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March 2020

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- **Atwell Gallery exhibition**
- "Motherhood" April 28th - May 17th
- **Saggar Firing Workshop**
- Shabbi Phelps at SORPC
May 17th 10-2
- **Empty Bowls -**
ChristChurch Grammar
Sunday June 14th
- **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
- **Lunch in the Gallery -**
Graham Oldroyd 'Fire'
Wednesday Sept 16th
- **Glorious Mud - 'FIRE'**
September 14 - 20
- **Atwell Christmas Bazaar**
- November 20th onwards

March Meeting

We welcomed two new members at the monthly meeting - Judy Waugh and Marc Dimmick who are both ACAS members.

Work on plans for the new studio is continuing with recent site visits from the Mayor and newly elected Melville councillors and local MLA Lisa O'Malley. The City of Melville executive leadership team is supporting our preferred design option which will be put to Council later this year. Meanwhile a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the MCAA and the SORPC regarding the management of the new facility.

The Little Gallery Shop at Atwell

Stephanie Zuvella has been working very hard to revitalise the Atwell Gallery shop over the past few months and the new look is less cluttered and more like a true gallery shop. Apart from renovating the display and curating the items on display at any one time, Stephanie has renamed the shop as "**The Little Gallery Shop at Atwell**". It even has its own Instagram page where artworks are showcased and promoted for sale. All members are encouraged to contribute stock for the shop so that there is always something new and exciting to tempt visitors.

Stephanie can be contacted on schmoozu@live.com.au.

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President – Jenny Rygiel 0451 119 242

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MCAA Members' Exhibition - 'Motherhood'

The MCAA members' exhibition being held from April 28th to May 17th will have the theme 'Motherhood'. As always, we are being encouraged to participate in this exhibition and introduce a '3D' element to the display.

The theme can be as liberally and widely interpreted as you wish. Check the Atwell Advocate or the office for entry forms.

Empty Bowls Project

The Empty Bowls project is an international initiative whereby local potters donate soup bowls to be sold to raise money for the local FoodBank. Filled with delicious soup and bread to be enjoyed at the event, the bowls are then taken home. The Club has participated in previous years and members have contributed a large number of bowls. The event is on again this year at Christchurch Grammar School in Claremont on Sunday, June 14th.

The soup bowls should be of a generous size (suggested 14-16cm wide x 6-8cm deep) and, of course, food safe. Apart from that there are no limits to the designs and colours you can use - in past years the patrons have been very astute in grabbing the best bowls, often buying several to take home.

Let's do our bit - it's a great opportunity to practice some throwing, casting or hand building for a very good cause. Our goal is to contribute at least **50** bowls! It also helps to put our Club 'on the map' in the local pottery community. We will also have a table from which we can sell pots and promote the Club. Last year the event raised \$11,000 for FoodBank! It is being coordinated by Deanne Parker and Liz Berry from White Peacock Studios.

Our contact person for the project is Geff Gomez
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Empty Bowls 2018



Covid19 protocols

Hand sanitiser and surface wipes have been provided in the Club work shed - please use them in addition to the usual cleaning procedures when working in the shed.



Saggar Firing workshop *Shabbi Phelps*

On May 17th the Club will host Shabbi Phelps to present a workshop demonstrating her technique of saggar firing using aluminium foil saggars in a raku kiln. Shabbi is renowned for her beautiful and distinctive hand built pots, many of them fired using this technique which produces wonderful warm and varied colourations.



UPDATE

This workshop is still going ahead but this will be reviewed closer to the time. So let Clive know if you wish to attend and he will keep you up to date as the Covid19 situation evolves



Members can attend to view and learn about the firing process and may also bring pots to be included in the firings. Places will be limited for pots with a maximum of two pots per participant. The pots should be about 15-20cm high and made of raku-suitable clay with a smooth, preferably burnished, surface. Bring along materials for inclusion such as dried, salt soaked string, dry seaweed or banana peels, copper wire, etc.

The fee for the workshop will be \$25. (\$35 if you wish include pots in the firing.)

The workshop will run from 10.30am-2.30pm in the area near the Club workshed.

Contact Clive Eger by email to register your intention to attend and mention whether you will be bringing pots for firing. clivesmail71@gmail.com

Instagram

The Club has an Instagram page as well as a Facebook page (addresses for both are in the front page info panel) and there is also an Instagram page for the gallery shop, now known as 'The Little Gallery Shop at Atwell'. You can view the Instagram pages from your smartphone or from your computer but photos can only be added from a phone. To view it on the computer just search for 'instagram'. To use Instagram on your phone, you need to download the App from the Google Play Store or Apple Store and instal it and set up an account.

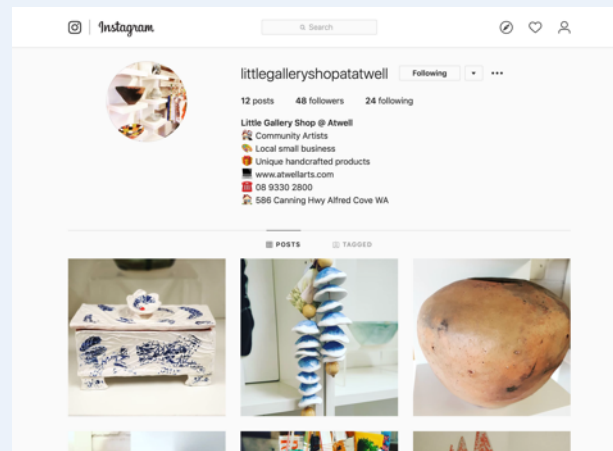
Instructions for doing that can be found in these pages:
<https://www.cheatsheet.com/gear-style/how-to-use-instagram.html/>

<https://www.wikihow.com/Use-Instagram>

and in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Z4AEDyKGdI>

The SORPC Instagram page can be found by searching for 'southoftheriverpottersclub' and the shop page is 'littlegalleryshopatwell'.



Next meeting:

In the interests of 'social distancing' the next meeting on Wednesday April 8th at 10.00 will be limited to 'executive committee' only.