

A note from Lyn, our President

Hi fellow clayworkers and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you are rested and enthusiastic about the terrific events on our calendar so far for this year. Get busy so you don't miss out.

Welcome to our new members.

We hope you enjoy our Sherwood Studio as much as we do and that you further your clay knowledge or share your already learned knowledge. We do not have a teaching facility (except for the Brisbane City Council GOLD programmes offered by SNC) but most experienced people are happy to share their knowledge so this wonderful art form doesn't die out.

Our membership fees are due now and still at same cost of \$32 per year or \$16 part year. If you do not pay your fees you will not receive any more newsletters or have use of our studio.

A big thank you for the great work that was achieved to clean up the studio. It was decided that we should do it twice a year and that's a great way to keep it up to date and clean.

It was decided at the February meeting that WSC shall no longer provide glazes and underglazes; it is up to the individual to provide their own. This way we don't have to keep recording the costs and replacement of same. The existing glazes and raw materials are to be used for WSC workshops and Raku Glazes.

Please read and sign **Rules and conduct for members** that is in the studio; it stays in a folder.

Helena has been kind enough to prepare an online form for workshop registration:

<https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=3C8436F6A7346E5B!105&ithint=file%2cxlsx&authkey=!AKT47yEOaS8lurU>

Please add your name using the above link and transfer the amount into our account.

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PLEASE put Paid beside your name.

You will not secure a place if you haven't paid.

Workshops

We have a great start to the year from our talented workshop providers.

On 25 January Derek's workshop was fully booked with 12 people attending. Thank you for sharing your knowledge of amazing sgraffito with us.

15th Feb (Wednesday) Judy's Sculpture workshop is full with a waiting list. Cost is only \$5.00. ½ block of BRT CLAY required by each member.

15th March (Wednesday) David will demonstrate the skills of Airbrushing. Cost is \$5.00. Maximum 12 people.

15th April (Saturday) Rachael will be showing small birds and decorations. Bring your own clay.

Natalie is doing a Studio based workshop of 2 large Mosaic hand painted tiles to be assembled into wall art for the raffle at our Exhibition.

Pick a day that works for you:

Wednesday 10th May or

Saturday 13th May or Tuesday 16th May

Cost is \$10 which covers all materials and glazes. This will be a fun communication project for our members.

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Done anything interesting artistically lately? Let us know with a few words and photos

President's report continued

September 16th (Saturday) Cam's workshop demonstration is "Formulating Glazes Simplified" Cost is \$5.00. 12 people max.

WSC EXHIBITION. Our end of Year Exhibition is still in the pipeline with Council. Hopefully it will be sometime between August and November at the Richard Randall Gallery, Mt Coo-tha. Still waiting to hear back from council; Rachael has been in contact with them.

Ekka entries submitted (we'll let you know when it has been confirmed). WSC has excellent form every year in this wonderful event seen by thousands of people each year. Pieces can be for sale.

Fairfield Library- September.

April-May BVAC Glass cabinet is available for us to showcase.

Spring Fever. 3rd-5th September. Sunshine Coast Clayworkers A great weekend with talented clay artists from all over Australia and the world. Book early.

CAQ have many great workshops for you to attend as members of WSC.

Raku firings will be when the weather is cooler.

BVAC EVENTS

Pop up shop 2nd-4th June at Auditorium Mt Coo-tha Gardens.

Pop up shop 10-12 November also at Auditorium Mt Coo-tha Gardens.

BVAC COMMUNITY Arts Expo 22-23 July.

BVAC Arts Hub, Tarragindi.

BVAC is providing a raffle for the 2023 Art Show 21-23 July. If you are interested in providing a piece for the raffle please bring it to the studio before BVAC May meeting. Thank you.

Studio Times and Days

Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30-1.00pm.

Every 3rd Thursday night 6.30-10.00pm depending on interest.

Saturday 9.30-1.00pm.

We need 2 people each time to open and lock up.

Outstanding Firing fees

Please check in the firing book at studio to see if you have any outstanding fees as there seems to be quite a bit owing. Your work will not be fired until all outstanding money is paid.

Stoneware firings are to be by arrangement only because we have had too many people putting on the wrong glazes and wrong clay and damaging

the kilns and shelves. Please make sure the base of glaze is at least 5mm from the bottoms and all work put onto cookies please. Check your clay is correct temp for the required firing (you'll find the information on the bag).

Glazes should be put on thicker at top and get thinner as you work to the bottom to avoid running. No Stilts should ever go into Stoneware as they melt.

Please collect all firing work from last year. After 3 months it will be thrown out or given to charity.

Our kilns are manned by volunteers: Rachael is the main firing chief of the squad. When the kiln shelves are full we put a load through so you can never be sure exactly how long it will be. Please fill out the correct forms with your pieces including: name, type of clay used, glaze used and temp required to be fired and date (the forms are in the firing room). Also make sure the work is put on the correct clearly marked shelf. No damp work is to be left on the shelves for drying.

Give yourself plenty of time for any events including drying, glazing and the firing to avoid disappointment.

Sign in and out

Please make sure you sign in and out each time you attend the studio using the book on the table outside reception. It is a requirement of the Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre.

Meetings

Our meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Please come along and be involved in what's going on at the studio. We would prefer it if nobody works on that morning as it's too distracting for those present.

Our committee is made up of many very experienced potters and sculptors. We hope we can share our knowledge to meet your needs.

That's all folks.

Cheers, Lyn



Derek showed us a cordless engraver with a variety of tools that could be useful for sgraffito.

The brand is Culiau and the tool is called the Customizer; it's USB rechargeable like your phone.

May be available on Amazon - similar but cheaper ones on eBay!



Diane's beaker with a large crack during use.

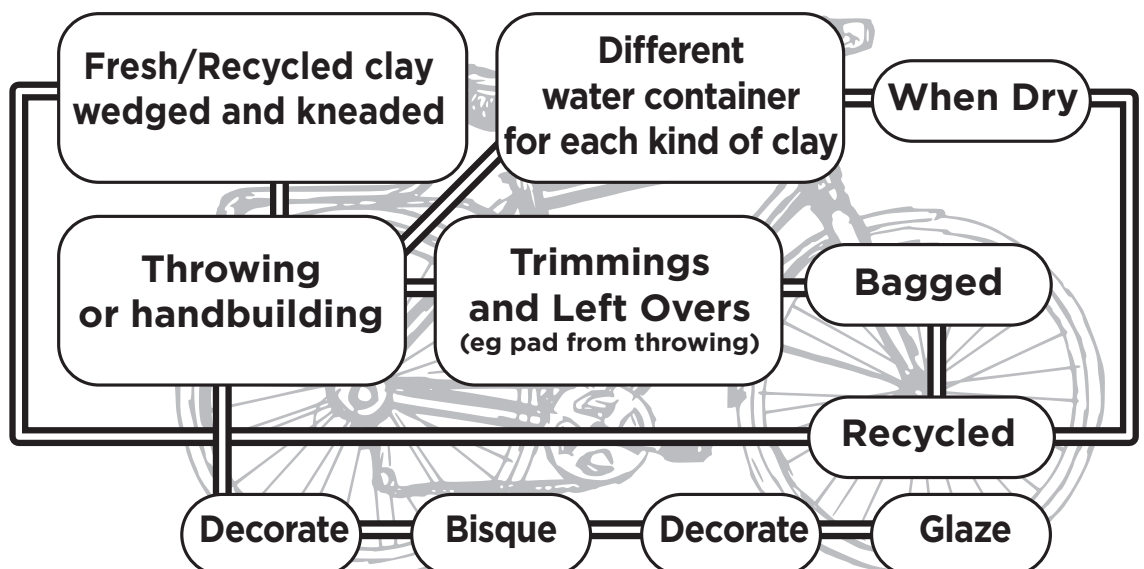
Some discussion as to why it cracked when filled with hot water - top is a lot thinner than the base - could be the reason

Diane's slip ware cup (at right) was distorted in the firing. Probably due to attaching the handle.



Studio Cycle

What happens in my home studio



Derek's Sgraffito Workshop



Derek's sgraffito workshop was very well attended - 12 keen artists ready to go. Each was supplied with a small rectangle of clay with a coating of sprayed on underglaze that Derek had prepared. He also supplied templates for various animals and birds.

Derek had on-hand a variety and samples of his work and the tools he uses including his airbrushes. Thanks Derek!



The Great Pottery Throwdown

Channel 4 UK



Episode 5 - Gargoyles and Chimney Pots

Episode 4 - Hanging Planters and a Decorative Challenge - Raku Week

Episode 3 - Trio of Birds and Hot Water Bottle Challenge

Episode 2 - Keepsake Box and Blindfold Challenge

Episode 1 - Birthday Tea Set and Handleless Jug



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