



# mudlark

October 2020

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

## COMING EVENTS:

- **Atwell Christmas Bazaar**  
- November 20<sup>th</sup> onwards
- **November meeting** –  
Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>

### *October Meeting*

This month we had our monthly meeting on a Saturday afternoon and it was great to see a few people there who are often unable to attend our Wednesday meetings.

The busiest time of the year is now over but the Planning Committee is still hard at work, lobbying politicians and putting together applications to help fund the fit-out of our new ceramics facility. We will have a wonderful work space but it will need lots of furniture and basic gear before it is fully set up.

Members Meg Hewitt and Sandy Robertson exhibited work in this year's City of Melville Art Awards and Meg sold her piece in the first day of the exhibition. Congratulations, Meg!

### *City of Melville Art Trail*

Last Saturday a large contingent of members gathered to participate in the annual OpenHouse as part of the CoM Art Trail and the Spirit of the Swan exhibition in the gallery. The weather was perfect and there was a steady stream of visitors who were able to see raku firing, wheel work, hand building and get a 'before-and-after' view of our facilities by visiting the green shed and looking at the plans for the new studio.

Thanks to everyone who participated. It was a lot of fun and there were some wonderful raku pots produced in the process.

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### ***Kiln***

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Members are reminded that only authorised members are to load and unload the kilns. There are many problems that can occur if these procedures are not done correctly. It is tempting to open a kiln after a firing but unloading the kiln needs to be undertaken carefully and records kept of each participant's pots so that firing costs can be correctly allocated.

It is also vital that the electricity meter is read accurately before and after each firing and the numbers recorded in the firing log. This enables accurate estimations of electricity consumption to be made and also the identification of kiln problems if the consumption differs from the expected value.

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### ***Wheel Wanted***

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Electra Riessi is on the lookout for a pottery wheel. If anyone knows of a wheel that is available, please contact Electra – [ereissi@hotmail.com](mailto:ereissi@hotmail.com)

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This section is left blank in order to remind members that your contributions to your newsletter are very welcome and that there is always room for your ideas, news, techniques or favourite website recommendations.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.am**