The Glass Society

Glass Society Free Zoom talk

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A Century in Glass: The Innovation of Art Deco

7pm BST, Thursday 9th October 2025

Alex works as a senior valuer, specialising in glass, at Sworders Fine Art Auctioneers in Essex. Marking the centenary of the Art Deco movement, this talk explores the remarkable innovations in glassmaking that defined the era. From the iconic works of René Lalique to the brilliance of lesser-known names, we will explore key techniques such as etching, moulding, pâte de verre, and engraving that gave Art Deco glass its distinctive style. By highlighting both celebrated and overlooked makers, the talk reveals how craftsmanship, technology, and design converged to shape a modern aesthetic that still resonates a century on.

Born in Stourbridge, he has been working within auction houses since the age of 15. Initially, his interest was piqued with mid-20th century Scandinavian glass, followed shortly by 18th century stemware. Subsequently, a path of self-research, museum visits, and conversing with collectors ensued, and it still forms a big part of his professional and personal life.

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TO BOOK: Please reply to Anne Lutyens-Stobbs at GSMeetings@outlook.com, by the 7th October. Please note, places are limited. You will be sent details of how to join the Zoom meeting before the talk.

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