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January 2020

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- **MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE**
JANUARY 30th
- **Pop-Up Exhibition** - Atwell Gallery - January 28-February 16
- **Glaze production group activity** - Club workroom Jan 29th 10am, Feb 15th 2pm
- **Glaze Development Workshop** - Happs Pottery Dunsborough February 5-8
- **Kiln Firing workshop** - bisque March; glaze April
- **Pit Firing** - Chris Rogers' place. July 4 or 11 TBA
- **MCAA Awards** Aug 10 - 30
- **RAKU Firing** - Atwell house Sat August 15th
- **Pop-Up Exhibition** - Atwell Gallery September 7 - 13
- **Glorious Mud - 'FIRE'** September 14 - 20
- **Atwell Christmas Bazaar** - November 20th onwards



January Meeting

There was lots of excitement and plans for the New Year at the meeting last week. As you can see from the calendar column, there is no shortage of pottery events and exhibitions already listed and no doubt more will be added soon.

Membership fees due

The first item on the calendar is the payment of our annual membership fees. As mentioned in the past Mudlark, there will be no increase in membership fees this year. The annual fee (including MCAA membership) is \$100 and a \$10 discount applies if the fee is paid by January 30th. New members will pay a one-off joining fee of \$50 which offsets the costs of badges, keys and paperwork. Please get your fees to Treasurer Peggy as soon as possible and if you are using direct bank transfer (bank info below), remember to include your name in the transaction details so that she knows who has paid and can issue your receipt.

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President – Jenny Rygiel 0451 119 242

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Treasurer – Peggy Stacy 9331 2507

At the meeting we learned that the Club has been successful in receiving the grant for the purchase of a new kiln to be installed eventually in the proposed new studio. Thanks to Chris for all the hard work involved in preparing and submitting this grant application. The deposit for the kiln has been paid and it is expected to be manufactured and arrive by mid-year.

The Christmas bazaar in the gallery was a success and several members had some sales. A small amount was also raised for the club by the sale of 'club pots' which are pots donated by members for the benefit of the Club.

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas lunch was held at Atwell House once again but it was moved from the verandah into the air-conditioned comfort of Room 2 due to the heatwave conditions outside. As you can see from the photos, the lunch was very well attended with great food and lots of good company and a great time was had by all.



Club Activity - Glaze production

Many members have requested some guidance on glaze formulation and mixing and a couple of group sessions are planned in which a variety of Club glazes will be produced.

Come along on Wednesday January 29th at 10AM and Saturday February 15th at 2PM and join in the fun. It is hoped to produce several glazes that will be useful and popular with members to use on their pots and to have them available for use in the work shed. Once the glazes are made up, a pricing system will be set up to allow payment for the amount of glaze that you use.

Karen Dobbs is coordinating the activity. If you have any suggestions of glazes that you would like to have available in the work shed, please contact Karen - karendobbs@bigpond.com or Chris Rogers mosseye@bigpond.com

Other Club Activities planned

Firing workshop - come along and get some guidance on glaze application, loading a kiln (bisque vs glaze), firing and unloading the kiln. The dates have not yet been set but this activity will be particularly useful for those who feel uncertain or intimidated by the apparent complexities of using the kilns safely.

Saggar Firing - demonstration workshop Shabbi Phelps (Instagram: art_by_shabbi) TBC

Pit Firing - to be held at Chris Rogers' place in July. Time to start preparing some pots!

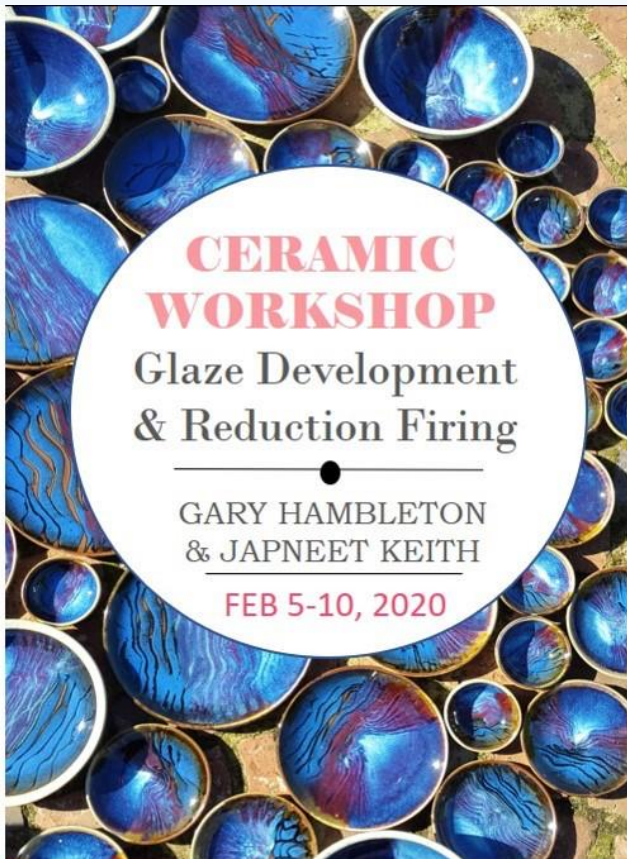
Raku Firing - the annual wintertime Club fun day when we gather on the lawn with our Ikea raku kilns and create lots of smoke and flame and brilliant pots! Saturday August 15th.

Exhibition

MLTRY Art (fundraising organisation for serving and ex ADF personel) **Summertime Exhibition.**
Legacy House 17 Parry Street Fremantle
11,12 January and 18,19 January 9-5 both weekends

Glaze Development and Reduction Firing

This is a week-long workshop being held at Happs Pottery in Dunsborough. The 5 day Glaze workshop is to encourage ceramic enthusiast to understand glazes and the development process involved to create their own glaze palette. Not only that it is a complete comprehensive process to understand minerals and oxides and their workability. All information will be shared with guidelines & documentation followed with two reduction firings.



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Kilns

Members are reminded that all work left for firing must be clearly identified ie a mark or signature in the clay that will be clearly visible after firing so that Graham can identify pots and allocate charges accordingly.

There are quite a few firing charges still unpaid. Please check the list posted on the notice board and pay Graham as soon as possible.

Library

Elizabeth is concerned that our comprehensive library is not being well used. She will post a list of our books in the workshed. If you would like to borrow a book and cannot get access to the library cupboard in Room 2/3, contact Elizabeth and she will arrange to leave the book in the workshed for you to collect.

Next meeting:

Wednesday February 12th at 10.00