

Tuesday, 10 December, 2019

Colin Brain:

In Search of British Seventeenth - Century British Glass

This talk is about the fun of researching and collecting drinking glasses dating from the period 1662-1702, and about some of the people, like Robert Charleston and David Watts, who provided help and encouragement. In particular, Colin will discuss his efforts to rely less on stylistic attributions in favour of more objective measures such as density and UV-fluorescence.

Colin was introduced to the delights of antique glass by his first wife Sue whilst studying for his engineering degree. They began collecting drinking glass in 1968, initially Victorian. However, their focus quickly moved earlier, and they soon became sceptical about the published narrative of British 17th-century glass.

50 years on and this initial scepticism has proved well-founded, but there are still a lot of surprises. Sue **passed away** in 2015, but Colin's interest continued, aided by **his** new partner Anne.

Colin has been a long-standing member of both the Glass Association and the Glass Circle, a member of the Society for Glass Technology and recently completed a four-year term as president of the Association for the History of Glass.



At: The Art Workers' Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1N

(Gradidge Room, first floor – please give notice if you need help with mobility)

Time: The lecture will start promptly at **19.15**. Coffee and light refreshments are provided from 18.30. The meeting will finish by 21.00

Co-Hosts

To book, please email the Meetings Organiser, annelh60@hotmail.com by the 8th December, with the number of people coming at £15.00 each for members and £18.00 each for guests. You may pay by cash on the night or a cheque made payable to *The Glass Circle*.

Next Meetings: 2020, Thursday 12 March, Thursday 16 April