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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER



Raku Glazed Vessel by Geoff Riley

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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. Members are welcome to attend and/or bring issues to the Committee at this time.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

It looks like ceramics here in FNQ is again getting very popular. The club has this year already over 80 members and there is a demand for more pottery classes.

The Mother's Day Fair is happening again this Saturday 11 May and we would love you to come along and sell your pottery (see below) or just drop in to see what is happening in the club.

Good news! We applied for a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit fund (GCBF) and we were successful in getting \$13,682 for a new electric kiln, which we hope to have installed by the end of July 2019.

I will be going overseas from 19 May to 24 June, so if you need info regarding the Club please contact our secretary Suzy Cory or Christina George (see contact details on last page).

Lone White, President.

MOTHER'S DAY FAIR - SAT 11 MAY 2019

Please arrive early – around 7am to set up your table in a good spot.

If you need a table for your display please contact Lone White to book a table (limited tables available). Lone's contact details are on the last page.

You can sell other things apart from pottery, such as glass works, paintings, jewellery, plants, fruit etc.

You will need to fill in a sales sheet with your name and contact details. You can pick up a sales sheet from the clubhouse or ask us to email you one. On the sales sheet you must include all the items for sale, and each item must each have a sticker with the item number, price and your initials. The club takes 20% commission from sales.

Drop your sales sheet at the Sales Table when you arrive. Make sure all the things for sale have a label attached with your initials, price and number.

You do not have to stay with your work all the time, but it would be good for promotion of your works.

All the works must be paid for at the sales table, and if you have time perhaps you can give a hand there.

At 2.00pm the Fair will close – so you will then have to come and pack up your unsold items and help clean up the grounds.

If you have nothing to sell, you are still welcome to come and help for a few hours. It will give you an opportunity to meet up with other potters and get to know about what is happening in the club. We will also need some helpers during the day for clay play with children.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

When you come to the Clubhouse you MUST sign IN and OUT in the book next to the entrance. Students attending classes must also have their names entered in the book, however the teacher running the class is responsible for doing this. It is an insurance requirement. Please take a moment when you next arrive to locate the book and fill it out when you arrive and leave.

RAKU GLAZE MAKING & FIRING DEMONSTRATION

The workshop to make raku glazes, and the raku firing, on 13 & 14 May was a huge success!

On Saturday we had around 8 club members attend and make up the glazes, of which there were 22 glazes made. It was very interesting to learn the process of mixing the various mineral and chemical compounds from John Charlton who volunteered in the glaze room, through to adding the right amount of water and learning how to mix the glaze well.

On Sunday we had a good turn-out of members who glazed their pieces and then waited in anticipation for the raku kiln to work its magic! As the kiln quickly reached the required temperature of 1000 degrees Celsius, the pieces were removed and placed into a fire proof container filled with gum leaves, grass, shredded paper and sawdust. The reason for this is to starve the pot of oxygen, which gives the glaze a wonderful variety of colours. Pieces with no glaze on them take the oxygen from the clay itself, meaning some areas will have a matte black colouring. Once they had cooled a little more, we then transferred the pieces into a tub of water to halt the firing process entirely. There were many excellent results, just a few of which are shown below. (Artworks shown are by Leanne Kear, John Charlton, Geoff Riley and Suzy Cory)



RAKU GLAZE RECIPES

Firing Range 980 - 1020°C

RA1 - Fat White Crackle

Cover with sawdust - will pit and crackle. Has a thick fat look.

Frit 3110	75
Nepheline Syenite	20
Ball Clay	5

RA2 - Clear Crackle

Transparent glossy clear. Will be colour of clay used.

Gerstley Borate	80
Cornish Stone	20

RA3 - Runny Yellow Lustre

Lustrous light gold/yellow

Gerstley Borate	50
Borax	50
Red Iron Oxide	10

RA4 - Blue Lustre

Lustrous inky blue. Works well over pale Aqua

Borax	54
Silica	27
Red Iron Oxide	13
Copper Carb	1.8
Cobalt Oxide	4.6

RA5 - Red/Black

Lustres a rich copper when reduced

Frit 3134	45
Borax	45
Kaolin	10
Red iron Oxide	10
Copper Carbonate	5

RA6 - Pale Aqua

Intense aqua blue oxidised lustre rich copper colours when reduced

Gerstley Borate	75
Soda Feldspar	25
Copper Carbonate	3
Cobalt Oxide	1

RA7 - Oil Lustre

Good over other glazes

Gerstley Borate	80
Nepheline Syenite	20
Black Copper Oxide	2.5
Manganese Dioxide	1

RA8 - Red/Bronze

Copper - brick red colour

Gerstley Borate	80
Nepheline Syenite	20
Tin Oxide	3
Black Copper Oxide	2.5

RA9 - White Glaze

Frit 5301	65
Kaolin	20
Bentonite	15
Tin Oxide	50

RA10 - Green/Orange Lustre

Borax	50
Frit 3134	50
Chrome oxide	4

RA11 - Copper Stain

Frit 3110 (4110)	TBC
Copper carb	TBC

RA12 - Aqua

Frit 3110 (4110)	80
Netheline Syenite	20
Copper carb	4

RA13 - Crawl Glaze (Cone 4)

Gerstley Borate	47
Magnes. Carb (light)	31
Eckelite (Kaolin)	19
Borax	4
Copper carb	2

RA14 - Green

Frit 5301 (4101)	93
Kaolin	4
Bentonite	3
Copper carb	3
Zirconium Diox	1
Cobalt carb	1/4

RA15 - Blue

Frit 5301 (4101)	93
Kaolin	4
Bentonite	3
Copper carb	1
Tin oxide	1
Cobalt carb	1

RA16 - White Crackle

Gerstley Borate	82
Ball Clay	9
Zirconium Diox	9

RA17 - Celadon Lustre

Gerstley Borate	75
Soda Feldspar	25
Manganese Dioxide	5
Copper Carbonate	3

RA18 - Puce Copper

Gerstley Borate	75
Soda Feldspar	25
Black Copper Oxide	4

RA19 - Satin Light Blue

Gerstley Borate	75
Silica	10
Ball Clay	10
Bentonite	1
Tin ox	4
Copper carb	4
Cobalt ox	2

RA20 - Blue/Green Large Crackle

Frit 4110	80
Ball Clay	10
Silica	5
Bentonite	1
Tin ox	4
Copper carb	4
Cobalt Ox	1

RA21 - Turquoise Crackle

Gerstley Borate	80
Titanium Dioxide	10
Copper Carbonate	4

RA22 - Metallic Red

Borax	50
Gerstley Borate	50
Copper Carbonate	5
Red Iron Oxide	10

CLUBHOUSE HAPPENINGS

EVENING CLASSES (new classes starts 15/16 May)

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS - 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Wheel throwing and hand building class for beginners and existing potters who would like to refresh their skills.

Contact Yuki - yuki.koyuki@hotmail.com or 0438741922 (prefer SMS).

CLUB MEMBER GET TOGETHERS

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS - 9.00am to 12.00pm

NO COST INVOLVED

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.

Contact Glenys - 0487194747 or

Contact Yuki - 0438741922 (prefer SMS).

CLUB BOOKING FOR FRESHWATER CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Please note that the FCC will be utilising the club on Friday May 10 from 11.30am - 2.30pm for an afternoon of wheel-throwing. Please refrain from using the club during this time.

CLAY ORDERS

We are considering another order for clay and other materials. The cut off date will be Wednesday May 15. Details for pricing and how to order are on page 6. Please contact Lone to place your order - Contact details are on the last page.

THE CAIRNS SHOW IS COMING - 17, 18 & 19 JULY!

The Visual Arts Association together with the Cairns Potters Club are again in charge of the visual art display at The Cairns Show, and hope that you will be entering one or more pieces for display. You can print an entry form for the Visual Arts Section from The Cairns Show website (www.cairnsshow.com.au) or collect one from the Clubhouse. Entries close 28 June 2019 and you can enter in both the pottery, sculpture and painting section.

As usual we will also be selling members' pottery beneath the paintings.

Delivery of Exhibits must be to the Visual Arts Hall on **Wednesday 10 July between 12pm and 6pm.**

Delivery of Pots for Sale must be to the Visual Arts Hall on **Monday 15 July between 12pm and 4pm.** Do not forget to bring a sales sheet like the one filled out at the Mother's Day Fair.

Collection of Exhibits will be on **Saturday 20 July between 9am to 12pm.**

If you have problems with delivery or picking up of works for the Show, please call Lone White or Chris George to make other arrangements. Please see the last page for contact details.

We are also looking for members willing to do a shift at the exhibition. Each shift is for three hours, at a set time between 9am to 9pm. If you do a shift you will get free entry into the Show on that day, and of course we will have refreshments for you to take during the shift. We have two people on each shift. Contact Lone to volunteer.

CLAY FOR SALE - Price Per Bag 2019 *

<i>Blackwattle - White Paper Clay Stoneware</i>	<i>\$25</i>
<i>Walkers No. 10</i>	<i>\$24</i>
<i>Walkers White Handbuilding</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Walkers School Earthenware / Stoneware</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Walkers / Feeneys White Stoneware</i>	<i>\$23</i>
<i>Walkers PB 103</i>	<i>\$24</i>
<i>Feeneys Dark Stoneware</i>	<i>\$21</i>
<i>Feeneys Red Stoneware</i>	<i>\$21</i>
<i>Feeneys White Raku Stoneware</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Feeneys Raku - Sand</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Feeneys Buff Raku - Trachyte</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Feeneys Terracotta</i>	<i>\$18</i>
<i>Feeneys White Raku</i>	<i>\$19</i>
<i>Keanes White Raku</i>	<i>\$26</i>
<i>Keanes Special K</i>	<i>\$29</i>
<i>Keanes Stoneware 33</i>	<i>\$29</i>
<i>Keanes Stoneware 7</i>	<i>\$29</i>
<i>Australian Sun Clay</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Bats (masonite) 20cm diameter</i>	<i>\$4</i>
<i>Bats (masonite) 39.5cm diameter</i>	<i>\$8</i>

*** Non members of Cairns Potters Club will have to pay \$5 extra per bag.**

Clay types – can all be fired to stoneware temp except Feeneys Terracotta.

How to order:

If you would like to purchase some clay, please contact Di Sant, whose contact details can be found in the 2019 Management Committee Contact Details list towards the rear of the newsletter.

Payment:

*Payment for clay can be either cash in person, or directly deposited into the Club's Bendigo Bank account by making an electronic transfer. If you choose to do an electronic transfer, please make sure to **add your name and reference** what you are ordering when you make the payment, so we can match your payment to your order.*

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MISSING GLASS ARTWORK

We received this news from a glass workshop participant...

"I did - and very much enjoyed - the glass workshop 6&7 April. Sadly, afterwards, one of my creations went missing. It was square, mainly blue and green abstract pieces. I saw it fused before it went in for slump firing - it would have come out as a shallow dish. But it had disappeared before I could come to collect it. Does anyone know where it is? "

If you have any information, please contact Suzy Cory, the Club Secretary (see contact details last page).

WEBSITE GALLERY

Club members are invited to submit an Artist's Statement and photographs of artwork that represents your artistic style for inclusion in the Gallery page on our website. Your artist's statement should be one paragraph in length and may include your contact details at the end of the paragraph if you wish. Please email your Artist Statement and photographs to our web master Leanne Kear (see contact details on last page).

HOUSEKEEPING FOR MEMBERS & CLASS PARTICIPANTS

- *Please remember to take your rubbish home with you as the Club does not have a council rubbish pick up service.*
- *Please clean up after yourself, including cleaning of all bowls, tools, tables, sponges and wheels. Please clean the kitchen area after you use it too. It seems some people are still struggling to do this and it really isn't fair to the members who do clean up the Club.*
- *Please do not store your belongings at the Club. It would be brilliant and easy if we could, but there simply is not enough room for everyone to be doing this. Come and take your items home ASAP! Any unclaimed pottery will be sold on by the club for the experimental raku session coming up.*

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