

Western Suburbs Clayworkers Newsletter May 2023



President's Report

Hi fellow potters/friends.

Welcome to our new members. Hopefully you will enjoy our clay group and learn new skills and make new, like-minded friends.

With 50 members now we will be capping numbers which will help lighten the load that others take constantly on their shoulders.

Our studio times and days are Tue/Wed/Sat 9.30am-12.30pm and every third Thursday night on demand. There must always be two people to open and close in case of incidents. Please remember to sign in and out at the front reception desk.

Maintenance of kiln shelves and cleaning

Gai has made up some "cookies" to stop glazes from dripping onto the shelves. Thank you to Cam and Gai for coming in to grind off glazes and batt washing our shelves. It's maintenance which needs to be done regularly to protect our precious/ expensive shelves.

We have bought an angle grinder and will keep it at the studio for everyone to share the responsibility of maintaining our shelves. Goggles will be available and you will be taught how to do this safely. Maybe a roster?

We also talked about cleaning up the studio regularly with our wet and dry vacuum cleaner to help prevent Silicosis caused by inhaling dry clay dust. Always sand dry pieces outside the studio

Attention: If sanding dry clay please do it outside the studio away from others and wear a good mask when doing this.

For information on silicosis go to: www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-15/ pottery-carries-serious-risk-silica-dustexposure/102226442

Workshops and Events.

Please pay for workshops online as we don't have a facility for handling much cash for these.

The workshops details are online now. Thanks to Helena.

Natalie's Mosaic Workshop. (Leaf Litter)

This is still going ahead on Wednesday 14 June for all those needing help or wanting to work and have fun as a group.

More details on page 3.

BVAC Events

1st Pop-Up-Shop. 2-4 June (3 weeks away) at the Mt Coot-tha Auditorium.

David has kindly donated some lovely pots for the raffle. Volunteers will be needed on the day.

BVAC Community Arts Expo.

22-23 June at the BVAC Art Hub Tarragindi.

We will be sharing this event with many other crafts so it will cost you nothing. However we will need volunteers to demonstrate their skills to the public on the day: Wheel throwing/Hand building. Details and costs to follow.

BVAC 2nd Pop-Up-Shop

10-12 November at Mt Coot-tha Auditorium.

Our Annual Exhibition, 2023 - Visions in Clay

6 to 8 October. at the Richard Randall Gallery. Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

A great opportunity to showcase your best work. We are sticking with the format that was very successful for us with plinths in the centre (2 for each person) and 6 tables around the floor, and including at no cost wall ceramics.

Cam's glaze workshop is on 23 September.

Come along to keep yourself updated on these precious skills. Put your name on the worksheet. Cam is a wonder with Glazes so come and learn new skills

WHAT'S ON

Derek from the **Half Dozen Group** of artists is providing an open access drawing workshop with a live model at SNC on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Cost \$20.

Commune: Ceramic Exhibition and Workshops at the Museum of Brisbane, Town Hall Brisbane. From Wednesday 10 May.

Well folks that's about it. Have fun and keep potting. Cheers Lyn.

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



Derek's 3 Sushi Plates.

A follow-on from his sgraffito workshop Derek added 4 little feet and slightly bent them so the sushi stays in place.





Linda presented 3 pieces based on our workshops.

Far left from Derek's sgraffito workshop.

The next is sgraffito on a bowl and finally a carved bowl from Claude's bowls workshop.





Diane's small bowl with lustre was a problem. Where the lustre is too thin it appears purple. It was agreed the best way to apply it is on a wheel with a steady hand as it revolves to give an even line.

The blue bowl was a bit rough around the edge and called for a reglaze!



David presented a small Djinn bottle with brush decoration under a glaze and mid-fired.







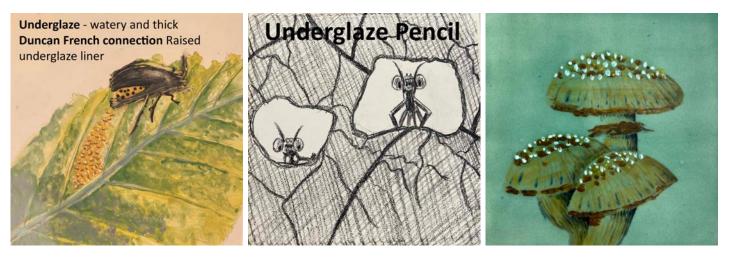
Ally sent us some images from a recent exhibition she was involved in at the Richard Randall Art Studio Gallery at Mt Coot-tha.

Show and Tell

Particularly well represented this month.

We always encourage members to bring along some of their work as we don't often to get see each other's work and appreciate what they may be up to!

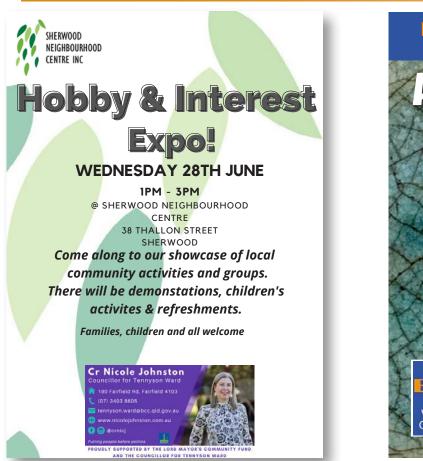
Natalie's Mosaic Workshop - Leaf Litter



Natalie's workshop will see you getting down close with nature and challenging your decorating skills on bisque ware.

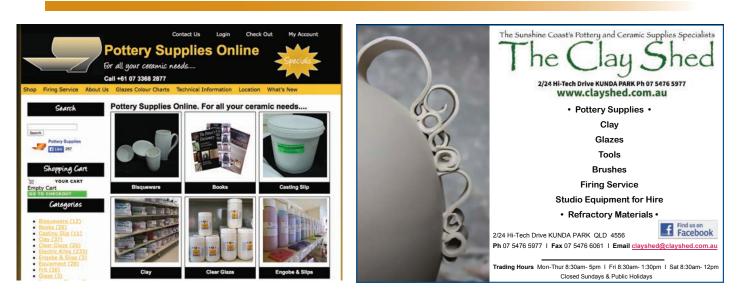
You will be provided with 2 bisqued tiles for decorating (bring your own mediums or use what's in the studio). Stains, oxides and underglazes! They will be glazed by Natalie in a uniform transparent green and assembled into a wall mosaic for a raffle in our exhibition.

The cost is only \$5, so put your name on the worksheet if coming along.











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