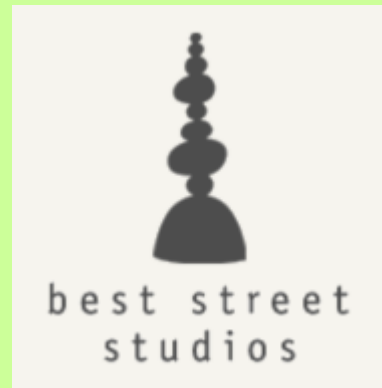


# BEST STREET STUDIO E-NEWS

*Spring 2011*

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## FROM THE STUDIO

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Well, winter is well past us now. The wild oats are drying out... when I was a kid I always knew we were leaving spring behind and heading into summer when I could no longer strip the seeds easily from the tops of the wild oats.

This year there has been no time for twiddling about with wild oats! Winter seems to be my ART TO YOU season, with visits out to Wakool Central School again, as well as Illabo Public school, Kapooka Public School and Lockhart Central School.

I think there has been a plague of clay wombats and echidnas to rival the mouse plague earlier this year. Archaeologists in the future will wonder about the distribution of these creatures from the hills of Tumut to the plains out past Hay!

Jenny McKenzie also accompanied me on our return visit to Lake Hume, where we spent two days at Leah Casey's beautiful Mud-brick home overlooking Lake Hume - about 40 minutes out of Wodonga. Jenny and I love going there.....we get to meet really interesting women, work in the most beautiful surroundings and the food is exceptional!!!!!! Thank you again Leah for inviting us down. After our last visit, it was decided by the group, that we would come for 2 days and work with clay and then wire. I noticed that the clay skills of all the women have really improved with all of the work well constructed and aesthetically appealing. Wire work was fun - with a variety of different pieces produced. We had candle sticks, flowers, baskets and nests, dragonflies and butterflies. Already there are plans for another workshop in March next year where we will incorporate clay, wire and the FOUND OBJECT. I have heard that the women are scouring their farm tips for art materials and stockpiling for the event!

Thank you Jenny for all your help with the workshops and everything else!

While I am thanking people, I would like to make a special thank you to all the people who help keep the Best Street Studios on track. A big THANK YOU to our newest helpers Katie and Hannah Hurst, who have shown incredible initiative and enthusiasm when helping us at the Children's Holiday Art Workshops. These 2 girls are destined to go on to great heights with their energy and organisational skills.

Sheridan has been offered an apprenticeship at Cache Cafe and starts in the middle of November. We will miss her so much. Sheridan's sense of humour and good natured willingness to give anything a go will serve her well into the future. Don't forget us Sheridan and come visit us whenever you can.

A big thank you to Annie Dowling for her continued support. You have such a beautiful way with the children and are so skilled in all aspects of art. What would we do without you?

Ongoing thank you's to Robyn, Tricia, Milton and Mabs for all you do in and around the studio.

People always say to me " Oh Kath, I don't know how you do it all". But the thing is I don't do it all. We have a great team at Best Street, and we do have so much fun. Thank you all again.

I have had a feast of art over the last month and there is still more to come. So far, I have been amazed by the quality of the work at the Mater Dei Spring Lakeside Art show, mind-boggled at the skills of the farmers at the Lockhart Spirit of the Land art show, incredulous at the outpouring of art at the Wagga Art Competition, and thrilled with the work on display at the Coolamon Up to date Store's art show.

And this weekend....I can't wait to see what's on at the TRAC ART in the GARDEN show. There are so many people out there enjoying making art. The world would certainly be a better place if we all made art and not war.

After several requests, we have decided to introduce a MAKING MONTH in November. This is so people who want to make gifts for Christmas can come along and create their own individual artworks for their friends and family. We have some places left on Wednesday morning, Wednesday night and Friday mornings. Come along and try your hand out with clay, wire or mosaic. If you have an idea for any other medium, give me a call and we can work something out.



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/beststreetstudios](http://www.facebook.com/beststreetstudios)

*Kathryn Powderly*

## FEATURE STORY

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### **Best Street Twilight Christmas Market & Art Sale Friday December 9 – Sunday December 18 2011**

15 Riverina Artists and Producers – local artwork, local produce and giftware  
*clay birdhouses – clay chooks and birds - clay sculpture – mosaics – garden art – clay pots – jewellery – textiles – wood – Glass – metal sculpture –local produce – Christmas delights – cards and giftware – Wagga Wagga tea towels.*

#### **Twilight Christmas Market**

Friday December 9, 2010

Commences 6:00pm

26 Best Street, Wagga Wagga

This is the gala opening of this two week art sale and will be a spectacular evening with fine food and wine, entertainment and great company, not to mention the myriad of local art work for sale.

All artists will be on site

Why not drop by after work or on your way to your Christmas celebrations – be one of the first to view and purchase these amazing artworks

#### **Art Sale Continues until 18 December**

Saturday December 10 thru until Sunday December 18

Open 7 days 10am – 6pm

Why not enjoy your Christmas shopping this year and visit the peaceful garden atmosphere at Best Street Studios Art Sale.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

#### **Call for Artists to have a stall**

We are looking for local artists/crafters with quality handmade products to hold a stall at our Twilight Christmas Market and Art Sale. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact our administration staff for more information by email at: [admin@beststreetstudios.com.au](mailto:admin@beststreetstudios.com.au) or phone: 0422 767 667.

## UPCOMING CLASSES, COURSES & WORKSHOPS

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Detailed event information is available on the Best Street Studios website at <http://www.beststreetstudios.com.au>

### November 2011-Making Month

November is "Making Month" here at Best Street Studios.

We will be running a special 4 week program which will be to make Xmas pressies for friends & family including garden art, pears, water bowls, chooks, birds, mosaics & poppies.

You can also bring along your own ideas or we can give you some ideas.

Cost is \$35.00 per session. For more information, or to book a spot, please contact Nicole Barton on 0422 767 667 or [admin@beststreetstudios.com.au](mailto:admin@beststreetstudios.com.au) or visit our website at [www.beststreetstudios.com.au](http://www.beststreetstudios.com.au)

### Art to You Program

If you can't come to us, we'll come to you!

Best Street Studios artist Kathryn Powderly is well known for her hands-on fun workshops, for both adults and children. Kath is passionate about making art accessible to all and therefore regularly travels to conduct art workshops for community groups, schools, pre schools and other education institutes. Kath is well known for her clay and mosaic workshops but can teach many more mediums. Recently Kath has conducted workshops at Marrar Public School, Hay School of the Air, ABC Glenfield, Griffith Regional Gallery and Borambola Sport & Recreation Centre.

#### Availability for 2012

March 5 & 6	June 4 & 5	August 27 & 28
March 12 & 13	June 11 & 12	September 3 & 4
March 19 & 20	June 18 & 19	September 10 & 11
March 26 & 27	June 25 & 26	September 17 & 18
April 30 & May 1	July 23 & 24	October 15 & 16
May 7 & 8	July 30 & 31	October 22 & 23
May 14 & 15	August 6 & 7	October 29 & 30
May 21 & 22	August 13 & 14	
May 28 & 29	August 20 & 21	

If you would like to discuss a workshop for your needs please contact our office today.

### Term Classes

We are pleased to announce the dates for our term courses for 2012. They are:

Term 1 commences week of 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Terms 1 finishes 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
Term 2 commences week of 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	Term 2 finishes 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
Term 3 commences week of 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2012	Term 3 finishes 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Term 4 commences week of 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Term 4 finishes 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2012

## CLASSIFIEDS

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New Souvenirs for 2011 – watch this space as Kath focuses on the design of a new range of T Towels, magnets, aprons and maybe even calico bags

### Gift Certificates

Best Street Studios has the most creative present you can give for any occasion. Why not buy a Gift Certificate for a friend or relative so they can discover their artistic potential? Certificates can be purchased for any amount, a particular course, or for the value of the course of your choice. A Best Street Studios Gift Certificate makes a fabulous present for anyone.

Contact the office today to discuss the options

### Best Street Studios Greeting Cards

2009 saw the launch of the long awaited Best Street Studio greeting cards. With eight gorgeous designs they are the perfect card for any occasion. We are currently sourcing distribution outlets and hope to have them in many retail stores throughout the Riverina in the coming months. In the meantime feel free to contact our office for purchases.

Visit the website to check out the designs [www.beststreetstudios.com.au](http://www.beststreetstudios.com.au)

### Wagga Wagga novelty Tea Towels

The famous Wagga Wagga crow tea towels and wild women of Wagga Wagga tea towels have become an icon for Best Street Studios. Purchase yours today at the Wagga Wagga Visitor Information Centre, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery or Best Street Studios. We also take bulk wholesale orders for the tea towels.

We are pleased to announce that we will launch two new tea towel designs in July 2010 – keep an eye out for these.

**Note:** If you have anything art related that you would like to sell, swap or give-away please let us know. We will be more than happy to advertise it to our large mailing list...that is if we do not buy it first!

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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**Lorne Sculpture 2011**, Melbourne – Sculpture Trail Award: \$20,000 cash plus a one month residency, accommodation and exhibition package supported by the National Sculpture Factory, Cork Ireland; Performance Art commissions by Stelarc (AUS), Jill Orr (AUS) and Sandra Ann Vita Minchin (Ireland); opening 15 October. Curator: Julie Collins [www.djprojects.net/](http://www.djprojects.net/);  
Enquires: [lornesculpture2011@djprojects.net](mailto:lornesculpture2011@djprojects.net); [www.nationalsculpturefactory.com](http://www.nationalsculpturefactory.com)

### Art competition - Australia's health 2012

The Alliance has recently partnered with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in a joint project – an art competition to obtain an artwork for the front cover of AIHW's publication *Australia's health 2012*.

It is the AIHW's standard practice to obtain original artwork for their covers through an art competition but their special objective for 2012 is to obtain the work from artists living in Australia's rural, regional and remote areas. The theme for the competition is the health and wellbeing of Australians. There will be cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$300 and \$200. The competition closes 5.00 pm (EDST) Friday 6 January 2012. The flyer and entry form are available on our website: [www.ruralhealth.org.au](http://www.ruralhealth.org.au)

## **Ceramic openings starting Monday 21 October 2011**

**21 October to 6 November**

**what do you see? John Heaney and Sandra Burgess**

Art Systems Wickham  
40 Annie St Wickham, Newcastle  
T: 0422 115 154  
www.artsystemswickham.com  
Fri to Sun, 12noon - 4pm

**Opening Saturday 29 October, 4 - 6pm**

**Image and Object: Steve Harrison's ceramics and Roxanne Lillis's paintings of Steve Harrison's ceramics**

25 Oct – 5 November  
Breathing Colours Gallery  
446 Darling St. Balmain  
T: 02 9555 8543  
www.breathingcolours.com  
Tues to Sat, 10am - 6pm

**25 - 29 October 2011**

**ARTIZEN presents 'Water, Earth & Fire'**

**Nicola Coady (ceramics), Rachele Juter (jewellery) & Lynne Taylor (textiles)**

Depot II  
Danks Street Galleries  
2 Danks Street, Waterloo  
Nicky Coady, T: 02 9484 2067  
E: nicolacoady@aapt.net.au  
www.nickycoady.com  
10am - 6pm

**Opening Wednesday 26 October, 12 noon by Terry Wright**

**Rona Sissons Graduation Exhibition: Curiouser and Curiouser**

Wed 26 October - Fri 28 October  
The Gallery  
Ground Floor Building K, Hornsby TAFE  
205 Pacific Highway, Hornsby 2077  
E: rona\_sissons@bigpond.com  
www.ronasissons.com  
11am - 4pm

**Opening Friday 28 October, 6 - 8pm**

**Making their own way: explorations by eight individual clay workers**

**Do not abandon me: new work by Biljana Novakovic**

Continues to 15 November  
Kerrie Lowe Gallery  
49 - 51 King Street, Newtown  
T: 02 9550 4433  
F: 02 9550 1996  
E: lowekerrie@gmail.com  
www.kerrielowe.com  
Mon to Sat, 10am - 5.30pm; Thurs 10am - 7pm

**Check this out for all your professional development needs...a new section on the Australian Ceramics Association website!**

Ceramic Competitions Around the Globe: <http://australianceramics.com/competitions>

## USEFUL ARTS INFORMATION & READINGS

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### Attention those with slip-casting skills

Brian Tunks from Bison Australia wants to keep production of Bison ware in Australia, and is looking for studio ceramicists who have top slip-casting skills to get involved.

Quality and quantity is what he is looking for. I am sure there are skilled people out there who would be interested in finding out more.

Location is not an issue.

Please see the details from Bison below.

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Bison is looking for Australian companies / studios who can slip cast various forms on a commercial basis.

We supply high-quality product to discerning Australian and international customers and would welcome the opportunity to talk with people who share those same standards.

If you have the potential to offer reliable supply please contact Bison Australia Studio Manager on 02 6257 7255 or email [info@bisonhome.com](mailto:info@bisonhome.com)

[www.bisonhome.com](http://www.bisonhome.com)

### Let the world see your art work!

Blue Banksia website has a new category - **Artists' Portfolio**. This is for **all** artists (teachers, beginners or professional) to showcase their work. It's a great way to get a web presence, if you don't already have one. This will provide you with a web address for your business cards. Your web address would be [www.bluebanksia.com/art-gallery/your-name](http://www.bluebanksia.com/art-gallery/your-name).

You might also have a loved one who has been putting this off for quite a while - what a lovely gift for Christmas!

**For LESS than \$6.00 week** you could have your own World Wide Web presence and **Artists' Portfolio** - everything is taken care of from uploading images and text, to hosting your listing, to search engine optimisation so that your listing can be found on the web.

**Too easy!** Once done you can get back to your art practice.

To take advantage of blue Banksia's 6,000+ visitors per month go to

<http://www.bluebanksia.com/listings.html> for more information and/or to buy a listing. Just select the Priority Listing Level.



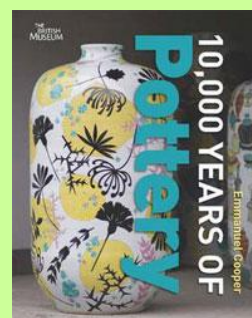
### 10,000 years of Pottery

This is the definitive British Museum reference book reissued with a beautiful new jacket design and pbk-with-flaps cover.

This is the classic, comprehensive, colour survey of ceramic art and production worldwide, from prehistory to the present day. It offers a mine of information for students and anyone interested in pottery.

Buy now at this website:

[http://www.fishpond.com.au/product\\_info.php?ref=1466&id=9780714150901&affiliate\\_banner\\_id=1](http://www.fishpond.com.au/product_info.php?ref=1466&id=9780714150901&affiliate_banner_id=1)



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***“The beauty of art is contagious; make sure you pass it on!”***