

Ceramic Art Association of NSW Ltd.

December



Newsletter

Well, I guess you are all wondering just what happened to the Newsletter we had hoped to get out directly following our Annual Show – well, it's like this:-



Our very able Newsletter editor (Ros Nossiter) had to have surgery and she is still in hospital, being rehabilitated at Mt Wilga, following **2 KNEE REPLACEMENTS.**

I'm sure you will understand why she has not been able to get this Newsletter out. However, we will have a proper, well-presented Newsletter as soon as she is able to do so.



Mavis Winrow, Secretary

SHOW UPDATE:

Many thanks to all those who put entries into our Show in October. We had 608 entries in 165 categories. We are very thrilled with the number of entries, but rather disappointed that only 22 studios put in entries.

SHOW UPDATE (cont'd):

We also had a good number of booth holders who presented their products well. Unfortunately, we did not get the numbers through the door. We rely on door takings to help pay for the venue and to enable us to make a profit. Due to the very poor response to our Show we were only just able to make ends meet on the Show, but funds are down and we really need the support of our member studios and manufacturers/distributors to enable us to keep going and putting on an annual show.

2005 AND BEYOND!!!

Our Committee for 2005 has not been elected as we were unable to hold the AGM on Friday 26th November due to insufficient numbers being present, so as yet we are unsure if a Show will be held in 2005 or not. As you will be aware by now, we plan to hold our deferred AGM this Friday, 10 November at Fired Up Arts, at 7.30 p.m. We would love to see you there. Many of the current committee are ready to stand again for positions, so all we need is **you** to be there to help vote for these people and perhaps, IF you are able, just be a committee member and not part of the executive. We can have up to 7 ordinary committee members plus 4 executive.

We will be having a special Christmas supper after the meeting.



DO YOU, OUR MEMBERS, WANT A SHOW IN 2005 or would you rather we missed 2005 and aimed for 2006?

WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!! Would you be willing to give us your comments on this and also whether you feel the Show should be put back to July or stay in October? If you have **ANY** suggestions at all, would you please send them to us, by 'snail mail' or by e-mail (caa@caansw.com).

As a Committee we are trying to do the best we can for each Member and sometimes it is very hard to know what you want, when we never see you or hear from you. We will be attending the February 2005 Stitches & Craft Show and will be handing out Membership Listings. If you are able to help out at any time during the Show, could you please let us know. The dates are:- 16 to 20 February 2005.

Anyway, that's enough from me! So until our real Newsletter Editor returns

**HAVE
A
SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS**

President's Report

First I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work this year. We have all had family problems during the year, but all have turned up to each meeting. We have had many concerns during the year – namely lack of helpers, but we have been very thankful for those who have come forward to lend a hand and help out. Our special thanks go to the boys at Carmos, to Sandra Gally and to Marilyn Wentzel.

Our Show was a success and a special 'thank you' must go to all the volunteers who came and helped at the Show – many from Carmos, Fired Up Arts and Blue Gums. If I have missed any, please accept my apology.

We have enjoyed new things this year. We have tried running workshops and a couple have been very successful. We also tried a new format for the separate Studio and Manufacturer Listings. Some people told us they were not happy with it and so the next printing will see it again combined into one booklet.

The way things are shaping up there may not be a Show next year and instead we may have to leave it for 18 months or so as we try to raise more funds and get more people on board to help. I personally am very sad to think that the Annual Show may not go ahead, as are my students as they are already planning their pieces for the next Show.

All the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Sandra Lee, President

December 2004.