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August 2021

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- MCAA Art Awards – August 9-29
- Empty Bowls Event – Sunday, August 22nd
- City of Melville Art Awards Exhibition October 22nd (Call for entries September 9-12)
- MCAA AGM – September date TBC
- Glorious Mud Exhibition October 16th – 24th
- Body Beautiful Exhibition November 1-7 – Atwell Gallery

GLORIOUS MUD

The annual Club selective exhibition, Glorious Mud, is happening very soon – October 16-24 – which is only a few weeks away! All members are encouraged to take part in this showcase of all the diversity that our members produce. Last year's exhibition was a huge success and that spurred us to make it an annual event. So take the opportunity to 'strut your stuff' with your best pots to help make this exhibition the best ever!

Entry forms are available from the Club website (look in the 'Coming Events' section) or from this link: <https://sorpottersclub.com/upcoming-events/gloriousmud>



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RAKU FIRING DAY

Our annual raku group firing event was a huge success last weekend. The weather was brilliant and a large crowd of members gathered on the lawn to see what the kiln gods would help us to create. With five kilns pumping away all morning there was constant activity and lots of interesting pots emerged from the flames and smoke. Lots of our newer members were there and it was a lot of fun, all capped off with a tasty lunch of hot-dogs.



CLUB WEBSITE – MEMBERS' GALLERY

- Reminder

So far there has been no response to this offer of publicity for your pottery. It's your Club and this is one of the benefits of membership so why not take advantage of the opportunity!



ALL members are welcome to become a part of the members' showcase on the Club website. Just submit a selection of photos of your work and a bit of information about your pottery journey. You are welcome to include links to your personal website, Facebook page or email address – this is your very own web page and you can publicise the web address.

Check out the website and see what other members' gallery pages look like and give it a go.

Guidelines for website submission:

- You will have your own page in the Members' Gallery section of the website. This means that you can circulate the web address of this page as your personal web page if you wish. eg:

<https://sorpottersclub.com/members-gallery/your-name>

- Include a paragraph or two of information about yourself and your work. Feel free to include links to your website or Facebook page or an email address. (Check the website to see what others have written.)
- Preferably include at least one photo that clearly shows your face, preferably at work on a pot.
- The pictures will have square format when posted – keep that in mind when composing your photos.
- File size up to about 500Mb. The photos of your work should be clear and well lit.
- Photos are displayed in rows of three, so it is suggested that you submit multiples of three eg. 6, 9, to a maximum of 12

Email your information and photos to Clive at sorpotters@hotmail.com. I am happy to do any final editing of your photos if you wish and to update any portfolios that are currently online.

LIBRARY

Several new donations have been made to the Club library by Elizabeth Miocevic Turner including copies of two excellent journals – Ceramics Technical and Art and Perception. Our librarian, Tracy-Lee, has updated the library catalogue and it is an impressive and comprehensive collection of pottery resources, many of them out of print.

The library is accessible in the room behind our meeting room and it's just a matter of signing out any books that you borrow. The catalogue is available on the website, including a searchable Excel spreadsheet version.

KARLUP-ATWELL CERAMIC STUDIO

A slight hitch in the progress of construction of our new facility has been a review of the costs which meant that it had to go back to Council for approval but this is expected to be routine. Meanwhile the builder has been selected and is waiting for the go-ahead.

Progress is also underway on the planning for a new Atwell Gallery building. The architects have completed a wonderful design including a café and it has been costed by Council. Negotiations are also underway to improve access to the Atwell House site from Canning Highway and the

signage at the front of the property will soon be upgraded so that it is clearly visible from both traffic directions.

CLUB WEBSITE – GLAZE DATABASE

Plans are afoot to create a database of members' favourite, tried and true glaze recipes on the website. This will also include recipes for slips, naked raku and any other concoctions that other members are likely to find useful.

If you would like to contribute to the database, submit your information to the Club email – sorpotters@hotmail.com – with photos of the results that you have been getting, clay details, firing temperatures, oxidation/reduction, etc. Don't forget to attribute the recipe to the original author or website if appropriate.

Next Meeting:

- **Wednesday September 8th at 10am**

**Project Sundowner – each Friday 4.00-6.00
Room 2/3**