

Tudor Glass

Manufacturers of
Curved & Convex Glass

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Touch of 'Glass'

New Products update

Wow . . . where to start ?!

So much has been developed in the past 12 - 18 months, with some very exciting and useful products for the framing industry recently released, or very close to release at the time of producing this newsletter.

Briefly, many of you that purchase regularly are likely to be aware of our glass display cases, sports ball mounting clips, and expanded range of sizes in our deep style convex glass (most notably extra square and rectangle sizes).

Other products ready to release are the cricket bat mounting kit (story below), a full vision cricket bat presentation display (pictured right), and a range of old style shaped portrait frames, available complete with convex 'bubble' glass. These are available in stained finishes (walnut & baltic), aged rich gold, & aged rich silver.

We also have developed a miscellaneous display case made from the 170mm dia glass tube.

These are available in different heights, with bases in full glass or stained baltic or walnut finishes.

The cricket bat tube display (pictured right) also has an optional pedestal base to raise the display more to eye level if using it as a stand alone unit.

The full product range is described on page 2.

For further info please contact us, refer page 4 contact details.



Full view cricket bat display

Cricket bat mount kit . . . at last !

We are pleased to announce that our **mounting kit for cricket bats** is completed.

This product makes the task of mounting any style of full size cricket bat to a flat backing board as easy as 1 - 2 - 3 (flat or wedge side up, curved or straight bats, mount them all easily).

1/ Pre fit the bat and mount kit on the backing board in the desired position.

2/ Remove bat, affix the mount through the mat/s and backing board.

3/ Secure the bat in place, and complete the framing.

Bat mounts can be used with our deep cricket bat convex glass with any standard frame (no shadow box required), or if preferred by using flat glass with a traditional style box frame.

Check our website for info.



Our cricket bat mounting kit

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Special points of interest . . .

- Sports ball clip mounts
- Cricket bat mounting kit
- Cricket bat full view display
- Old style portrait frames

Products

Subtle to moderate depth convex glass :

Available in any size up to 1100mm x 930mm, in rectangles, squares, standard size ovals, and circles.

Special shapes can also be made as required.

Portrait 'bubble' glass :

All the popular sizes and shapes are reproduced, and while there is a core range of 6 or so being more common, there are around 12 shapes and sizes we form.

Deep convex glass :

Available in many standard sizes of rectangles, squares, ovals, and circles.

There are special shapes for framing items such as cricket bats, cricket / tennis / golf balls, etc.

We also make the deep convex glass for our new portrait frames, perfect for wedding bouquet framing etc.

Other special shapes can also be made to order as required.

Glass bends :

China cabinet bends, as well as bends for modern furniture, glass displays, feature panels in water sculptures, and many other unusual items, are made to order.

Perhaps there are ways to use glass bends in framing ?

Glass display cases :

Made to order in rectangles, squares, with special standard sizes for displaying footballs in horizontal or vertical format, for basketballs, caps, etc.

Cases for footballs and other types of sports balls / items can be made with glass columns to support the item.

These cases are also excellent for flower bouquet display.

A flower 'spike' can be fitted into the glass base, with the flower bouquet sliding over this to support.

Other cases include the new 170mm dia glass tube display available, with full glass base or stained timber base options being available . . . and the full vision glass display tube for cricket bats (see page 1).

Reproduction portrait frames :

Four of the most popular original shapes / sizes are made in oval, rectangle (pic above this page & on our website), cathedral, and arched.

Available with our regular convex



One of the new shape portrait frames (rectangle) & convex glass

'bubble' glass, our deep style glass, & empty for fitting of flat glass. Finishes include baltic or walnut stains, aged rich gold, & aged rich silver.

Circular frames :

From chunky frame styles, through to contemporary narrower frames, in various diameters.

Refer website or phone for information. Numerous finishes are available in baltic or walnut stain, aged rich gold,

aged rich silver, satin black, & gloss ivory, or raw for client finishing.

Supplied with fitted convex mirror, flat plain or beveled mirror, or empty.

Splitz photo display system :

New design, for standard & panoramic photo prints. Refer to website.

Acrylic accessories :

Sports ball mounting clips for golf balls, tennis balls, cricket balls, and baseballs make it quick and easy to neatly mount and display these items.

Our new cricket bat mount will also make the task of fixing a bat to backing board quick, easy and neat (story page 1).

Convex mirror glass :

Made to order for virtually any circle, oval, square or rectangle frame. Special shapes can also be made.

Other upcoming developments :

Other special shaped frames are being developed, particularly for contemporary style plain and convex mirrors.

Squares and rhombus shapes in sets or individually are on the drawing board. Keep posted on our website for news.

Please e-mail, phone, or fax for a comprehensive products catalogue.

"We have been called on to make many odd shaped and sized glass, for all manner of use.

Please contact us if you have any inquiry regarding more unusual glass needs."

Olde world Sheet :

We take perfect float glass, and form it on our specially hammered moulds to reproduce old fashioned sheet drawn glass. While we make this mostly for the furniture reproduction industry, it is also very useful for framing of old style prints, b&w, and antique prints and maps, etc.

Framing Software / Catalogue News

We are excited that the two main framing software packages, FrameSmart and Framiac, are keen to adapt their software programmes to accept the Tudor Glass range of products.

In the past few months, we have been working closely with Ronny and John to get

this off the ground in the near future.

We are taking the opportunity to use the info and photos we are developing for this move, and adapt these into a new products catalogue, with product codes and photos, and a separate price list

(similar to the All States Frames format).

We plan to have this in printed form, as well as on CD business card (suitable to show clients concept photos), and available in PDF format on a framers section of our website.

To receive info on product releases and catalogue / price list updates, register to be notified by e-mail as changes occur.

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The Framing Show 2004 (Melbourne)

As many of you might have read in the latest Profile Magazine, The Framing Show 2004 will be held at the Camberwell Civic Centre, Melbourne on August 20th - 22nd, 2004.

This new show is being promoted by the Profile Magazine crew, the emphasis of the new show is on education, plus the usual range of suppliers with their goods on display.

Some exciting seminars are planned, including Conservation, CMC's, Glass, Mould / corner samples, Pricing, Digital art, Guilds, Canvas stretching, Retailing, Design, Memorabilia framing, Business management, and Framing for beginners.

With this line up, many seminars will be held in the lead up to the show, to

allow framers to get the education in, and still be able to check out the supplier stands too.

There is a Saturday breakfast planned, with information about framing Guilds and Associations.



Lillies (Photograph by Chris Wight)

"We won't have a display at The Framing Show 2004, but we will be there to take a good look around . . . Please say g'day if you see me (and my wife Anne) wandering about."

The framing competition will feature a limited edition Giclee, 'Lillies' by Chris Wight, printed with quality inks and paper with an Epson 7500 printer.

The competition awards will be announced on Saturday, after the show closes for the day, with a function planned into the early evening.

In all, it should make for a great long weekend framing extravaganza.

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The Art & Framing Trade Fair 2005 (Sydney)

Following the event in Sydney in 2003, the organisers received feedback from numerous sources that the show would be preferred to be held every 2nd year in Sydney.

It seems that many suppliers find the annual event

"The Art & Framing Trade Show looks set to be held in Sydney every 2nd year, the next event planned for July 2005."

difficult, and many framers felt that there is not enough innovation in a year to make the show as interesting as it could be.

The holiday's probably appreciated by many framers though !

So the event is planned for July 22nd - 24th 2005, again held at Fox Studios Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park, Sydney.

Nicholas and Peter of Exhibitions Pty Ltd will continue to organise this event in Sydney, and we'll help keep you posted in our newsletters with info of the 2005 event as they come to hand.

The Picture Framers Guild of South Australia

"A Framing Industry Initiative"

At a well attended meeting of South Australian picture framers in August 2002, a working committee was elected to progress the Picture Framers Guild of South Australia.

This industry initiative was officially launched in August 2003.

In brief, the Picture Framers Guild of South Australia aims to improve industry standards as well as raise the profile of the industry in the community.

The Guild provides a basis for framers

to network amongst themselves, to share knowledge and equipment, and to source information and out of stock items. In addition, the Guild offers the camaraderie of a group of like minded people with social activities such as dinners and weekend seminars.



A series of General Meetings are being held in 2004.

The topics at the meetings range from Understanding Standards; Textile Framing Techniques; Framing with Colour; and Mounting Techniques.

Other events include a mid-year Xmas function and a Members Interactive Workshop; Problem Sol-Ved.

If you are interested in finding out more or becoming a Member of the Picture Framers Guild of South Australia contact :

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Ok, here's a few of my favorite business resource webs . . .

www.google.com.au - An incredibly useful search engine to find information on practically anything.

www.mathconnect.com - For all types of conversions, metric and general.

www.xe.com/ucc/full.shtml - Currency conversion site.

www.timeanddate.com/worldclock - World time zones . . .
Find out the best time to contact others overseas.

www.whitepages.com.au

www.yellowpages.com.au

www.qantas.com.au

www.virginblue.com.au

Add these to your favorites folder for easy access.

*We hope you enjoy
the new format
Tudor Glass
newsletter.
Best regards,
Les and Anne*



**Sports ball mount clips,
available for golf balls, tennis
balls, and a size for cricket
balls and baseballs**

WA visitors call to say G'day . . .

It was great to have Kevin & Petrice, associates of Annalice Framing Creations in WA, call in and visit us in early March.

We had a chance to talk about a few coincidental topics, and of course Kevin & Petrice had a first hand look at most of our products, and some of the soon to be released developments (we seem to have on the go at most times).

Kevin noted "Tudor Glass must be South Australia's best kept secret !"

Thanks folks, you're welcome back next trip too.

Editorial

We're confident about the prospects for the remainder of 2004 and beyond.

Many of our framing friends seem to have had a great start to the year, and are confident that they will have a very good year overall.

We seem to have turned a 'corner' a short while ago, many of you will know what I'm talking about. If you've never had to work like mad to turn that corner, you're extremely lucky !
I expect most of you would have done the 'hard yards' (or united cm perhaps).

Many will still have that first hump to get over, and of course once over it you really do still have to keep working at it to keep it all progressing. (Sorry).

Anyway, keep at it and don't give up, you are not alone.

I know that I've taken on too many projects over the past couple of years. At times it seemed like I'd never finish (or even start !) some projects.

There always seemed to be more of that pesky work pop up and slow me down !

But seriously, it should be that I now have a bit more time on my hands to actually *sell* some of our new 'stuff'.

Next time I feel like expanding things a little, I'm going to do it one project at a time !

Now, what's next then ?

We are pleased to have finally gotten around to joining up as an associate member of the Picture Framers Guild of South Australia.

For a while I've been meaning to, but it always got lost among all the other 'things to do'.

We hope to be able to participate more in helping guild membership become a must for all professional frame shops in South Australia, and to educate ourselves more to what framers are generally concerned with in their day to day work.

This can in turn help us make our products better, and to possibly develop other useful items to make life easier and more creative for framers.

Until we next 'talk'.

Cheers,
Les

