Special Exhibitions and Displays

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WHO ONCE LIVED IN MY HOUSE?

Tuesday 24 September 2013 – Sunday 9 February 2014
(Lower concourse area display cases)
Coins, buttons and beads dropped through floorboards; names and dates or messages written on walls or scored in plaster; toys in garden soil; letters in the attic... This small but fascinating display explores the different ways history is present in homes and people’s reflections on their homes as places where other people once lived.

This exhibition is part of the Living with the Past at Home: Domestic Pre- habitation and Inheritance project by Caron Lipman, Catherine Nash, Alastair Owens and Alison Blunt at Queen Mary, University of London.

Related event – Wednesday 29 January 2014
Professor Catherine Nash and Dr Caron Lipman share fascinating insights into the often hidden or forgotten histories of people’s homes.

20th century rooms and display open from 6pm, talk 6.45pm. Tickets £7.50, £5 conc (includes a glass of wine). To book, please contact bookings@geffrye-museum.org.uk or ring the Bookings Officer on 020 7739 9893.

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN SHOW

Tuesday 29 April – Monday 25 August 2014
This special exhibition will showcase the best of current and recent design for the home by both well-established industry figures and emerging talent. A broad range of domestic products, from furniture to wallpaper and textiles, lighting to technology, will be innovatively displayed in the museum’s temporary exhibition space, spilling out into the gardens with a display of the best in garden furniture design. All objects will be at the cutting-edge of contemporary domestic design, providing a glimpse into the future of what our homes may look like in years to come.

The exhibition coincides with the museum’s centenary year and celebrates one of its original purposes - to inspire the local furniture-making industry.

CHRISTMAS PAST

400 Years of Seasonal Traditions in English Homes

Tuesday 26 November 2013 to Sunday 5 January 2014

Each year, authentic festive decorations transform the Geffrye’s period rooms, giving visitors an evocative insight into how Christmas has been celebrated in middle-class homes in England over the past 400 years. Step back through the centuries and discover the origins and meanings of some of the rich and vibrant traditions of Christmas past, from feasting, dancing and kissing under the mistletoe to playing parlour games, hanging up stockings, sending cards, decorating the tree and throwing cocktail parties.

A full programme of events will accompany the exhibition. Festive food will be served in the restaurant, and visitors can browse in our shop for original gifts and cards. The museum will be closed on 24, 25, 26 December and 1 January 2014.