

The Canberra Potter—Fired Up—November



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Welcome to the second issue of our online news feed **fired-up**.

This month we feature a recap of our amazing Open Day. Over 400 visitors dropped in to see what we do best at the Canberra Potters and Watson Arts Centre and by all accounts a great day was had by all.

It's getting to the busy end of the year and we have information, links and updates on the latest studio sales, exhibitions and events. We are also releasing dates and course outlines for the coming year including holiday Intensives, Summer School and our kid's Holiday Program. Get fired-up!

[CANBERRA POTTERS OPEN DAY WRAP](#)

[November 5](#)

We held our annual Open Day last Sunday. Visitors enjoyed an afternoon and early evening of clay based activities and demonstrations, market stalls, trade tables, wood-fired pizza, craft beers and great jazz. For a wrap-up and lots of photographs from the day click on the link.

Image: [Hilary Wardhaugh](#)



[CANBERRA POTTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY](#)

[Friday 15 Dec from 5.30pm](#)

Save the date! Celebrate the end of a busy Canberra Potters year with a cocktail party. Drop in and catch up with friends and enjoy some Christmas festivities. Latest updates and ticket information on website.

Image: Ingrid Adler, Decorations



[MEMBERS' EXHIBITION PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER](#)

The final award in the Canberra Potters Members' Exhibition has been announced. Leonie Lucey for her work Praying Mantis has won the Curatoreum People's Choice Award. Congratulations Leonie and thank you again to [The Curatoreum](#) for their generous support. Leonie's piece and other winners can be viewed [here](#).

Praying Mantis, Leonie Lucey 2017



[TEA IN THE POTTERS' GARDEN](#)

[SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER](#)

[11AM-4PM](#)

Visit four open studios in a single location, see behind the scenes as to how eight individual craft, design and visual artists work with clay from sculpture to tableware, interior and exterior design. Featured makers include FRATTEMPO, Linburn Handmade, Jo Victoria, Andres Caycedo, Lia Tajcnar, Lesley Lebkowicz – Wild Clay, Alya Khan and Girl Nomad Ceramics.



SUMMER SCHOOL–THE LAYERED SURFACE

With [Lia Tajcnar](#)

Lia Tajcnar has degrees in painting & ceramics. She loves to combine colour, pattern & imagery with tactile form in her ceramics practice. She is ever curious and experiments with techniques gleaned from other mediums to tap into the vast range of creative possibilities inherent in ceramics. Lia's teaching philosophy is to support students in developing their own vision through experimenting, testing and risk-taking and critically evaluating their work with playful and creative enquiry.



SURFACE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Tuesdays 5 & 12 December 6-9pm

Led by Suzanne Oakman we are offering a new short course at the end of Term 4 over two consecutive Tuesday nights. This course will explore the elements of design and how to apply these in developing your own individual surface decorations.



YOU YOU EXHIBITION

9 – 19 November

You You exhibition is now on and features the work of Japanese ceramicists who have studied ceramics at university in Kyoto and now pursue their art under the tutelage of Ryozo Shibata. It really is a wonderful exhibition and if you haven't seen it yet please hurry. The work is gorgeous (and quirky) and selling fast!

Image: Masako Hirano *Girl* 2017



[SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM KIDS](#)
[SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM ADULTS](#)

Courses commence from 15 January 2018

We offer a range of holiday classes for [kids](#) that cater for the absolute beginner to the clay enthusiast—older kids too. This Summer we have courses designed for all ages including busy [adults](#) who can enrol in one of our intensive classes and emerge themselves in a introduction to clay course over three and a half days! Bookings are open now.



[CHRISTMAS FAIR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN](#)

We are now calling for applicants for this years Christmas Fair. This year's Christmas Fair will be open from 7 to 23 December and is always well supported and a great opportunity for newer members to try out a friendly market environment. Please send your relevant details and some photos of your work to promote your work.



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CANBERRA SHOW CRAFT EXPO

Entries are now open for next years Canberra Show Craft Expo. Show is on 23-25 February and entries close on 21 December. It's a great community event a great way to promote pottery and ceramics to the wider community. If you haven't already considered it maybe this could be your chance to win a show ribbon! Canberra Potters students ask your teachers for details. Image: Anne Langridge, Reserve Champion of Champions, Crafts Expo, Royal Canberra Show 2017



EXHIBITIONS

There are several exhibitions in and around town that feature work of our talented members. [Anita McIntyre](#) Stories Family, Place at Beaver Galleries until 19 November. [Sue Hewat and Sophie Suttor](#) have works in the Design Canberra Shine Dome Reimagined exhibition at the East Space Gallery, until 26 November.



Other ceramic exhibitions of note include: Part of the Process featuring the work of [Julie Pennington, Jo Searle and Heidi Strachan](#) (recent EAAS Award Winner) on show until 27 November at Form Gallery, Queanb. Image: Jo Searle

ELEMENTS OF PLACE

TIN SHED ART GROUP

23 NOVEMBER TO 3 DECEMBER

At Watson Arts Centre Gallery (following You You) will be Elements of Place the annual exhibition from the Tin Shed Art Group. Places can be next door or far away, seen recently or be part of a distant past. Enjoy how the TSAG use individual styles to explore the elements that make their chosen place so memorable – atmosphere and emotions, light and colour, nature and man-made marvels. A definite must-see exhibition!

Image: TSAG



OPEN STUDIOS

'Tis the season! A great time of year to buy direct from the artist as the following studios open their doors to meet, greet and be merry. **Bev Hogg**, Ceramic Studio Sale and Garden Party on Saturday 18 November 10am-4pm, 8 Brennan St Hackett. **Jacpots Ceramics**, Open Gallery 26-26 November at 6 Foster Plc Watson. **Sandy Lockwood**, 2017 Annual Open Weekend at Balmoral Pottery 9 William St, Balmoral Village, 2-3 December 10am-4pm.

Image: *Vinegarette*, Sandy Lockwood



VALE: JULIE BARNETT

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Julie Barnett a member of Canberra Potters and an EASS Award Winner in 2014. Our thoughts and condolences go to her family and friends.

Image: Julie Barnett, EASS Award 2014



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