

The Canberra Potter *fired-up* – December 2018

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Welcome to the December issue of our online news feed *fired-up*.

November into December has proven to be another event-full month at Canberra Potters. We have ended the year with a wonderful and popular exhibition, Fifty Flights of Fancy, by ceramic artist Hiroe Swen. The gallery has been busy with visitors and many have been lucky enough to meet Hiroe during the exhibition or at one of the Floor Talks she has given.

Canberra Potters welcomed new Artist In Residence, Michelle Young Hares this week. Michelle, who hails from Scotland, has been settling into Canberra and is already busy planning for the Summer School and working in the studio. Michelle will be talking about her work at the last Supper Club for the year. This will be a great opportunity to meet her and learn more about her practice as an artist.

December has seen some new workshops run at Canberra Potters. Steam Punk with Anna O'Neale concludes this weekend and we are seeing all sorts of interesting creations developing using recycled and

repurposed items with clay. Participants have been seen with everything from old cutlery to mattress springs and we are looking forward to seeing these sculptures when they are finished. Introduction to Glazing with Maryke Henderson continues to be popular and as was Layering Glazes with Lia Tajcner. Keep your eye out for a range of short workshops with Lia next year.

Staff have been busy preparing for the Christmas Fair and planning courses for 2019. There is an exciting range of class and workshop options on offer. All courses are open for booking on the webpage and are filling fast. <http://www.canberrapotters.com.au/learn>

As the year draws to a close wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2019.

TRIENNALE EXHIBITION - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The 2019 Australian Ceramics Triennale is inviting Canberra Potters members to submit a group expression of interest to participate in an exhibition of work by Canberra based potters and ceramic artists. The Triennale will offer a group discount on registrations to those exhibiting. For more information contact Zoe Slee by email at zoe.slee@hotmail.com



CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Canberra Potters Christmas Fair opened on Thursday 13 December and will run daily from 10am to 4pm until Friday 21 December. There is an eclectic range of ceramic art and pottery on offer. The Potters Place shop will also be open for the duration of the Christmas Fair. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to help you with gift ideas for friends and family. We encourage you to support your local potters and artists this Christmas and shop local.



CHRISTMAS SUPPER CLUB

The last supper club for 2018 will be held on Friday 21 December at 6.00pm. We invite you to join us for this end of year event to share a Christmas drink and hear our new Artist in Residence, Michelle Young Hares, talk about her ceramic practice and what she hopes to achieve while here. This is a great opportunity to meet Michelle and learn more about the Summer School she will be presenting in January.



CLOSURE DATES AND STUDIO ACCESS

Watson Arts Centre/Canberra Potters will be closed from 4pm on Sunday 23 December and re-open on Monday 7 January for Summer School. The members' workshop will be accessible by non-key holders (who have completed an orientation) from Monday 7 January:

- Week days between 9.30am and 4pm with the exception of Monday 28 January Australia Day holiday.
- Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 January between 9.30am and 4pm.

There will be no evening access until term 1, which begins in February. Please refer to the access boards in the members' workshops for any updates to this information.

Keyholders – the car park gates will be locked on 31 December and unlocked on 7 January. You are welcome to use the members' workshop during this time but will not be able to park in the car park.



JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

January starts with the Summer School with Michelle Young Hares. Michelle will be sharing her skills in making, assembling organic forms using thrown and/or hand built components. This workshop is suitable for all levels and abilities.

There are some great children's and teenagers classes on offer including the popular Clay Days, steam punk assemblage, simple finger puppets, magical & mythical beasts and several throwing workshops.

Creating Critters with Character is already full so keep your eye out for a repeat of this workshop.



LAST FIRING DATES

Last date for firing your items for 2018 is Monday 17 December. Please make sure any work you want fired is on the bisque shelves by Sunday 16 December. The Kiln Manager is hoping that all work will be fired and ready to collect by Sunday 23 December. As always we aim to have your work completed by the listed date but delays, breakdowns and volume of work can all impact on whether your work will be ready to collect. Any remaining work will be fired in mid January.



2019 TERM ONE BOOKINGS AND OFFERINGS

Bookings for term one 2019 are already starting to fill. There are some changes and new offerings for next year. Richilde Flavell will be teaching a new course 'Clay Foundation - Tableware Toolbox'. Sundays sees the introduction of a series of short courses called Hand building Sundays. Booking now are 'Large Coiled Pots and 'Playing with Pinched Pottery'. Book in soon to secure your place. 2019 classes commence from Saturday 9 February.



EXHIBITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

If your Christmas list is needing an inspiration injection there are two events which might be of interest.

Pop CBR opens on Saturday 1 December and will trade until Sunday 23 December, stocking a wide range of Canberra-made products and consumables from over 30 local makers – all perfect for gifting. A number of our members will be selling their work at this event

On November 25 **The Golden Section Gallery Retail Space** at 27 Lonsdale Street, Braddon opened its doors selling quality handcrafted objects made by local artists.

Canberra Potters members are involved in both these events and we encourage you to support them.



THE BALD ARCHY PRIZE 2019

8 February–11 March

Open daily 10am-4pm

It's on again! Since 1994 the Bald Archy Prize has been tickling the fancy of a multitude of patrons as this satirical take on Australian public life tours the country. We are very pleased to be the launching point once again and look forward to a steady stream of visitors from Canberra and the surrounding region.

Admission: adult \$8; concession \$6; children under 16 free



CANBERRA SHOW CRAFTS & EXPO ENTRIES

11 January 2019

Don't forget your Canberra Show Crafts & Expo entries are due in January. Canberra Potters sponsors a range of prizes in this event and it is always a great opportunity to get your work into the public eye. Entries need to be delivered to the show by February 17. For more information go to the Canberra Show website.

<http://www.canberrashow.org.au/craft>



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