



# Cairns Potters Club

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## AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER



**UNDERGLAZE DETAIL by ASTRID ELIKA** (SEE p.5)

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# Club meetings

The Management Committee meeting is held on the first Monday of the month at 4.00pm at the Club premises at 28a Grove Street, Cairns. We continue to practice social distancing at these meetings.

## A word from our President ...

### Lone White

*Cairns Potters Club  
President*

It looks like the club will be having a busy time ahead this year.

Great news! The Cairns Potters Club has just been told that its application for **funding of a new electric kiln** from the Gaming Community benefit fund was successful (\$18,560). Hopefully by the end of this month we will have a new electric kiln installed, so there will be more opportunities for members to get their works fired.

A new **clay and materials order** has just been placed with Clay Shed in Brisbane, so hopefully it will arrive in Cairns around the middle of August.



**Adult and children's classes** will start again with a new teacher (see pages 4-5) and a glass workshop is planned at the clubhouse towards the end of August. In September we will be having a **raku firing day** (page 4) for members and in October it looks like we will be able to **display and sell our ceramic works at the showground for a week**. The Cairns Show Association together with the Visual Arts Association are working together to let people of Cairns see the artworks which usually would have been on display during the Cairns show week in July.

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The club is still looking for sponsors for the **MELTING POT 2020 National Ceramics Exhibition**, but otherwise everything is going to plan (see page 3) so hopefully you are busy planning or making the ceramic artworks which you will enter in the exhibition.

Two of our members have left the Management Committee. Jake has left Cairns and Yuki, who has been teaching adult classes for many years, has decided to discontinue classes due to other work commitments. A great big thanks to both for their commitment and support of the club.

# MELTING POT 2020

Lone White  
GLAZE DETAIL

## MELTING POT 2020

11 December '20 – 10 January '21

### Cairns Art Gallery

40 Abbott St, Cairns City QLD 4870

Phone: (07) 4046 4800

Over the years, the 'Melting Pot' National Ceramics Exhibition has highlighted current developments, trends and directions in ceramics

Australia-wide. Entry forms for **Melting Pot 2020** are available now from the Cairns Potters Club website or by contacting Lone White (4053 7508 or [lone@tpg.com.au](mailto:lone@tpg.com.au)).



Ian Whittaker  
QUEENSLANDER

## CAIRNS ART GALLERY

## CREATIVE GLASS WORKSHOPS

The Cairns Potters Club will be conducting a creative glass workshop at our Clubhouse on Grove Street.

The workshop will include making slumped and tacked glass artwork with various moulds to form bowls, dishes, plates etc.

**Dates:** 22 & 23 August

**Cost:** \$200 per person per weekend

**Payment by:** Prior to course commencing

**Enquires/bookings:** Kate Prynne (instructor)  
0400 517 949 or [kateprynne@tpg.com.au](mailto:kateprynne@tpg.com.au)



Participant numbers will adhere to the Cairns Potters Club Covid-Safe Plan.

BYO food, drinks, cups, plates etc as these will not be provided. Payment must be made in advance to secure your spot.

Transfer your payment to:

Cairns Potters Club / BSB 633-108 / Account 119552826

Please reference your name and 'Aug Glass'





## Cairns Potters Club

28A Grove st  
Parramatta park

*Presents*

# CLAY PLAY WITH ASTRID

Come together and create useful art  
for your home or personalised gifts.

Learn the skills of wheel throwing and  
hand building in a relaxed and  
supportive environment.


Adult Classes - Ages 15+

Wednesday Evenings: 6-8pm

\$25 per class -  
clay and firing costs based on  
individual requirements.

Contact Astrid for further information  
or bookings.

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# CLAY PLAY WITH ASTRID

## For Kids school age

Inspire their imaginations into life through tactile  
nature play, learning new practical skills and self  
expression.

Brighten your home with your kids beautiful take  
home creations.

Wednesdays: 4-5:30pm

\$25 Classes include:  
Clay, Colourful Glazes, Tools and Firing.

Creative, nurturing environment to explore.

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## Pottery classes for adults and children

**Classes are back!** Our featured Artist of the Month, Astrid Elika, will be running regular Wednesday classes at the clubhouse — for children from 4-5:30pm and for adults from 6-8pm. Adult classes are \$25 per session for tuition, with additional clay and firing costs based on individual requirements. The children's classes include clay, colourful glazes, and firing. ***Due to Covid-19 restrictions you must provide your own tools.*** Please contact Astrid on 0406 566 227 for further information or to make your booking.

*A big thank you from all of us to Yuki and Di, whose classes have introduced so many to the joy and satisfaction of working with clay.*

## Raku glaze making & firing day for members

**SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

We will be holding a members only get-together to make raku glazes and fire works in the raku kiln on site at the Clubhouse. Please get busy making your pots for the raku but please remember to make sure your creations have an even wall thickness, so we do not get any explosions!

We also have a size limit — your largest item is to be no bigger than 20x15x15 cm please. This is so we all get a chance to fire our creations.



# ASTRID ELIKA

*The magic of imagination captures my spirit.*

*Colour and creative intuition within nature's flowing realms have excited and fascinated me forever. Like a passing moment on the wind I jump and catch these impulses of expression to manifest into a useful object for everyday use, making life more meaningful and connected.*

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

*I was lucky enough to be born into a lineage of high achieving female artistic role models.*

My grandmother was an art teacher, specializing in ceramics. My mother, Louise Feneley, is a very successful painter and art teacher (look up her work on [www.louisefeneley.com](http://www.louisefeneley.com)). I played with clay a little as a youngster with my grandmother and loved observing her amazing work.

I have always been a hands-on kind of person, loving the tactile crafts of spinning, weaving, felt, crochet, wood carving, nontraditional basket making with recycled materials, and harp playing. Over and over again an artistic medium has captivated me — and I run with it until it becomes an obsession. Then I end up teaching it and inspiring others.

I worked at the Steiner school in Kuranda for five years as the woodwork and craft teacher. My four children went to the school as well. I loved supporting the students to achieve high quality work, building their confidence and fine motor skills in a therapeutic and productive environment.

Four years ago, I attended Cairns Potters Club for night classes with Yuki. Her classes, the club, and playing with clay inspired me. Astrid's pottery obsession had begun! However life got in the way and it was another three years before I ended up with a friend at TAFE for three terms, soaking up everything and working to produce as much as possible. Recently I made a pottery space and then started running Clay Play workshops from home. I am now fortunate enough to have the opportunity to run kids and adults' classes at the Cairns Potters Club.

Thank you and Blessings

Astrid







# Glaze colour testing workshop

With LONE WHITE

On Saturday 1 August the incomparable Lone White guided a group of Cairns potters through the process of developing a glaze colour palette using line blending of various oxides, and shared any number of tips from her vast store of experience.

The workshop was a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience for all involved, and we eagerly await the fired results from our experimentation. We can only aspire to be a little quicker next time around!

Many thanks to Kerri Adams for organising the workshop, to Astrid Erika for helping to bisque fire the piles of test tiles, and of course to Lone for being our guide.





Hi there

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SOURCING THIS CLAY FOR US! MY LITTLE PEOPLE LOVED THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH THE CLAY TODAY!

KIND REGARDS,

SHARON AND CHILDREN @ KEWARRA KIDS FAMILY DAY CARE.



## Regular clubhouse classes and casual gatherings

### CLUB MEMBER GET TOGETHERS — No Cost Involved

*(must be a Financial Member)*

#### TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS — 9.00am to 12.00pm

Members can practise their hand building, wheel throwing, decorating and glazing techniques and perhaps share a firing. It is also a chance to get to know other potters and share their joy in pottery making.

*Please note that Samallie will be conducting her classes on Saturday mornings and afternoons for a little while — however she is happy for a couple of people to come and work on the wheels while she conducts her classes if numbers permit.*

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