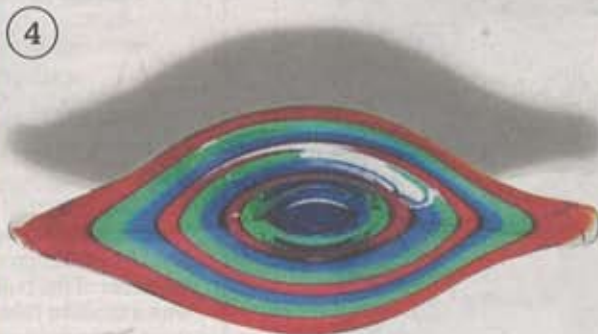


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Five things to see in July



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1 ART IN CLAY

Friday, Saturday and Sunday; Hatfield House (opposite Hatfield station), Herts. Tickets: adult £9, concession £8.50, under-15s go free; show this paper and get two tickets for the price of one (0115 987 3966; artinclay.co.uk).

To the grounds of this Elizabethan manor (with the oak tree where Elizabeth I heard news of her accession) comes a formidable band of 190 makers. Meet big and new names in British ceramics, alongside artists from as far afield as Japan. We like Ann Goodfellow's Noir et Blanc bust (pictured), 22ins high and £1,270. Collectors have a field day, but there are lots of mugs and bowls for the home. Workshops include throw a pot, and families can make and take their own creations.

2 THE HOUSE OF PERONI

Opens today until the end of the month; 41, Portland Place, W1 (thehouseofperoni.com).

A month-long celebration of Italian culture (sponsored by the famous beer brand), filling seven rooms of a central London townhouse with contemporary art and food from the Michelin-starred Costardi brothers. The beer's logo has inspired sculptor Carlo Bernardini's "blue ribbon" centrepiece which runs up five floors of the building, and Ludovica Gioscia (pictured) has done out the front room with UV-lit wallpaper that changes from day to night.

3 FOOD AND FLOWERS FESTIVAL

July 13, noon to 5pm at St Martin's Courtyard, WC2 (enter from Long Acre, Upper St Martin's Lane or Mercer Street) (stmartinscourtyard.co.uk). Nibble on a nasturtium or

savour the sweetness of roses, hibiscus and other edible blooms as six international restaurants celebrate Covent Garden's floral history. Here also is the home of The Covent Garden Academy of Flowers, which will fashion a spectacular floral banquet, while helping you make your own flower-based cupcakes.

4 THE CABINET ROOMS

July 9, 7pm; preview July 6 to 9, 10am to 7pm; The Sorting Office, 224 Westbourne Grove, W11 (thecabinetrooms.com).

The first of a series of pop-up auctions around London, The Cabinet Rooms specialises in high-quality 20th-century furniture, lighting, ceramics and more – including this 75cm Murano eye bowl from Italy, circa 1960 (estimate £400 to £600). The 150 lots will feature such famous postwar designers as Charles Eames, Hans Wegner, Willy Rizzo and Ettore Sottsass. "Our prices will be much keener than in shops," promises director Christian Quinlan. To bid online, register in advance at thealeroom.com

5 RICHARD ROGERS RA: INSIDE OUT

July 18 to October 13; Royal Academy, Burlington Gardens, W1. Tickets: £8; under-12s go free (020 7300 800; royalacademy.org)

A celebration of the 80th birthday of Lord Rogers, left, one of Britain's most famous architects. Get the lowdown

on a string of his high-profile projects from the Pompidou Centre, Paris to London's Lloyd's building. Also look out for his Manufactured House in the courtyard through August until early September, a flat-packed eco-home and an example of how technologies can help shape better mass housing.

