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Welcome. You have arrived at a *very special place*.

This is the home of stunningly beautiful designer-handmade jewellery for the discerning individual.

Sue Hailstones Designs are simply unique. Every single Hailstone is created with passion and vision - from glass, precious metals and gems, like gold, silver, platinum and diamonds - by world-class designer and artist, Sue Hailstones.

Each design is individually crafted by fusing hand cut glass and precious metals in a kiln.

Every Hailstone is hallmarked with a trade mark 'H' stamped into the bespoke silver mountings. In addition, it contains an official assay office stamp, together with a 925 purity of silver code.

Each piece is totally original, with a numbered authenticity certificate signed personally by Sue Hailstones. It is beautifully packaged in a high quality branded box, wrapped in branded tissue paper, and placed in a branded gift bag.

## Your Designer

Sue Hailstones is a hugely respected and award-winning artist, with an inspirational and passionate approach to the art of jewellery design.

Each unique and individual creation is inspired by the history and timeless beauty of Ancient Britain and her key areas of inspiration are landscapes and seascapes.

Sue has already created a number of wonderful collections which were all inspired from places she has have lived or visited. She spent many years in Cornwall, which is an area of outstanding natural beauty that has inspired artists throughout the ages.

Being the progeny of an artistic family, it was only a matter of time before Sue found an outlet for her creativity. Sue now lives in Staffordshire in the heart of England, near to the majestic Peak District with its majestic scenery and gorgeous rolling hills.

She has devoted her life to creating astonishingly beautiful contemporary handmade quality jewellery designs, that people love to wear and she is continually inspired to design and create.

Sue often begins a project by picturing herself in a specific place in history and letting the elements of that time and landscape inspire her. She always begins the creation, with a series of pencil sketches, developing her ideas on paper before creating one glass jewel that encapsulates the essence of the collection.

She then explores the tones and textures of that design, creating complementary jewels that form the complete collection. So, whilst they are all based on the same theme, each one is totally unique, so no two pieces of jewellery will ever be the same.

That is why each creation is as individual as the person wearing it.

## **Special Commissions**

Sue delights in taking special commissions for individuals and retail companies - and has produced many stunning creations over the years.

Clients have enjoyed specially commissioned pieces, made from glass, precious metals and gems, like gold, silver, platinum and brilliant cut diamonds.

"Whatever the client wants - the client gets" - is Sue's approach to personal commissions.

"It's so lovely to take a brief from someone, to create a piece of jewellery or art, to celebrate an occasion or event that means so much.

To see the delight and joy on the faces when they first see the finished article, makes all the long hours spent taking the brief, sketching, designing and producing it, so worth while.

The feedback from customers who wear my designs has been truly amazing and when I am in my workshop designing jewellery I can't think of anything more rewarding".

Sue would be delighted to hear from you, to discuss any special requirement you may have.

## The Inspiration That Created The Design

Sue Hailstones's work is inspired by the timeless beauty of Ancient Britain.

The amazing artwork is handcrafted by Sue, bringing a uniqueness and individuality to each piece. Sue's own words describe how the inspiration first started:

*'I am often asked where I find the vision and imagination for my unique art pieces. I lived in a fishing village on the stunning Cornish Coast in the South West of England and spent many hours watching the sea and boats. It was the ever-changing moods of the sea and surroundings that gave me such inspiration.*

*So much so, that I was compelled to capture these moments. Hence my art was born.'*

This is what makes Sue's work so special. Every creation is individually designed and handcrafted by Sue, so that each art collection and piece is completely individual.

The astonishing Sails collection are a perfect example.

'Moonlight Sails' shows the deep, beautiful sea in all its shadowy and eerie glory with the boats making their way back to the safety of home.



'Sails in the Sunset ' stimulates the senses with the brilliant sunshine reflecting off the clear waters of the sea and bathing the boats in the warm yellow and orange rays of the sun.



Each work of art is a complete story and is entirely unique. Every piece is personally signed by Sue and named, with its own certificate of authenticity.

Sue uses Dichroic Glass, as it possesses a transmitted colour and a completely different reflective colour. And, these two colours shift depending on your angle of view.

The frame is handmade steamed beech which is white-washed. Its multi-aperture mount is glazed front and rear to allow the passage of light to appear.

Each picture is an artistic impression that is insightful, considered and unique, sculpted from high quality fine art glass or precious metals.

A variety of specialist limited addition glass is always specially chosen for the iridescent colour, sparkle and texture. Sue then hand cuts, shapes and hones each piece in her workshop.

Glass has been used for art for many centuries, because of its beautiful qualities - and Sue is constantly inspired by the history of glass, when creating her designs.

She incorporates many of the latest high-tech aerospace applications which have been re-invented for the art glass industry. This process uses quartz and metal oxides, which are permanently adhered to layers of glass.

## **Awards & Recognition**

Sue's extraordinary passion for creating beautiful works of art is now legendary and has resulted in her achieving worldwide recognition.

Now an award-winning designer, with clients all over the world, Sue is invited regularly to exhibit her work in galleries and museums. She was extremely proud to be asked to represent British design in recent international events in Istanbul, Vienna and the Czech Republic.

Sue is always in great demand at design shows and events - and is often invited to speak about - and to showcase - her creations and artwork in the UK and abroad.

Events in the last two years, include: 'Meet the Designer' an event showcasing her work at Art Galleries; an inspirational talk at the North West Women's Enterprise Day 2015; a 'Best of British' showcase event in Istanbul; and The Great Art of Living showcase event at the British Embassy in Vienna.

In March 2017, Sue visited The British Embassy in Prague and is delighted that the British Ambassador of the Czech Republic, Jan Thompson OBE, now owns one of Sue's most beautiful creations.

Neil Morrissey from 'Men Behaving Badly' is also the owner of a pair of Hailstones cufflinks.

Sue was honoured to be presented to Prince Charles - The Duke of Cornwall - when he visited the county, to view Sue's and other projects by the Cornwall Heritage Trust.