

President's Report



Well we have started the year with a bang, Ally and Elise from Meet ceramics gave a wonderful presentation full of information and introductions to new skills, materials, tools and equipment. It is hard to single out highlights but it was great to have the technique of decorating with Tissue transfers explained so competently and Having worked with Chinese wheels in China, the range they have had designed for them and they are importing are impressive. They are belt driven like Brent wheels and as quiet as my Shimpo, but half the price, certainly an option if you need a new wheel!

At our next meeting we have John Kuczwal to talk about his Lustre journey that has cumulated in the Excellent Exhibition at Wollongong Art Gallery, titled The Road Less Travelled.

Lustre means to illuminate, purify, examine. John Kuczwal is a world class lustre potter from Wollongong whose lifelong passion for the medium manifests in making, collecting and curating. This exhibition is the culmination of where these pursuits intersect for Kuczwal into an expansive story of lustreware, an under-recognised field of ceramics practice and scholarship – 'a road less travelled'.

A Road Less Travelled also represents another important pathway. And that is the work that regional galleries do to fill the gaps in art historical narratives not taken up by larger state and national institutions.

The exhibition runs until 11th May and is well worth visiting, there is a wonderful Catalogue available in hard copy or for free if you follow this link:

<https://wollongongartgallery.au/wag-exhibitions/a-road-less-travelled-a-survey-of-lustre-ceramics>

The CSG Wood kiln at Sawyers Gully is ready for its first firing. We have circulated a survey to ask for expressions of interest in joining the Woofers, the CSG's wood firing group, if you haven't received the survey and wish to be a member contact the secretary.

Date 12-13th April Packing on the Saturday and firing through the night until Sunday

The firings are only open to financial Members of the CSG as it is a benefit of membership and for insurance purposes during the firings.

Accommodation is available on site for camping and Hostel style beside the kiln.

Keep calm
and
pot on

Leonard Smith
President