glass in the wider art world. Situated in the heart of the lovely seaside town of Southwold, the Buckenham Gallery is an independent fine art gallery and is one of East Anglia's leading contemporary art galleries. This is a partnership made in heaven!

The *Sumptuous Summer* exhibition celebrates the warmth and sensuous pleasure of summertime. The artists have had the opportunity to explore anything that relates to this glorious season, which extends from the June solstice to the September equinox. Exhibiting a wide range of contemporary glass art, the show features a mix of wall pieces as well as plinth-based work. All of the pieces are for sale and cover a wide range of prices, making contemporary glass attainable to all!

Exploring the Versatility of Glass Art

Twenty-nine lucky and hugely talented artists were chosen across a wide spectrum of techniques and styles that demonstrate the versatility of this fascinating material. The selection was made by the gallery owners and internationally renowned glass artist David Reekie, whose studio is located not far away in Norfolk, England.

The following artists were selected to share their work during the *Sumptuous Summer* exhibition.

- Alison Allum • Andrey Bennett • Beverley Bunn • Teresa Chlapowski
- Jeanette Cook • Julie Anne Denton • Magda Gay • Hannah Gibson
- Helen Hancock • Catherine Hough • Susan Kinley • Jane Littlefield
- Marian Monas • Jackie Monk • Emmy Palmer • Susan Purser Hope
- Lesley Pyke • Ana Laura Quintana • David Reekie • Morag Reekie
- Annie Ross • Annica Sandström with David Kaplan • Katrina Shearlaw
- Cathryn Shilling • Phillipa Silcock • Kathryn Sumroy • Nancy Sutcliffe
- Frans Wesselman • Maria Zulueta

An exhibition preview on June 3 enabled gallery visitors and potential customers to view the array of glorious glass close up. They were also able to meet the artists and find out more about their work and techniques. *Sumptuous Summer*—a riot of color, sparkle, and sunshine—is a dazzling opportunity not to be missed!

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Cathryn Shilling, *Garniture Rainbow Vessel I*,
20 cm x 16 cm, 2023. Photo Ester Segarra.

Beverley Bunn,
Sunset Over the Airfield (West),
47 cm x 37 cm, 2023.
Photo by the artist.



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