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June 2021

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- Empty Bowls – Club bisque firing
Friday July 2nd
- Empty Bowls – Club glazing day
Wednesday July 14th after monthly meeting
- Empty Bowls – Club Cone 6 firing
Friday July 16th
- RAKU firing day – Saturday
August 14th
- Empty Bowls Event – Sunday,
August 22nd
- City of Melville Art Awards
Exhibition October 22nd (Call for
entries September 9-12)
- Glorious Mud Exhibition October
15th – 24th
- Body Beautiful Exhibition
November 1-7 – Atwell Gallery

NEW ATWELL ART CENTRE MANAGER

There's a smiling new face at Atwell House and it belongs to Brenda Ellen, the new Art Centre Manager. Brenda has been involved with the arts as an artist or arts administrator for thirty years. Starting her arts practice in the early 90's in the Perth Hills, as a glass artist, Brenda sees herself as a conduit for connection, creativity and inspiration. She is passionate about all things art, creative and connective and as such has volunteered, worked, and taught her skills in community Art Centres and Art Galleries in Western Australia.



Brenda is an entrepreneurial community focused person who opened the only commercial Art Gallery and Studio in Bunbury in 2013. Soon after to establish a tourism business offering curated art tours to artists' studios in Bunbury and the Southwest region.

Brenda has a BA in Visual Arts and Culture, a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and is a qualified Life Coach. She is a public speaker and mentors' artists in their art practices.

When Brenda is not living and breathing art, she loves to run, spend time in her garden, travel and connect with nature and people. Brenda is very keen to see lots of participation by the potters in Atwell Gallery exhibitions. Drop into the office and say hello to her.

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EMPTY BOWLS EVENT



Empty Bowls is a fundraising project in support of FoodBank. It is part of an international movement whereby potters create generously sized soup bowls which are donated to the event and are sold, full of delicious soup, at a lunchtime event in August at Christchurch Grammar School. Last year the event raised \$16,000 for Foodbank. The SORPC has participated in this event for several years and last year our members contributed 50 bowls. We have been invited to participate again this year and, once again, we will also be able to have a stall to sell our pots to those attending. Space will be limited so priority will be given to members who have contributed bowls.

The Club is supporting this effort by providing firing and glazing for your bowls. A bisque firing will be loaded on Friday July 2nd, glazing session on Wednesday July 14th after the meeting and a Cone 6 glaze firing on Friday July 16th.

If each of us produces 5 bowls, we can easily exceed last year's contribution – what a great motivation to practice your wheel skills!!! My production is underway – how is yours going?



PAT ZUVELA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A presentation and morning tea was held after the June meeting to honour founding member, Pat Zuvella, with an honorary life membership. Pat was part of the original group of potters who founded the SORPC in a shop-front on Canning Highway in East Fremantle, later in Silas Street. Pat has served as Club President on three separate occasions and has filled many other roles on the committee over the years. Although she no longer pots, Pat has retained her interest in the Club and is an avid reader of the newsletter each month. It was great to hear her vivid recollections of the early days of the Club and the numerous personalities that have come and gone over the years.



PROJECT SUNDOWNER

The first few 'Project Sundowners' have been a great success. The idea is for members to gather to do some work on a project, exchange ideas, have a 'squiz' at what other people are doing and enjoy a glass of wine or whatever. The Potato Van is strategically located outside Atwell House on Friday evenings and their food is great.

To cover the cost of hiring the room (Room 2/3) we will be contributing \$50 for a term or \$7 for one session.

There are also plans to have periodic demonstration / workshops at the sundowners.

See you next Friday between 4pm and 6pm?

RAKU FIRING DAY

The annual Club raku group firing is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th (Sunday 15th in case of rain). This is always a lot of fun with several raku kilns lined up on the lawn and everyone keen to see what emerges from them. Once you have bisque fired your raku pots there will be an opportunity for a group glazing session at the Club. This is usually held on the Wednesday before the firing day. Check out some photos of previous years' fun on the Club website at: <https://sorpottersclub.com/activities/raku>

KARLUP-ATWELL STUDIO PROGRESS

The latest news on the construction of our new studio is that building work is due to begin in July and that the current deadline for completion is December 10th.

Meanwhile work is going ahead on organising some of the furniture and fittings for the building. A \$25,000 grant has been received from the Department of Arts and Culture, organised by local member, Lisa O'Malley, prior to the State election. Part of this grant money has been earmarked for the purchase of a new kiln to replace the aged KilnWest kiln and the balance is being put towards tables and chairs and a ware trolley for the work room and teaching space in the new building.

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10am—4pm
(Thursday, Oct. 14th 10am-7pm)

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Next Meeting:

- **Wednesday July 14th at 10am**

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