

Hi from our President

Another busy month has gone by and half the year gone already.

BVAC News

First of all thank you to everyone who participated in the BVAC **June Pop-Up Shop**.

It was discussed about how we could better advertise next time including a constantly running slide show on the back wall and also some background music.

BVAC Pop-Up Shop 10-12 November. This will be a similar format to the June Pop-up Shop we had recently at Mt Coot-tha. We will advise you about this. So start making work.

Thank you to everyone who offered to do the BVAC **Professional Development seminar**. We could only choose 2 from each group and each had to be involved with our committee.

Around the studio

The terrific news is that SNC has bought two brand new **direct drive Venco wheels** for the studio. (They run both ways for lefties). Please take care of them and put your slop bucket in the garden or recycle if it's full. These will replace 2 of the old wheels. SNC has been very good to us over the years, and we need to show our thanks.

We will be grinding back the kiln shelves shortly with our new angle grinder and anyone dripping glaze onto shelves will have to pay a fee for us to

do this for safety reasons. We are short of shelves at the moment so **please make cookies for your work to sit on in the kiln to prevent runs**.

Studio clean-up is once a month: every 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday by WSC, Mudlarks on first Friday.

Workshops

Thanks to Natalie for doing her fun interactive workshop today, 14 June. I'm excited to see how the murals will turn out which will be donated for our exhibition raffle.

Raku

Our Raku is coming up soon Sunday 25th June with a maximum of eight people. If you miss out David has offered to run another one 30th July for those on the waiting list. There may be another one in August depending on interest. I will be making up more Raku glazes next week at studio and don't forget to do your glazing a week before the Raku, I will be there to help you glaze next Wednesday.

Membership

Our membership is now currently at 50 members. We have a waiting list for those wanting to join.

Hobby Expo at Sherwood

We have booked 2 tables. No commission by SNC for sales; 28th June, 1-3pm after our studio day.

BVAC Art EXPO 22-23RD July

We will be transferring our Saturday studio day to the Hub 140a Weller Road, Tarragindi. Workshops and demos and sales tables. David will be demonstrating on the wheel. It's a great day to see what all the other groups in BVAC are doing.

Our WSC 2023 Exhibition October

Visions in Clay is our exhibition 6-8th October. We will be sending out an expression of interest to find out what you would like to do and who is interested in participating.

Look forward to seeing your best work.

Fairfield Library September

This is a great way to showcase our work to the public; your pieces are only required for one month.

Next Meeting 5th July, 2023

Bye for now, Lyn



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

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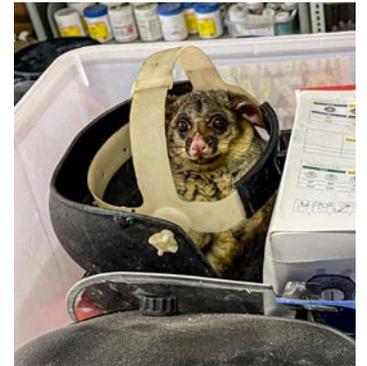


Lyn brought along a purchase from her recent Indian adventure. Carved from the same marble as the Taj Mahal and worked by the dedicated craftsmen only in Agra.

The surface is inlaid with semi-precious stones - for more details on the process and materials go to:

<https://kalakritiagra.com/marble-inlay-art/>

Raku 21 May Sunday



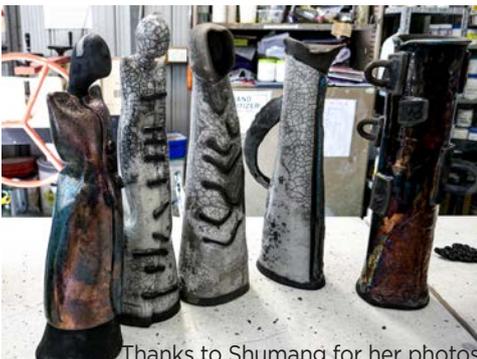
Found a visitor in the safety equipment box!



A brilliant day with perfect weather.

The red hot pieces are taken to the reduction bins where newspaper and wood shavings are introduced to give the desirable metallic sheens and emphasise the white crackles.

Note the safety gear - masks, shields, welder's jackets, leather aprons and sturdy gloves!



Thanks to Shumang for her photos



Natalie's horsehair Raku on unglazed white clay.

Allowed to cool a little, horsehair is applied to the still hot surface with the resulting carbon tracks!

Western Suburbs at the BVAC pop-up-shop

The Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC) provided us with the ideal opportunity to show and sell our wares at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium on the weekend of 2-4 June.

Our group was well represented with 13 ceramicists showcasing their work.

It was unfortunate that the numbers attending were low but we all managed to sell pieces and engender interest from the public.



Here is everyone's work in no particular order.

The tables, shelves and matching cloth covers set up by BVAC really pull the variety of work together!



Book Review

Mary Fox - My life as a Potter

Harbour Publishing, Hardback, 25-03-2021, 240 pages

I first discovered Mary Fox on YouTube by accident - you never what is going to pop-up on YouTube do you!

Mary is a Canadian potter with her studio in Ladysmith, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Her obsession with clay began at 13 when ceramics were the only elective subject left to her. She was not good at art/drawing and resisted at first. Over time she couldn't get enough clay time; even borrowing a wheel over the holidays.

The book covers her life story, her philosophies and technical notes on throwing and glazing for which she is renowned.

Primarily a thrower she ventures into hand-building and sculpture and glass work.

A fascinating read.

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