

The Canberra Potter *fired-up* – October 2018

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

Congratulations to **Jo Victoria**, *Weightless 1* (above) this year's winner of the Canberra Potters **Doug Alexander Award**. Well done to all the winners and thank you to all those who entered this year's Members' Exhibition, it was a fabulous response. Be sure to visit our website to see a full list and photographs of the award winners. It was an honour to welcome Gordon Ramsay MLA, Minister for the Arts to join us on the night and we thank him for his words of support for our organisation and its future success. Once again we'd like to extend our gratitude to our Members' Exhibition sponsors: Clayworks, Craft ACT & Design Centre, Keane Ceramics, The Curatoreum, The Australian Ceramics Association, Walker Ceramics (Walker, Feeney & Gesco products).

Further opportunities are coming up to participate in our activities this Open Day—Sunday November 4, 11am–4pm, where a day of demonstrations, trade and activity tables, stalls, pizza, refreshments, craft beer tasting, gift shopping and entertainment is planned. It's a great opportunity to share your clay passion with friends and family and show off our wonderful facility and all it has to offer—it really is a hive of activity.

MEMBERS' EXHIBITION

Watson Arts Centre Gallery

4 October–4 November

Opened on Thursday 4 November by Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA (pictured) presents a truly inspiring exhibition of our member work created during the last 12 months.

Congratulations to award winners: Jo Victoria, Monika Leone, Georgina Bryant, Jacqui Malins, Cathy Zhang, Candice Anderson, Suzanne Fox, Jill Farrelly, Alya Khan and Fran Romano. Please visit our [website](#) to view the award winning entries.



OPEN DAY

Open Day is taking shape and planning committees have begun to meet. Along with our usual fun and informative activities we want to present a number of demonstrations. If you would like to present or have an idea for a short (20–30mins) engaging demonstration please let us know it's not too late to get involved. Activities for the day include Raku firing, Pit firing opening, Have-a-Go Have-a-Throw, Hand-building, Kids' Table, Trade tables, studio and shop sales and gallery exhibition. Come along for an hour or two it's a great way to promote your passion for clay among friends and family. There will be pizza, coffee and refreshments available on the day too! Contact [Jo Townsend](#) for your demo ideas.



KILN SHED

If you are a regular user of the Canberra Potters kiln facility you will be pleased to know work is finished! Thanks to funding provided through ACT Government's facilities management program the kiln shed remediation project is complete. It included the treatment of corrosion and the installation of new fans and kiln hoods. Canberra Potters will fund further works to ensure the comfort and safety of our members.



FRIDAY SUPPER CLUB

Marianne Huhn

Canberra Potters Workshop

Friday 6pm 5 October

Marianne is a fascinating and accomplished ceramic artist. A recent visitor to Canberra from Melbourne we are hoping Marianne will have the opportunity to have an extended stay with us as an AIR in 2019. But we thought this would be a great opportunity to introduce you to her and [her work](#).



SKILL SET

Glazing Basics with Maryke Henderson

Sunday Nov 11 & 25 10am – 1pm \$120

Glazing Basics is another of our popular Skill-Set courses to suit those who have done the Intro course and anyone who wishes to improve their glaze results. Find out what a glaze is and what happens in a cone 6 oxidation firing. A variety of glaze application techniques will be covered and troubleshooting tips for problem glazes. There is a class limit so book early. For full course details and to book [click here](#).



CHRISTMAS FAIR APPLICATIONS

**Deadline for applications is 4pm
Thursday 22 November**

This year's Christmas Fair will be open from 13 to 23 December. The Christmas Fair is always well-attended by people doing their Christmas shopping who appreciate buying locally-made handcrafted ceramics. Canberra Potters members are encouraged to [apply](#) to sell their work at this year's fair.



GAS KILN FIRING COURSE

with Chris Harford

14, 27 & 28 October

This course runs over three days, with a two week gap in the middle to allow time for students to prepare and glaze their work. You will learn all about how the kiln works, what reduction does to glazes and clay, and be able to fire your own work. At the successful completion of the course CPS members will be licensed to fire the CPS gas kilns. Please book [here](#).



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Canberra Potters are pleased to welcome kids from the VINES program who will be attending some Introduction to Pottery classes. We are donating these classes to the VINES program, run by St. Vincent de Paul Society, with the aim of getting young people interested in on-going creative arts activity. Hopefully it will become part of our community outreach program in 2019 and beyond!



ACT BUDGET CONSULTATION

Applications close: 31 October 2018

The Budget consultation process is open for the 2019-20 Budget and it's your opportunity to remind Government of the importance of having access to the regions only ceramic art and pottery focused community arts facility. While we are currently part of the Key Arts Organisation group we always need to ensure we are front of mind when financial decisions effecting the arts sector are made—this is your chance to do so.

<https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/budget-consultation>



CRAFT ACT: CRAFT & DESIGN CENTRE

CERAMICS FLOOR TALK

Place Makers: Annual Craft ACT members' exhibition

Artists Floor Talk 12.30pm Saturday 6 October

A number of ceramic artists are giving floor talks at he Craft ACT Gallery this Saturday. They are Sarit Cohen, Anita McIntyre, Jo Victoria, Sophie Suttor, Tania Vrancic, and Anne Masters. There are a few artists to get through so they are keen to start on time and each will talk for about 5 minutes before concluding with a joint Q&A session.



HANDMADE MARKET

Exhibition Park In Canberra

October 20 and 21

10am-4pm

It's Handmade Market's birthday, but you get the presents! At the October market there's a \$100 gift card being given away every hour. All you have to do is make a purchase of \$20 or more at any stall for an entry into the draw (with a limit of one entry per transaction).



VALE HELEN GULLIVER

We received the sad news that Helen Gulliver, a graduate of (then) East Sydney Technical College (now NAS), who was active in the Canberra area in the 1970's and 1980's and into the 1990's (and taught at The School of Art for many years), died peacefully after a protracted fight with cancer. Janet DeBoos Emeritus Fellow School of Art & Design ANU, says "There will be some of your members who will remember Helen (as I do) with great fondness, and gratitude for her generosity towards her students and colleagues." The work featured is very typical of her work.

Image: Helen Gulliver. Figurative decanter slab-built double decanter with ruffled neckline and two Tudor heads in male and female ruffs as stoppers. 1976–79. Image: Courtesy Australian Pottery at Bemboka.



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