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serious pursuits

Auctions, antique fairs and diverting activities, chosen by Ariadne Fletcher





1 Stephanus Heidacker, Young Man, 2015, Intersect Palm Springs, 11-13 Feb.
2 Lara Scobie, Large Oval Vessel, Craft Scotland at Collect, 27 Feb3 March. 3 Chelsea blue-ground and gilt plate, c1765, Dreweatts, 15-16 Feb

BRITAIN

ONGOING BRIXTON LIFE DRAWING. Back with a regular programme of classes both online and in-person – either at the Hope and Anchor on Brixton Hill, the usual haunt, or at London landmarks such as Southwark Cathedral. Details: brixtonlifedrawing.com.

5-6 FEBRUARY ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, LONDON W1 **CONSTABLE AND BRITISH LANDSCAPE**. 'Painting is but another word for feeling,' the aforementioned artist once said. Discover for yourself just how much feeling he poured into those atmospheric landscapes of his on this weekend course, which includes entry to the RA's *Late Constable* exhibition. Details: royalacademy.org.uk.

 $\textbf{15-16} \textbf{FEBRUARY} \textbf{ ONLINE} \ \underline{\textbf{INTERIORS SALE}}. \ \underline{\textbf{A}} \ \textbf{two-day} \ \textbf{auction} \ \textbf{extravaganza} \\ \textbf{courtesy} \ \textbf{ of Dreweatts}. \ \underline{\textbf{Details}}. \ \textbf{dreweatts.com}.$

20 FEBRUARY ONLINE **CECIL BEATON: MALICE IN WONDERLAND.** Join Hugo Vickers, Beaton's biographer, as he delves into excerpts from his own diaries for this virtual lecture. Details: thelasttuesdaysociety.org.

22 FEBRUARY-29 MARCH ONLINE ICONIC HOUSES OF THE 20TH CENTURY. House training: the V&A Academy kicks off a month-long lecture series exploring seminal buildings. Details: vam.ac.uk.

23 FEBRUARY BONHAMS, MONTPELIER ST, LONDON SW7 IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND: SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL. The auction house hosts a sale of miniature masterpieces, from books to micro mosaics. Details: bonhams.com.
26 FEBRUARY TOWER HILL GARDENS, LONDON EC3 THE WALLS OF LONDON WALKING TOUR. Know your boundaries: over the centuries it's been tinkered with, part demolished, concealed by buildings, and revealed by the Blitz – as you'll discover if you tag along to guide Paul Lincoln's promenade of discovery. Details: open-city.org.uk.

27 FEBRUARY-3 MARCH SOMERSET HOUSE, STRAND, LONDON WC2 COLLECT. The event for fans of craft and design returns online and in person with

40 galleries from around the world, installations and a lively programme of talks. Details:

somersethouse.org.uk.

OUTSIDE BRITAIN

11-13 FEBRUARY CONVENTION CENTER, 277 NORTH AVENIDA CABALLEROS, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262 INTERSECT PALM SPRINGS. Expect a heady mix of modern art and design. For those unable to attend the fair proper, Artsy will be hosting an online version where you can view – and buy – wherever you happen to be. Details: intersectpalmsprings.com

