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#### Welcome to April!

At last it feels like Spring has sprung, with the days becoming longer and warmer, not before time! We've got a busy few months ahead.

#### Trade shows, exhibitions and events 2024

At Cardgains, we're committed to making continual positive changes and implementing new strategies for the benefit of members, shareholders, and suppliers.

With this in mind, we are really 'putting ourselves out there' this year and have signed up to various shows and events. After attending the Gift Association's fabulous 'Women in Gifts' event on the eve of International Women's Day last month, we are booked in for a busy year, kicking off with three events in May.

The first is the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters Show on the 12 $^{ ext{th}}$  May at Warwick University  $\blacksquare$ where we are hoping to meet lots of positive post office people, following the recent media frenzy.

The second is The London Stationery Show on the 14th and 15th May. This show was acquired by Max Publishing last year and we hope that this year's show will be packed with new ideas, suppliers and plenty of visitors. Once again, members will be able to collect their free month management charge voucher at each show.

Finally in May, we are attending The Gift Awards, incorporating The Greats gift retail awards & The Giftware Association's Gift of the Year (GOTY) awards, which take place on the 16th May. Cardgains is sponsoring the 'Home Fragrance' category. Good Luck to all the finalists. Please see inside this newsletter for more details and information.

Next month we will be at PG Live. Inside is a taster advert for you to peruse, and next month you'll have more details and your £50 voucher to spend with a supplier at the show.

#### New suppliers

In addition to the three new suppliers introduced last month, we now have another supplier who has joined us in April.

Tilnar Art, which stands for 'This Is Life Not A Rehearsal', and Azeti Interiors have revolutionised the perception of home accessories from Africa and now India, into one that can be IIINArt mainstream without losing its place in today's home.



Each product is carefully selected to ensure it is environmentally friendly, plastic free, handmade and Fair Trade. They have searched across the world to ensure that you receive a high-quality product that is beautiful, handmade, unique, plastic free and profoundly different to others in the marketplace.

All four new suppliers are advertising this month, so please make sure you check them out and request contact or transfer your account to Cardgains.

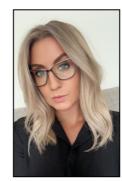
#### New feature

Opposite this page, you'll see a new addition to the newsletter. I'd love to hear feedback from members who can help other members on any number of topics. If you feel you have an experience to share or just want to have your say, please email me your initial thoughts and I'll get in touch to have a chat and develop them with you. You can be named or anonymous! I hope the new 'Member To Member' feature will take off and be a 'go to' page for others to share in.

Thanks for reading and as always, "Thank you for your continued support"! Penny











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#### **CALLING ALL MEMBERS!**

How would you like to hear from other members on a regular basis?

Which topics interest you to talk about? Current or past?

What burning questions do you have for your fellow members?

Can you tell us about your own experiences and offer advice?

How would you like to be more involved in Cardgains?

What interesting events do you feel are valuable for other members?

Here is your chance to have your say!

Please email your thoughts to penny@cardgains.co.uk

Alternatively give Penny a call at Head Office on 0114 249 0333.

We'd love to hear from you and share your thoughts and comments.

PLEASE TALK TO US AND SHARE YOUR OPINIONS WITH OTHER RETAILERS!

We'd also love to hear your referrals! Who do you know who would also benefit from Cardgains membership?

There's a free month's management charge in it for you! \*



#### **Market Leading Suppliers**

Over 90 suppliers covering all categories within greeting card and gift retail outlets.



#### **Preferential Trading Terms**

Member exclusive discounts negotiated to exceed those normally available.



#### **Retro Bonus Scheme**

In addition to discount, we offer a retro bonus scheme up to 2.5% of turnover.



#### **Marketing Activity**

Monthly newsletter, special promotions, what's-hot updates, social media content.



#### **Operational Efficiency**

Simple ordering and invoicing system operating on a monthly cycle.



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Member to Member

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\* Following three month's successful trading for referral

#### THE GREATEST CARD SHOW ON EARTH



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4-5 June

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Cardgains
team will be at
the show on Stand
441. Please go and
say hello to Penny and
Helen – and you will
receive a month's free
management charge
for checking in
with them!

Some very good reasons why you, as a Cardgains member, should go to PG Live...

**The Products...** be inspired by the thousands of fabulous new designs from over 200 companies.

A Free £50 Voucher... This year all Cardgains members will receive a £50 voucher to spend with any Cardgains' suppliers exhibiting at the show! (The actual voucher will be included in next month's newsletter, so look out for it!)

**The People...** meet the people behind the brands, catch up with fellow retailers, agents and reps.

**The Vibe...** enjoy the great buzz of this super friendly show, with free lunch, refreshments and an opening night party.



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The Cardgains suppliers exhibiting at PG Live 2024 include...

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#### SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss PG Live 2024

Tuesday 4 June – Wednesday 5 June Business Design Centre, London +44 (0) 7734 111633 www.progressivegreetingslive.com @PGLiveLondon #pglive2024 A fabulous exhibitor line-up, from brand new start-ups to well-loved brands

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To discuss exhibiting, please contact Chantelle White: chantellew@max-publishing.co.uk







#### CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

When Sienna Glass Ltd kicked off a decade ago, it wasn't a grand plan but a stumble upon some striking glass pieces during a search for another project. The allure of these exquisite glass products was undeniable, and before we knew it, we were knee-deep in the glassware business. The idea for our venture sprouted during a hiatus from regular work to care for elderly parents. With time on my hands and a flurry of product concepts swirling in my mind, I delved into a mail-order business for glass giftware. Eventually, with the help of my daughter Hanna, fresh from her business studies, and our fabulous team, Sienna Glass Ltd came to life.

Since those early days, we've navigated the typical hurdles of growth, from commandeering the kitchen table as a small mail order business to moving into our own warehouse and becoming a wholesale business offering the Sienna Glass brand globally. Factor in the Brexit saga and the curveball of Covid, and it's been quite the rollercoaster ride.

Our product line is a testament to the artistry of our skilled artisans, with each piece meticulously crafted. From signature items like friendship balls and hearts to an array of gifts for every occasion imaginable, we aim to provide timeless keepsakes that resonate with our customers.

In terms of design, we're constantly brainstorming and staying abreast of home and garden décor trends. Collaboration is key, so if anyone has suggestions, we're all ears—just drop us an email.



What sets us apart is our retail-centric approach. Understanding the challenges retailers face, we've tailored our packaging to be both eye-catching and protective, with low minimum orders and individual item purchases to facilitate quick restocking.

To celebrate our 10th year in business we are running a variety of promotions throughout the year. The time has flown by. I don't think we could ever have imagined with those first few products, that we would grow to have a catalogue of over 400 products supplying outlets globally. We have met some lovely people along the way and value each and every one of our customers.

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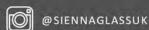


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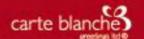


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#### **TRADE SHOWS 2024**

Harrogate Home & Gift - Harrogate - 21-24 July 2024 - Hall/Marquee DP4 Stand DP4-76
Autumn Fair - NEC - 1-4 September 2024 - Hall 6 Stand J30
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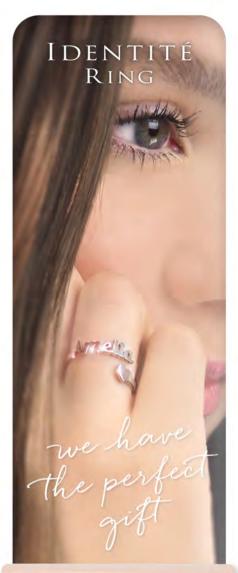
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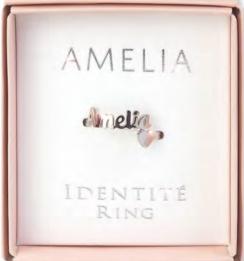


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#### Member Bonus

All member bonuses have now been allocated to the members account or paid as instructed. For members who have requested shares, these will be issued when more shares become available.

#### Management Charge

Member management charge will be increased by £1 from April. This is shown on member statements.











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