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Next General Meeting : 6th December 2021 5.15pm at the club house. All Members welcome.

Wrap up of recent club Events: Thank you to all members who have assisted at the recent events of the Rodeo Market and The Open Weekend. Your help was greatly appreciated. The Rodeo Markets were well attended both by stall holders and the public. The Open Weekend, while not well attended by the public, fun was had by the members who were there.

Warwick Show: Don't forget to get your entry forms into Show Steward Penny King. Schedule forms are available from the club house from Monday Midday. We would like to thank Penny for all the work she does in bringing the Pottery section of the show to life. Don't forget that this will be Penny's final year as Show Steward. Penny is happy to train a new show steward but this will need to start as soon as possible. If you are interested please let us know and we can put you in touch with her.

Workshop: Hand building with Patty Moxhan from Wickety Woo. Create a whimsical Fairy, Elf or Woodland Sprite.

Date: 28th November 2021

Cost: \$120

Patty hails from Lancashire in the north of England and currently lives on the Granite Belt. A childhood steeped in magical stories of forest dwellers, witches, goblins, elves and fairies. Memories of the whimsical creatures in those stories inspire Patty as she creates her magical sculptures. Register your interest in attending workshop by email - secretary@potters.org.au

More details will follow in a separate email.

Christmas Party: If members are interested in having a members get together let us know. It will be an informal gathering at the clubhouse with a glass of wine/beer and some nibbles. Date will be decided at the meeting on the 6th of December.

Workshop: Glass Fusing with Leah. Create small glass fused pieces for Jewellery. This 4hr workshop will go through the basics of types of glass, cutting glass and fusing glass and using the pieces to create 2 pendant and earrings. All tools, safety requirements and materials are supplied. and class is limited to 8 people.



Date: 16th January 2022

Cost: \$80

Where: Warwick Potters Club House

Reserve your spot by contacting Leah at secretary@potters.org.au

About Tutor: While only new to pottery, Leah is a well-established glass artist from Allora. Having worked with glass for over 10 years, Leah currently offers workshops in Toowoomba and her home studio. Her Workshops cover Glass fusing and Glass Beadmaking. You can find her on Instagram or Facebook

Pottery Tips: Packing a Kiln 101

Weight Distribution is a very important part of packing a kiln, even weight distribution puts less stress on the kiln shelves and can assist the efficiency when heating.

Kiln Furniture needs to be in straight vertical lines, this gives them the strength they need to support the shelf above and below.

A triangular pattern is the best for overall support of the shelf. As the temperatures in the kiln climb the shelf will start to bow. The triangle pattern of 1 stilt on 2 corners of shelf and the 3rd in the middle of the shelf at the apex of the triangle lessen the bow and the stress of the kiln shelf. Stacking this way will give you a longer shelf life and reduce the chance of your shelf cracking.

Weight distribution should also be considered when stacking your pottery on the shelf. An example: stacking bowls inside each other for a bisque fire - Ensure the bowls are stacked straight, if the inside bowls are tilted the heat may distribute unevenly and this may cause the bottom bowl to break

And the final tip: FULL KILNS HEAT MORE EFFECIENTLY. For bisque and Glaze firings the tighter the pack the more efficiently the kiln works, reducing power costs and lessens the chance of work not being fired correctly

Local Happenings

pARTicipate Opening: Friday 19th of November Bookings are essential. Tickets are free and can be reserved here [Do go along and support the local artists of our region.](#) pARTicipate is a Warwick Art Gallery event and showcases Artists from our region.

And finally as the end of the year approaches it is time to start looking forward to 2022 and some of the things you might want to see happen at the club. please forward any ideas you might have for possible workshops you might want to have hosted at the club, Any events you might be interested in seeing at the club. The sooner we can start planning the better our chances are at applying for funding to help cover the costs of workshops and other events.

Do you have an upcoming event that you would like to share with our members please email Leah at info@potters.org.au with all the details and any images and it will be shared in the next newsletter Due out in December.