

UK Fairs Special 2024

Whether you're searching for a key piece to complete your collection, or hoping to find interiors inspiration and a few decorative items to update your home, a fair is the place to start, says Charlotte Packer



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We've rounded up the premier events to have in your diary for 2024 and the start of 2025.



The Affordable Art Fair returns to Battersea Park from 6th - 10th March / 16th - 20th Oct ...

Affordable Art Fair

Although the Affordable Art Fair – which only features works by living artists – may seem an odd inclusion alongside events that include Old Masters and antiques, this is the place for anyone with an interest in collecting art to cut their teeth.

And, who knows, a purchase made here may well prove to be an heirloom for future generations.

affordableartfair.com (<https://affordableartfair.com/>)



Interiors inspiration at Bath Decorative Antiques Fair - -

Bath Decorative Antiques Fair

The Pavilion, Bath
14th – 16th March

The embodiment of the phrase 'Small is beautiful', this annual fair in the heart of Bath has established itself as a key event for the decorative antiques trade outside London.

Popular with private buyers from the South West and beyond, the fair also has a loyal following within the trade: Spencer Swaffer, one of the UK's most influential dealers, visits every year. 'It's always the first entry made in my diary. The hotel is booked, the van is on hire. I would never miss it,' he says.

This year, around 30 dealers will fill the pavilion with a wonderful variety of treasures, from statement pieces of antique and vintage furniture that will transform a room, to unique decorative accessories that might provide those all-important finishing touches.

The atmosphere is always warm and friendly, and on the first day there is a buzz as visitors vie with one another to snap up that special something.

Although there is no upper limit, prices tend towards the affordable, whether you are in the market for a large piece of furniture, a decorative collectable, or more practical items such as serving platters, glasses or a dinner service. bathdecorativeantiquesfair.co.uk (<http://bathdecorativeantiquesfair.co.uk/>)



There's art aplenty at London Original Print Fair - -

London Original Print Fair

Somerset House, London
21st – 24th March

Founded in 1985, London Original Print Fair is the capital's longest-running fair, and a celebration of print in all its forms.

As such, it offers visitors the chance to understand a field that can appear complex and confusing to newcomers. Expect to find around 40 stands offering prints ranging across five centuries, and embracing techniques including wood-cut, etching, monotype, lithography and more.

Better still, as the overriding ethos of the fair is to share knowledge and expertise, many artists will be available to talk about their work and there will also be live printmaking sessions. londonoriginalprintfair.com (<https://londonoriginalprintfair.com/>)



The Cotswolds Decorative Antiques Fair at Westonbirt School - -

The Cotswolds Decorative Antiques Fair

Westonbirt School, Tetbury
12th – 14th April

Taking place three times a year (see website for additional dates) this is



Exquisite ceramics on sale at Ceramic Art London are potential heirlooms of the future - -

Ceramic Art London

Kensington Olympia West, London
19th – 21st April

Organised by the Craft Potters Association of Great Britain, Ceramic Art London celebrates its 20th anniversary with a move to a new home at Olympia.

The need for the larger location is testament to the event's growing popularity, as demonstrated by 'hundreds of makers applying to exhibit and an ever-growing visitor base', says fair director Toby Brundin.

It's also evidence that ceramics remain a buoyant area of collecting, with plenty of scope to discover the next Bernard Leach, Lucie Rie or John Ward. [ceramicartlondon.com](https://www.ceramicartlondon.com/) (<https://www.ceramicartlondon.com/>)



If your passion for interiors matches your interest in antiques, then this is the fair for you. Although it takes place three times a year, The Decorative Fair's reputation is such that each edition is hotly anticipated, attracting interior designers worldwide.

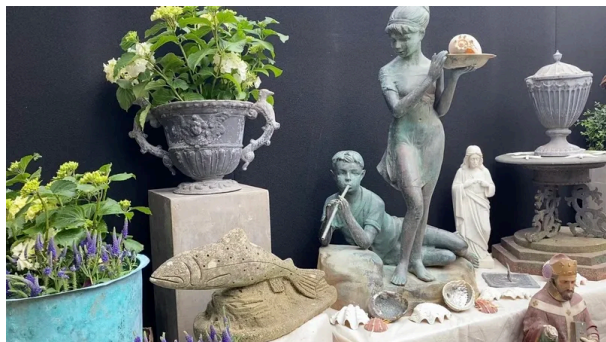
Many of the exhibitors participate season on season, year on year, which gives the fair a collegial atmosphere – and, for regular visitors, this also enables good relationships to grow.

Strong on paintings from all periods (visit Catharine Miller for works post 1950, or Peter Last for frames to transform the works you already own), textiles (Su Mason and Katharine Pole are regulars) and the furniture stands always look stunning: surprising combinations spark trends in the way antiques are used in interior design.

Despite its starry appeal (David Beckham is a regular), it's fun, informal and laid-back. Well-behaved dogs on leads are admitted and there's an all-day restaurant and bar where you can take time out to mull over a possible purchase or simply refuel while people-watching.

Price-points range from the very affordable at under £50, to high-end collectors' pieces fetching £10,000–£25,000. Important works by renowned artists have sold at prices up to £100,000.

decorativefair.com (<https://decorativefair.com/>)



The Annual Buxton Decorative Antiques & Art Fair - -

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Buxton Pavilion, Buxton

10th – 12th May

Another regional treat from Cooper Events, the Buxton fair only takes place once a year and attracts 40 specialists in fine art, furniture, glass, ceramics and decorative accessories.

Its location in this pretty Derbyshire spa town attracts visitors from far and wide, treating themselves to an antiques-filled weekend.

[cooperevents.com](https://www.cooperevents.com/) (<https://www.cooperevents.com/>)



Christopher Clarke Antiques is a regular at The Petworth Park Antiques & Fine Art Fair - -

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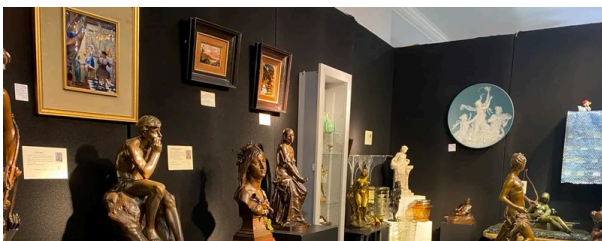
The Marquee, Petworth Park

17th - 19th May

A real treasure of a fair. Held in a large marquee in the grounds of Petworth House, when the sun shines, this fair has the air of a spectacular village fete.

The 60-or-so specialist dealers in all fields are generous with their expertise, and this really is a fair that caters to all tastes, however it's particularly strong on Art Deco furniture, jewellery from the 18th to the 20th century, antique glass, and paintings.

The majority of the exhibitors are members of either BADA or LAPADA and the fair is vetted. An excellent restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating means you really can make a day of it, if not two (which we'd recommend, as Petworth town itself has an excellent selection of antiques shops). petworthparkfair.com (<https://petworthparkfair.com/>).



The Pavilions of Harrogate Decorative, Antiques & Art Fair

The Pavilions of Harrogate, Harrogate
14th – 16th June

A little larger than its fellow stablemates at Cooper Events, this fair has 50 specialist dealers including Mark Goodger, David Hickmet, Shapiro & Co, Dansk Silver, and Peter Bunting.

Visitors can browse a wide range of fine art, early furniture, decorative collectables for the home, as well as jewellery at this event, which takes place three times a year. Check the organiser's website for additional dates. [cooperevents.com](https://www.cooperevents.com/) (<https://www.cooperevents.com/>)

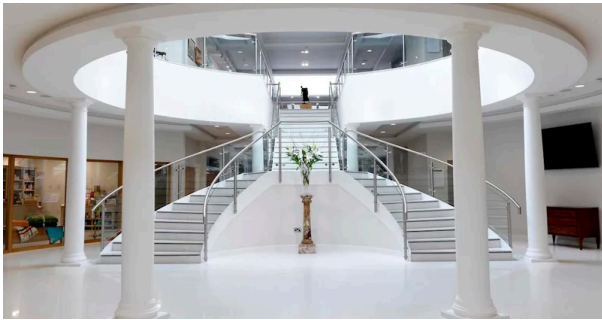


The Treasure House Fair brings together exhibitors from around the world - -

The Treasure House Fair

Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
26th June – 2nd July

Last year's new arrival in the premier league returns to the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea this summer. Like Masterpiece, which it replaced, this is a glamorous event that draws an international audience as well as exhibitors. [treasurehousefair.com](https://www.treasurehousefair.com/) (<https://www.treasurehousefair.com/>)



The Northern Antiques Fair at The Garden Rooms, Tennants - -

The Northern Antiques Fair

The Garden Rooms, Tennants, Leyburn
26th – 29th September

Running since 1951, this prestigious boutique fair is run by the team behind The Petworth Park Fair and The Mayfair Antiques & Fine Art Fair.

Its impressive location – The Garden Rooms and Cloisters at Tennants Auctioneers in Leyburn – sets the tone for an event that offers serious antiques across a broad range of specialisms (Chinese ceramics, rugs, clocks, books and Parian figures, as well as excellent furniture and jewellery).

The spacious location also allows for wide aisles and beautifully curated stands. Many dealers are regulars, making this an event at which you can build a relationship with a dealer and buy with confidence. northernfair.com (<https://northernfair.com/>)



Achille Salvagni Atelier at PAD London 2023 - -

PAD London

Berkeley Square, London
8th – 13th October

The 17th edition of PAD London is certainly a must for anyone with a serious interest in 20th-century art and design.

Dealers come from all over the world, offering an exciting mix of exceptional art and design from the recent past, offered alongside works by contemporary designers and makers. [padesignart.com](https://www.padesignart.com)
(<https://www.padesignart.com/en/london/>)



This fair is held at the prestigious Chester Racecourse - -

The Chester Decorative, Antiques & Art Fair

The County Grandstand, Chester Racecourse
18th – 20th October

A friendly and approachable fair, just like its sister events at Harrogate, Buxton and the Cotswolds. An ideal place to start collecting. [cooperevents.com](https://www.cooperevents.com)
(<https://www.cooperevents.com/>)



Expect to see art, antiques and design of exceptional quality, presented by over 100 dealers, who are at the top of their fields.

lapadalondon.com (<https://lapadalondon.com/>)



Tobias Martin at the Winter Art & Antiques Fair - -

Winter Art & Antiques Fair

The Grand Hall, Olympia London

4th - 10th November

The last London fair of the year, the Winter Art & Antiques Fair is ideally timed for Christmas.

With a strong offering of jewellery and smaller antiques (glass, silver, ceramics and mirrors, as well as wonderful paintings and furniture),

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And certainly you will find yourself perusing the stands alongside an interesting mix of serious collectors and eager Christmas shoppers, giving the fair a festive buzz. [olympia-art-antiques.com](https://www.olympia-art-antiques.com/) (<https://www.olympia-art-antiques.com/>)



Find over 100 specialist dealers at the NEC - -

Antiques & Fine Arts Fair

NEC, Birmingham

29th November - 1st December

A nerve-racking decision, he admitted, but one that really paid off: 'Seeing the pride the exhibitors took in their stands and the excitement on the faces of the visitors as they came in made it all worthwhile.'

Some good trading helped, of course, and the event was such a success it will return this year with a significant number of important dealers. The fair's future looks bright. [classicantiquefairs.co.uk](http://www.classicantiquefairs.co.uk) (<https://www.classicantiquefairs.co.uk/>)

Fairs to look forward to in 2025



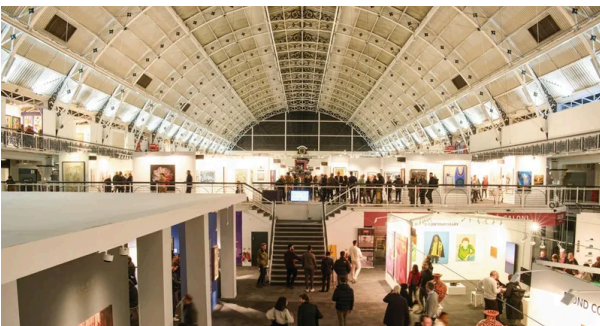
The antiques year starts in style with The Mayfair Antiques & Fine Art Fair - -

The Mayfair Antiques & Fine Art Fair

London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London
9th - 12th January 2025

Now in its 11th year, the Mayfair Antiques & Fine Art Fair is firmly established as the opening event of the year. With just 40 dealers, it styles itself as a boutique event, suited to its surroundings in the London Marriott Hotel, and aimed primarily at serious collectors and the interior design trade.

But, as with all fairs, this is open to anyone with an interest in antiques and fine art, and collectors at all levels will find wonderful items on offer, from ancient civilisations through to the late 20th century. mayfairfair.com (<http://mayfairfair.com>)



Established in 1989, the London Art Fair offers visitors a chance to engage with some of the best modern and contemporary art galleries in the UK, alongside exciting emerging talent.

Prices range from stellar to very affordable, making this a popular fair for seasoned collectors, as well as visitors looking to embark on their collecting journey. [londonartfair.co.uk](https://www.londonartfair.co.uk/) (<https://www.londonartfair.co.uk/>)



An impressive selection of rugs on the Aaron Nejad Gallery stand at LARTA, which takes place every January --

LARTA

Evolution Centre, Battersea Park, London
January 2025

The London Antique Rug and Textile Art Fair (LARTA) is London's premier event dedicated to handmade carpets, rugs, tribal weavings and antique costume from around the world.

With the aim of promoting this vibrant art form to a wider audience, the fair is a visual feast of colour and texture, and dealers can be relied upon to bring an exciting and eclectic selection of stock.

They are also happy to source items and advise on restoration. [larta.net](https://www.larta.net/) (<https://www.larta.net/>)



CADA has been held at Compton Verney for the last three years, but moves to London in 2025 --

CADA Fair

Chelsea Old Town Hall, London
20th – 23rd March 2025

The annual showcase for members of the Cotswold Art & Antiques Dealers' Association (with one or two guest exhibitors) might be one of

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