

# JARDINIQUE

Garden Antiques

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## What's New at Jardinique this Spring? Come and See for Yourself – A Warm Welcome Awaits!

### Our Coade Stone Collection

Over the past 21 years we have come across many delightful pieces of garden antiques, but have been particularly pleased to find a number of Coade Stone pieces on our travels. As a result we now have two fine examples of a lion and figure of Venus on display for sale, the details of which are shown here and on our website.

Coade Stone stems from the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century, and is a manufactured stone or stoneware resembling limestone. It comprises a mixture of ground glass, flint, sand, clay and petrified clay, a combination that often turned out to be more durable than the stone it was imitating. Poured into moulds, dried, fired at high temperatures in kilns and finished by hand, the process produced some wonderful, and at times quite complex, sculptures.

Eleanor Coade's artificial stone manufactory was established in 1769 at Lambeth - now the site of the Royal Festival Hall, manufacturing Coade Stone decorative sculpture and ornaments. Eleanor (1708-1796) and her daughter, also Eleanor (1733-1821), were both part of a handful of independent and enterprising 18<sup>th</sup> century women who established their own businesses. The Coade business flourished, and grew under its lead designer the neoclassical sculptor John Bacon who held the role until his death in 1799. In 1796 following the death of her mother, the younger Eleanor Coade went into partnership with John Sealy and subsequently her cousin William Croggon until her death in 1821. William Croggon subsequently purchased the business, prudently retaining the Coade name until it closed in circa 1840.

### Spring Opening Times

We have been restocking and sorting our collections over the winter, and very much look forward to sharing all our pieces with you in the months ahead. There will be complimentary teas and coffees for visitors. Please visit [www.jardinique.co.uk](http://www.jardinique.co.uk) for opening times, details of stock and to discuss your individual requirements. 'Seeing is Believing' at Jardinique, so do please visit to see our Coade pieces together with our diverse selection of urns, sundials troughs and statuary.

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