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Glass Society Free Zoom talk

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Talents hidden in plain sight: fresh observations of the art of Thomas (1747-1826) and Mary Beilby (1749 – 1797)

7pm GMT, Thursday 11 December 2025



Long overshadowed by his renowned elder brother William, Thomas Beilby's contributions to glass enamelling have often been overlooked. This talk uncovers Thomas's vital collaboration within the Beilby workshop, charting his career as a talented enameller, accomplished drawing master, and resourceful entrepreneur. Simon Cottle also examines the work of William, Thomas and Mary Beilby alongside that of Anthony Taylor, another Newcastle enameller of the same period - revealing some unexpected insights. Simon, a specialist in historic glass, has worked in British provincial museums and London salerooms since 1980. He currently serves as Chairman and President of the Glass Society and is a Fellow of the Corning Museum of Glass.

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