

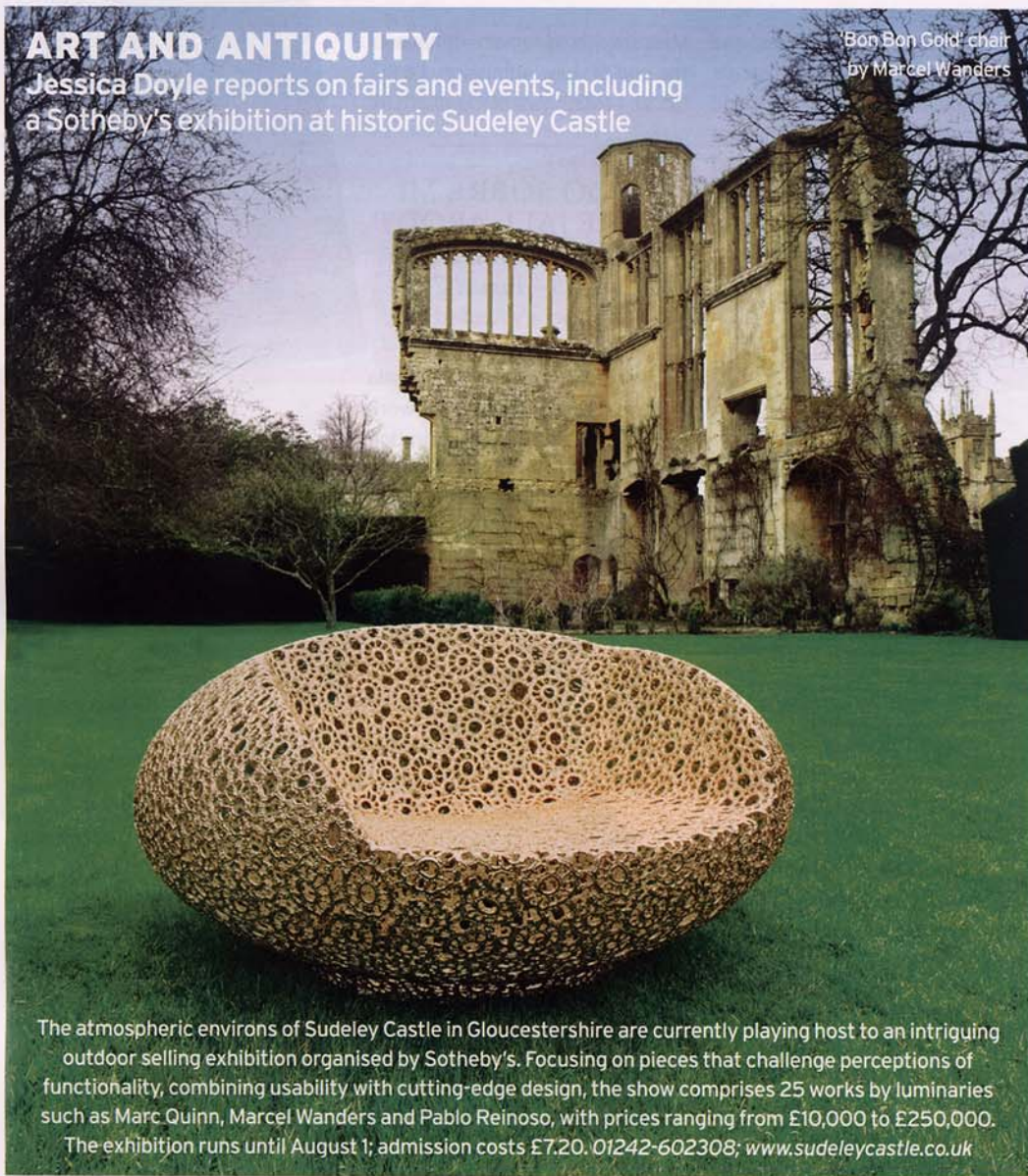
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ART AND ANTIQUITY

Jessica Doyle reports on fairs and events, including a Sotheby's exhibition at historic Sudeley Castle

'Bon Bon Gold' chair
by Marcel Wanders



The atmospheric environs of Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire are currently playing host to an intriguing outdoor selling exhibition organised by Sotheby's. Focusing on pieces that challenge perceptions of functionality, combining usability with cutting-edge design, the show comprises 25 works by luminaries such as Marc Quinn, Marcel Wanders and Pablo Reinoso, with prices ranging from £10,000 to £250,000. The exhibition runs until August 1; admission costs £7.20. 01242-602308; www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

To draw attention to the creative talent in the *Stroud valleys*, Stephen Lewis of fabric and wallpaper company Lewis & Wood has conceived a *decorative trail*, designed to highlight the best local shops and craftsmen and 'attract people who are interested in interiors to this three-mile triangle for a great day out'. The suggested route, detailed in an illustrated map, takes in eight companies, including Bailey Paints, Scumble Goosie and Lewis & Wood, along with pubs and restaurants. The map can be downloaded from www.strouddecorativetrail.co.uk



WEBWATCH

Coastal style

www.runawaycoast.co.uk offers fabrics, cushions and bedlinen in muted tones, with New England-style striped, gingham, star and pebble patterns. There's a good range of tableware for alfresco dining, and the giant squashy cushion (above, £115) would be perfect for a deck or lawn.

A recent addition to the net, www.florestine.com focuses on hand-made, inexpensive decorative accessories, such as ocean-inspired tableware, and lamps and candleholders made from driftwood, pebbles and shells.

www.deckchairstripes.com is devoted to colourful, striped fabrics and trimmings for upholstery, blinds and curtains, with a corresponding range of cushions, bags, towels, hammocks and cheerful bunting. There's a section dedicated to canvas for re-covering deckchairs and director's chairs, and some vintage chair frames.

For a literal approach to coastal style, visit www.thedaythat.co.uk. The site is run by a team of photographers, who take a picture each morning of the sun rising over the Cornish coast. Simply click on a date significant to you or your intended recipient and choose a print size and frame. Prices start at £85 for a 28 x 35cm print. >