



## **The Spode Museum Trust Seeks Funding for Its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Display of the Spode Collection**

In Partnership with Portmeirion, the current Spode brand owner, the Trust plans to celebrate Spode's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by opening an exhibition in the Old Museum space with new displays from the collection held in storage since the factory's closing over ten years ago. These new displays will feature the company's outstanding ceramic production including the classic Georgian Greek, Caramaniam and Italian patterns as well as pattern books, order books and much more.

In order to complete their work, the Trust needs to raise £35,000 (approximately \$46,000 US) to renovate the Old Museum space and the existing showcases, create the new displays and to link the original museum space to the existing Heritage Center opening in May 2020. The renovated space and new exhibits will



Original Spode Museum Renovation in Progress

take the Heritage Centre to a new level making the full range of Spode production available for future generations to enjoy.

Much has already been achieved by the Spode Museum Trust to make this anniversary celebration possible. The Heritage Centre has been expanded to include the Spode retail store, storage and basic display space. In partnership with neighbouring tenants, funding has been committed for lift

access to the newly restored Blue Room and for opening up



public access via the original factory entrance. The Spode mould collection has been digitised with funds from the University and Trustees are committed to a £100,000

feasibility study to define the long-term future of the Heritage Centre on the factory site.

You can help build this new exhibition and bring to light treasures from the Spode collection by making a donation. U.S. citizens wishing to make a charitable donation can contribute U.S. dollars to the American Friends of the Spode Museum, either by PayPal to [americanfriendsspode@gmail.com](mailto:americanfriendsspode@gmail.com) or by check to 47 Roselyn Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94118. Contributions of stock can also be made to American Friends of the Spode Museum account #9165-3249 at Charles Schwab & Co.