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Ailine Johnson's fused-glass, beach stripe platter, from £75. Call 07775 616868

Another country

THE Country Living Fair is a showcase for traditional and contemporary rural crafts, but this year, to support small businesses, its New Design Emporium will be giving an extra boost to talented contributors, writes *Corinne Julius*. Glass maker Ailine Johnson is one such contributor. She trained in fashion and textiles and has worked in Italy for both Fiorucci

and Benetton, whose influence can be seen in her colourful but simply patterned glass. Other inspiration comes from the Dorset coastline. Her work ranges from interior installations to dishes and platters (from £40).

More established makers are also represented in this section of the show, such as Keith Tyssen, who, after 16 years

running a college metalwork department, turned back to "creative thinking and making".

He experiments in pewter to produce glistening, sensuous forms in this most traditional of materials. His work, priced from £78, often reflects light in a soft and gentle way, allowing the pieces to mix equally well with antiques or the most spare modern interiors.

The Country Living Fair is at the Business Design Centre, Islington from today until 23 March. Tickets are £10 by ringing 0870 739 9111 or £12 on the door.