

#### **NEWSLETTER, JUNE 2024**

#### WARWICK POTTERS ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the chilly season of winter. Fire on – soup at the ready !!

We have two new members, Alora Thomas and Claire Walker. May your journey with the Warwick Potters be sensational.

#### DATES FOR 2024 - mark your calendars !!

Warwick Potters' Annual Soup Night – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. July at 6.00pm

Warwick Potters' Picnic in the Park – Jumpers and Jazz Craft Market – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am until 3.00pm.

Warwick Potters' Rodeo Craft Market – Saturday 8.30am to 1.00pm.

#### SPECIALIST JAPAN CERAMIC ART TOUR

Penny King has sent an email to all members regarding the Specialist Japan Ceramic Art Tour happening in late September 2024.

If you would like to partake of the invitation to tour in a 13 day small group, here is the link for more details.

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#### J & J TREE DECORATING

The tree theme has been decided at our last meeting and it will be "Tree of Life – Celebrating 50 Years".

Decorations for the tree are needed to be made in both clay and yarn. Any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. If you could help out with either the pottery or yarn decorations, please contact Jenny Lang via email – <u>alderberan007@gamil.com</u> or a text on 0411431734. This will enable a view of who is doing what etc. Decorations needed are as follows –

Pottery leaves. To be hung on branches/vines. All members are invited

to add their name to a leaf, and/or a positive word/phrase that

describes what pottery means to you. As a time and cost saving measure,

leaves will be fired to stoneware, then painted, and sealed with clear

acrylic rather than using underglaze and glaze.

Pottery '50's to hang on tree. Painted with gold acrylic spray.

Small pottery animals/birds/insects/mushrooms etc to place in the

tree. Anything that would be found in a tree! Ideas welcome! Please note

that there is always a risk of theft with items placed on/in the tree.

We will try to make items as secure as possible.

A sign with our tree name painted on. Tentative plan is to find a

suitable canvas/frame from an op shop and paint with acrylic paints.

Crochet vines to decorate tree trunk and branches.

Small crochet/knit flowers in shades of red, orange, yellow, blue,

purple & pink - patterns to be provided.

Small crochet leaves in shades of green - pattern to be provided.

Both the flower and leaf pattern are very simple and suitable for

beginner crocheters - if you would like to learn, please reach out!

Other yarn decorations - if you have any ideas that fit in the theme

you would like to contribute, please let me know!

Some yarn will be available at the club from Saturday, for anyone who

wishes to crochet or knit items - any further donations of yarn in the above colours would be greatly appreciated.

We are also looking for donations of chicken wire/similar small gauge wire mesh, to create the base for our tree - if you can help out please let me know.

This Saturday morning Jenny Lang will be at the club to start work on the decorations if anyone would like to join her!

#### **SOUP NIGHT**

Oh gosh the email sent this week said only 50 sleeps left [ a bit less now ].

This year the club will not have the assistance of Rotary with the serving of the soup, hence we need our members to step up on the night.

Soup Night Co-ordinator, Leah, will have on the blackboard at the clubhouse, a list of jobs to fulfill. Can we ask all members to lend a hand in whatever capacity you can!

Listed below are the soup recipes that we need prepared and coming to us on the night warm, or hot [ NOT COLD OR FROZEN ].

On the day we need help with carting tables/chairs/fire drums/gas heaters and hay bales into position. Setting up the serving lines and setting up the tables with the soup bowls for sale.

The club will do the mulled wine and punch. Katies will be there with coffee and desserts and we will have the assistance of the hospitality students from Assumption College.

As soup night draws closer Leah will have a list of those who can assist and Leah will advise times etc.

For those making soup, if you wish, the club will reimburse you for the cost of the ingredients.

The gallery will be open Thursday night and then on Friday and again on Saturday. We will need assistance to man the gallery over this period and a new display of pottery will be for sale. Could all old works please be removed so that we can give the gallery a good clean up.

This year for the quirky pot section in the gallery, the theme is 'JAZZ' – interpret this as you wish.

Please find recipes on the next page.





#### **FEATURE – POTTERY CREATOR - Sue Whitton**

This month we would like to present to you our very own potter, Sue Whitton.

I was fortunate to catch up with Sue who shared her passion for creativity.

Sue started potting in the early 70's learning hand building techniques and later when Ian McKay came to Stanthorpe he taught Sue how to make lids and teapots, decorating and glaze techniques. Sue was also lucky to have done Ian Curries glaze correspondence course. Sue was President of Stanthorpe Potters for several years and was instrumental in facilitating the club' s extensions and Gallery.

Sue is a life member of the Stanthorpe Club and moved to Warwick in 1995 when purchasing the Red Rooster which meant no pottery for about 20 years. Once the Red Rooster was sold in 2005 Sue once again reverted to pottery which is a good part of her life. Sue taught beginners hand and wheel classes and was instrumental in obtaining a grant for an electric kiln which made life easier for members to fire.

Sue brought her glaze recipes from Stanthorpe and helped members mix and fire pots. Sue enjoys experimenting with new glazes.

During the time that Sue was President, Sue instigated Soup Nights and revamped the gallery.

Sue is only too happy to share her knowledge with anyone who is interested in Pottery as pottery has always been an enormous part of her life.

2017 - with some of her beautiful pieces at the opening of her exhibition at the Stanthorpe Pottery Club. It was a wonderful night and many of the Warwick potters attended.



2022 -with a beautiful piece at the opening of her exhibition at the Stanthorpe Pottery Club.



Sue is our Glazing Officer here at Warwick Potters and has a multitude of talent to share.

## Members busy at work creating



## Members gathered on Saturday to create and work towards the J & J Tree



#### **TRIVIA**

# THE NAMES OF THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

- 1. The space between your eyebrows is called a glabella.
- 2. The way it smells after it rains is called petrichor.
- The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet.
- 4. When your stomach rumbles, that's a wamble.
- 5. The cry of a new born baby is called a vagitus.
- 6. The prongs of a fork are called tines.
- The sheen of light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called phosphenes.
- The tiny plastic thing placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a box tent.
- 9. The day after tomorrow is called overmorrow.
- 10. Your little toe or finger is called the minimus.
- The wired cage that holds the cork on a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe.
- 12. The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called **vocables**.
- 13. When you combine a question mark with an exclamation mark (?!), it is referred to as an **interrobang**.
- 14. The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.
- The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called armscye.
- Finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning is called dysania.
- 17. Illegible handwriting is called griffonage.
- 18. The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called tittle.
- That sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence.
- 20. The metal thing used to measure your feet at the shoe stories is called **Bannock device**.



### **CLUB CONTACT DETAILS**

Any queries please contact Sue Creed <a href="mailto:president@potters.org.au">president@potters.org.au</a>

NEXT MEETING IS 1ST JULY 2024 at 5.15PM - see you there !!