

## NEWS

PEOPLE, EVENTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF CARPETS, TEXTILES, ISLAMIC AND RELATED ARTS

**FAIR FOCUS IN LONDON**

The demise of the Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair in 2009 means that London in June has changed shape completely in 2010 with two new fairs being launched that will vie for dealers' and buyers' attention alike with three other events. The fun begins with the third KARMA (Kensington Antique Rug Mercantile Association) show, from 4-7 June 2010 at 202 Apartments, 202 Kensington Church Street (visit [www.karma.eu.com](http://www.karma.eu.com) for information about exhibitors and 'lectures'), which runs at the same time as Olympia, renamed the London International Fine Art Fair, 4-13 June. These are followed by the second edition of the Russian, Eastern & Oriental Fine Art Fair, which has moved into the Ballroom at the Park Lane Hotel, 9-12 June, and the first of two new fairs for 2010, Art Antiques London, 9-16 June. Launched by the well-known international fair organisers Anna and Brian Houghton, this high-end fair will occupy a purpose-built marquee in Kensington Gardens, opposite the Royal Albert Hall. Exhibitors include the London carpet dealer Keshishian, who will show this dramatic Alexander Morton designed Killybegs-made Donegal carpet from ca. 1900.

The final fair in this busy season is the second new launch, Masterpiece, at the end of the month, 24-29 June. This is a co-operative venture between high-end dealers Mallett, Apter-Fredericks, Ronald Phillips, London luxury retailer Asprey, and fair stand builder Stabulo International. This event, to be held in a specially designed modular structure in the former Chelsea Barracks, aims to unite traditional decorative arts with contemporary design, as well as fine wine, vintage cars and jewellery, within a vetted format. All of this, along with BRUNEAF, the non-Western art event in Brussels, 9-13 June, will give London a buzz during the month of June. HALI will be available at all of the events listed above.

**ANTIQUe RUGS IN SURREY**

Farnham Antique Carpets opened at the end of 2009 at The Old Parsonage in Church Street, Crondall, Surrey under the ownership of Roderic Davies, Stephen Marsh and Kristian Vanneman, all of whom worked with the late Karel Weijand at his Farnham gallery. The gallery is five minutes from Farnham and open to visitors. For more information either call +44 (0)1252 851 215 or visit [www.farnhamantiquecarpets.com](http://www.farnhamantiquecarpets.com).

**TRIBAL RUGS IN MADRID**

Estudio-H, Textil Tribal & Decoración, exhibiting for the second consecutive year at the Almoneda Antiques & Art Fair in Madrid (10-18 April 2010), showed a selection of the antique rugs and textiles from Morocco, Iran, Afghanistan, Central Asia and Africa that exhibit the refined ethnic/tribal aesthetic that characterises the company's signature style and has won its owner, Jose Luis Herrero, many local and international customers over recent years. Both HALI and COVER were available on his stand.