

Variations

by Susie McMeekin

8 June to 9 July 2023



Susie McMeekin, Lismore, 2022. Photo: Greg Piper.

From December 2019 to January 2023 the country, indeed the world, has been on a wild ride foreseen by no one. My time was totally taken up with the firestorms that raged down the East Coast of Australia in what became known as the Black Summer. Moving aside my pottery work and giving all my energy to my local fire brigade for some months was in some way a welcome break from my routine work. When the rain came to my part of the world in Katoomba, the Blue Mountains, it was a great relief and my thoughts started to turn back to the workshop. Then astoundingly along came Covid.

Unbelievably, I was looking at images of empty streets in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and on, and on. It was an opportunity to completely return unhindered to the workshop without any distractions, and that year produced the beginnings of the variations that this exhibition represents.

I have always made shapes I was brought up with, and I have always made small, intimate pots. But with time to practice new skills without deadlines, much to my surprise, some large pots started to appear. It is a skill that I am still developing but the bigger pots still adhere to my joy in simple shapes. I find that the line of the pot is set right at the base and yet I often wonder where

the pot is going until we get there in the last two or three coils. Some new flatware plates have also come along rather than the usual charger-type plates of my heritage.

Variations is a gentle word and the variations in my work are also gentle and not abrupt. As ever my aim is to present an exhibition of beauty rather than a cerebral exercise using ceramics as a vehicle to prove one's intelligence and academic rigor. I am happy to leave that to others.

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1. Bowl Chun-glazed dark body, 2023. 26 x 9cm	\$350	4. Bowl Chun-glazed, woodfired, 2023. 19 x 8cm	\$280
2. Chun Lidded Jar Woodfired stoneware, 2023. 15cm	\$200	5. Vase Stoneware, 2022. 21 x 15cm	\$750
3. Bowl Chun-glazed, woodfired stoneware, 2023. 18 x 6cm	\$280	6. Dish Chun-glazed stoneware, 2021. 16.5 x 4cm	\$180

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7. <i>Bowl</i> Chun-glazed dark body, 2023. 20 x 7cm	\$300	16. <i>Bowl</i> Chattered celadon with scar, 2023. 20 x 6cm	\$280
8. <i>Bowl</i> Chun-glazed dark body, 2023. 24 x 8cm	\$350	17. <i>Bowl</i> Tingha Celadon, 2020. 27 x 10cm	\$500
9. <i>Double Dipped Vase</i> Tea dust and chun-glazed stoneware, 2022. 31 x 19cm	\$1,500	18. <i>Small Vase</i> Chun-glazed stoneware, 2023. 14cm	\$250
10. <i>Lismore</i> Teadust and chun-glazed porcelain, 2022. 39 x 22cm	\$2,500	19. <i>Water Jug</i> Chun-glazed stoneware, 2021. 23cm	\$450
11. <i>Plate</i> Tea dust and chun-glazed stoneware, 2021. 32 x 5cm	\$750	20. <i>Tea Dust Vase</i> Woodfired stoneware, 2018. 25 x 16cm	\$750
12. <i>Fluted Unglazed Porcelain Lidded Jar</i> Porcelain, 2020. 17cm	\$250	21. <i>Bowl</i> Copper red glazed porcelain, 2023. 21 x 6cm	\$400
13. <i>Red Brown Vase</i> Stoneware, 2018. 15 x 15cm	\$500	22. <i>Bowl</i> Chun-glazed dark body, 2023. 26 x 9.5cm	\$350
14. <i>Flat Plate</i> Tingha Celadon, 2022. 19 x 3cm	\$250	23. <i>Fish Vase</i> Chun-glazed porcelain, 2023. 24 x 19cm	\$800
15. <i>Flat Plate</i> Tingha Celadon, 2022. 23 x 3cm	\$350	24. <i>Bowl</i> Copper red glazed porcelain, 2022. 19 x 7cm	\$400
		25. <i>Copper Red Vase</i> Copper red glazed porcelain, 2023. 34 x 17cm	\$1,000

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26. <i>Bowl</i> Tingha Celadon, 2022. 14.5 x 5cm	\$300	35. <i>Woodfired Double Dipped Vase</i> Tea dust and chun-glazed stoneware, 2023. 29 x 19cm	\$2,200
27. <i>Bowl</i> Woodfired, Tingha Celadon, 2020. 17 x 5cm	\$250	36. <i>Mottled Chun Bottle</i> Woodfired stoneware, 2022. 38 x 17cm	\$1,500
28. <i>Plate</i> Hartley celadon, 2023. 30 x 7cm	\$550	37. <i>Plate</i> Copper red glazed porcelain, 2020. 27 x 5cm	\$650
29. <i>Bowl</i> Copper red glazed porcelain, 2023. 19 x 6cm	\$400	38. <i>Woodfired Chun Vase</i> Woodfired stoneware, 2022. 35 x 25cm	\$1,800
30. <i>Large Bowl</i> Chun-glazed, woodfired stoneware, 2023. 29 x 13cm	\$500	39. <i>Octopus Vase</i> Stoneware, 2016-21. 18 x 15cm	\$600
31. <i>Double Dipped Vase</i> Tea dust and chun-glazed Stoneware, 2022. 33 x 19cm	\$1,500	40. <i>Tall Chun Bottle</i> Chun-glazed stoneware, 2023. 42 x 16cm	\$1,000
32. <i>Desert</i> Woodfired stoneware, 2023. 45 x 16cm	\$1,200	41. <i>Black and Blue Plate</i> Tea dust and chun-glazed stoneware, 2023. 35 x 5cm	\$850
33. <i>Flat Plate</i> Hartley celadon, 2023. 25 x 3cm	\$450	42. <i>Rice Bowl</i> Chun-glazed, woodfired dark body, 2023. 13 x 6.5cm	\$160
34. <i>Vase</i> Tea dust and chun-glazed stoneware, 2023. 14 x 15cm	\$550	43. <i>Soft Bowl</i> Chun-glazed stoneware, 2022. 19.5 x 7cm	\$350

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44. <i>Plate</i>	\$850
Chun-glazed dark body, 2021. 33 x 7cm	
45. <i>Plate</i>	\$800
Copper red glazed porcelain, 2021. 30 x 4cm	
46. <i>Flower Bowl</i>	\$380
Chun-glazed stoneware, 2022. 23.5 x 7cm	
47. <i>Fluted Vase</i>	\$750
Chun-glazed, 2022. 18 x 15cm	
48. <i>Bowl</i>	\$450
Copper red glazed porcelain, 2023. 23 x 8cm	
49. <i>Unglazed Vase</i>	\$1,000
Woodfired stoneware, 2022. 37 x 23cm	
50. <i>Chun-glazed Plate</i>	\$900
Stoneware, 2022-23. 39 x 5cm	

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