

VOTE OF THANKS - Pat Corless

Volunteers

Volunteers from the Society willingly take on a number of additional tasks, with support from the Friends of Lowther Pavilion.

If you would like to help, please speak to any of the volunteers working on an activity that you would like to support or feel free to contact Rita Calvert on 01253 735377.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who help in the work of The Arts Society Fylde.

Greeting and Reception

Kirsteen McGlashan-Hansen,
Valerie McLachlan, Sue Barker,
Elaine Wolstenholme, Pam Foster,
John Drifill, Gerry Corless,
Bernard Davies, Barbra Cropper

Grand Theatre Visit

Olga Depledge

Raffle

Christine Cockburn, Lesley Jarvis

Christmas Lunch

Alicia Grant

New Members, Membership and Payments

Christina McHugh, Denise Malpas,
Roland Darbyshire, Jean Holland,
Nigel Bramley-Haworth, Rita Calvert

Lecture Leaflet

Tony Depledge

Refreshments

Volunteers from the Friends of
Lowther Pavilion

NEXT LECTURE

Wednesday 6 November 2019

At the Lowther Pavilion Theatre at 2pm
Joanna Banham on The Roaring Twenties;
Art, Design and High Society

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Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 2pm

Lowther Pavilion, Lytham St Annes, FY8 5QQ

£8 (Free for members of The Arts Society Fylde)

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Supporting the Arts in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre

THE GATE OF HEROES - ON THE CHINA TRAIL

For the Society's 10th birthday, we welcome another eminent speaker to the Fylde Coast. The first of the two editions of the BBC's popular Antiques Roadshow that were recorded earlier this year at Lytham Hall was broadcast this week - and today we welcome the Roadshow's ceramics expert, Lars Tharp, who has worked with the programme since 1986.

From the mountains of Jiangxi province in far-off China, down river, over lake and mountain, and finally across oceans, nearly all the Chinese ceramics on display in European museums, stately homes, palaces and personal collections are survivors of an epic journey and of monumental human labour - luxury created in the labour of millions.



Each year in the 1600s and 1700s millions of pieces - services, vases and ornamental wares - were portered over the mountain border into Guangdong province, passing through the aptly-named 'Gate of Heroes'.

Lars Tharp promises to take us on the same journey (which also featured in his 2011 film for the BBC: Treasures of Chinese Porcelain).

We are assured that, once we know the great human labour involved, we will never again pass by or look at a piece of Chinese porcelain without this journey coming to mind.

Cover: Jingdezhen porcelain flask with underglaze blue and red.
Qianlong period, 1736 to 1796.

This page: The Gate of Heroes.

LARS THARP

Lars is a Ceramics as well as a Hogarth specialist. Most of his current talks focus on the European and the East-West China trade and the material world of the 17th and 18th century.

He is a regular lecturer and broadcaster and leads occasional tours to China.

Born in Copenhagen, Lars read Archaeology at Cambridge, was at Sotheby's for sixteen years and is today the 'Hogarth Ambassador' of London's Foundling Museum.



He holds an Honorary Doctorate in Art, is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London and sits on the court of The Company of Weavers, London's oldest guild. He has served twice on the Art Fund's Annual Prize to Museums and Galleries. He has presented numerous programmes on TV and radio, he writes on many subjects, is passionate about music and shares Archie (a black Labrador) with his wife and their two grown-up daughters.

Further information can be found on his website: www.tharp.co.uk

