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## OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



*TENMOKU Cup by DIETER TRACEY*

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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*



The Cairns Potters Club is getting busy with more members, classes both for adults and children and more activities on our Tuesday and Wednesday open days. That is great!

There have also been a lot of activities around the electric kilns with many pots left from before the Covid-19 shutdown of the clubhouse being fired by our new kiln firing team led by Karen Charlebois.

The club received the latest consignment of clays and materials from the Clay Shed on the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday 30 September and we have now only 12 bags left to sell to members, so it looks like another order will need to be sent to the Clay Shed shortly.

One highlight this month was our great raku firing day (see page 4). Thanks to Tom for being in charge of the raku kiln firings, and to everyone who helped out on the day.

Our next big activity will be our Christmas Fair, which is always held on the first Saturday (5th) of December, so with all the clay used by club members, we hope, they will have plenty of pots to sell on that day. (More about the Christmas Fair in the November newsletter).

The club is also busy organizing our MELTING POT 2020 National Ceramics Exhibition which will open at the Cairns Art Gallery Friday 11 December 2020. Do not forget that entries to that exhibition closes 27 November 2020. We have just received great news – the Clay Shed has offered us \$ 2000 for the major award of the MELTING POT 2020 Exhibition. It is getting much harder to get people to sponsor our exhibition, so a great thank you to the Clay Shed.

Lastly, a big thanks to Cate Mahoney for her dedication to the club and all her work as vice president of the management committee — and a warm welcome to our new vice president, Samallie Kasirye.

Lone White

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# MELTING POT 2020



**Craig Hoy**  
LOOKING BACK,  
LOOKING FORWARD

## 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 (07 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 full and tacked glass artwork as well as exploring a new product - glass clay!

- Dates:** 24 & 25 October
- 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.

Please wear fully covered shoes.

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 'Oct Glass'



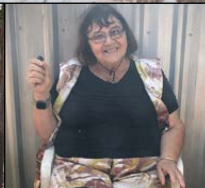
# Raku firing day

Saturday, 19 September, 2020

The Cairns Potters Club's annual raku firing was held on Saturday, 19 September.

Thanks to Tom and all his helpers for working hard to ensure that everyone had a successful and fun day.

Thanks also to John Charlton for providing a new shelf handling tool, and to everyone who helped with bisque firing, mixing glazes, and with the raku firings!





# BRIGITTE BAUMEISTER

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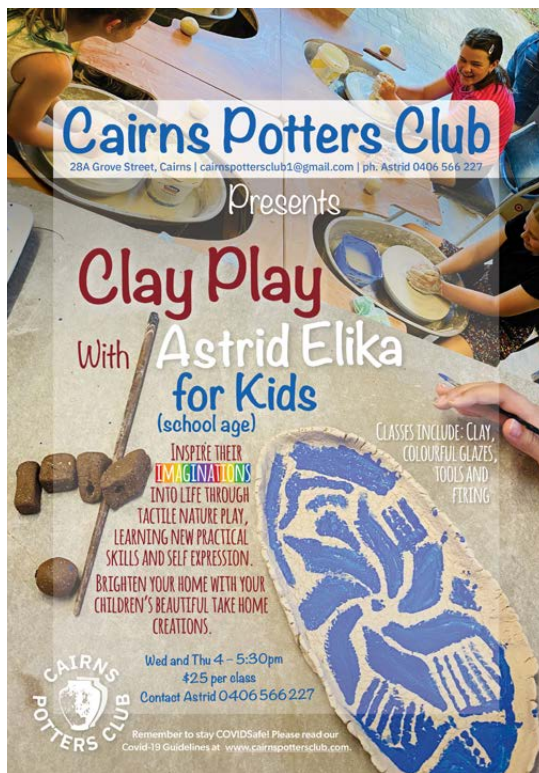
## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

*Having practiced ceramics for many years, Tafe classes, Pottery Club workshops, online courses, and yes, even old books, provide great inspiration to try new approaches. The constant change in outcomes, the immediate gratification of a raku firing, the unexpected flash of colour on a glaze, or simply another piece I admire bring ideas — often too many — where suddenly new enthusiasm arises. I do enjoy as much working on the wheel as other times on a sculpture, and will never be a great ceramist, as I love the excitement of change more than the fine tuning and improving, which I greatly admire. To me pottery is relaxation, expression of feelings, place, and time — as simple as that.*

~Brigitte







# POTTERY LESSONS

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A QUALIFIED  
AND HIGHLY EXPERIENCED POTTERY TEACHER –  
**SAMALLIE KASIRYE** – AT THE CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB

STARTING **October 3rd, 2020.**

**Saturday mornings 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon**

**Saturday evenings 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**\$52** per session

INCLUDES:

*Morning/afternoon tea, use of glazes, workshop hire,  
variety of clays, pottery tools, bisque and glaze firings.*

## Wheel Throwing Lessons

You will learn to make plates, bowls, cups, vases etc.

Basic skills are foremost for beginners, while intermediate students will develop and polish their skills through creativity and practice.

## • Intermediate/Advanced

Individual styles will be developed while learning to create more complex forms: distorted forms, varied platters, large wares, diversified surfaces and lids.

## Hand-building Lessons

You will create coil, pinch, and slab wares.

## Glaze Lessons

To learn mixing, application glazes and loading a kiln.

*For all lessons please bring apron, small cushion for the chair and an old towel.*



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

CALL **SAMALLIE ON 0478 801 305** TO ARRANGE FULL  
PAYMENT BEFORE YOU COMMENCE ATTENDING CLASSES.

## Regular pottery classes for adults and children

**Astrid Erika** is running regular **Wednesday and Thursday** 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.

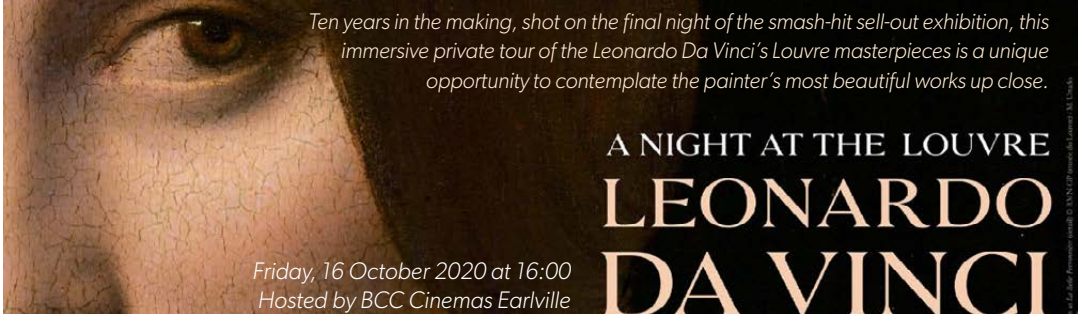
**Samallie Kasirye** is starting a new round of classes to be held **every Saturday**, from 3 October. Places are available for morning (9 am–12 noon) and afternoon (3–6pm) sessions and cater to a range of experience levels from beginner to advanced. Snacks are provided but for all lessons please bring apron, small cushion for the chair and an old towel. Please call Samallie on 0478 801 305 for more details and to arrange payment.

**NEW CLASSES! Carole Lomax** will be teaching wheelthrowing off the hump and hand building in classes to be held **every Tuesday** from 12:30–2:30 pm. Carol has been involved with the club over many years and also taught pottery at TAFE for a long time. She has recently returned from Japan where she has spent time involved in a workshop with master potters.

**Cost: \$ 98 for four consecutive weekly classes or \$28 per casual weekly class.**

**Contact:** [clomax54@gmail.com](mailto:clomax54@gmail.com) or 0424 292 748.

*Students will purchase own clay, with additional cost for glaze and firing.*



Ten years in the making, shot on the final night of the smash-hit sell-out exhibition, this immersive private tour of the Leonardo Da Vinci's Louvre masterpieces is a unique opportunity to contemplate the painter's most beautiful works up close.

## A NIGHT AT THE LOUVRE LEONARDO DA VINCI

Friday, 16 October 2020 at 16:00  
Hosted by BCC Cinemas Earlville

## 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.*

## 2020 Management Committee & contact details

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