

# **Southern Ceramic Group Bishops Kitchen Exhibition 2021**

Hi Everyone

Well, at last .... The time is **almost** here for registering for BK 2021. Things are still a little iffy, but here's really hoping that all will be well. This email has info, a link, and is also a reminder about registering if you are intending to.

## **Dates of BK2021**

Open to Public: Saturday **31 July** Aug to Sunday **15 Aug**, 10 am to 5 pm everyday  
*If there is a Private Viewing it will be on Friday 30 July 6pm to 8 pm.*

## **COVID Precautions at BK2021**

Clearly, this is a guess about how things will be in July/August, but these are the precautions we have been considering: i) Limit the numbers of people in the room at any one time; ii) Have a system which prevents a bottleneck at the door (i.e., people coming in and going out to be staggered); iii) Masks and sanitisers to be available and required use throughout; iv) Ventilation where possible; v) Keep a close eye on COVID related changes and regulations; vi) Be flexible in our arrangements wherever possible; vii) Keep all available body parts crossed.....

## **Registering for exhibiting at BK2021 – ACTION NEEDED BY YOU (if you want to exhibit)**

This year the registration process is online. If you feel your heart sink at this info – honestly I can assure you, you have nothing to worry about. Neil Rampton and Tim Thornton have done a great job with automating the system and putting up a very simple form online. It is as easy as – well, wedging clay!

The registration process will be **open from 9 am on 2 April to 9 pm on 11 April**. However, the selection of registrants is largely on a first come first served basis. As we have limited space at the Bishops Kitchen, and very limited storage space, we have an upper limit on the number of exhibitors we can take. People usually return this registration form to me within the day and the places are usually full within a week - so **do be quick**. Here is the link:

<https://www.southernceramicgroup.org.uk/application-for-bishops-kitchen-2021/>

However, there is a standby list and we usually manage to get most people in so don't give up!

## **How many pieces for exhibiting, fees and commission?**

Newcomers to BK are able to choose whether they wish to exhibit up to 3 pieces and be charged no entry fee, or enter as Full Exhibitors. Full exhibitors are charged an entry fee of £20 and may submit details of up to 15 pieces for exhibiting. As storage space is limited we will be asking you to bring no more than 10 pieces in the first instance.

The registration fee, plus a £35 payment in lieu of stewarding if that applies, will need to be paid once the exhibitors' list is finalised and you are informed. SCG charges a commission of 20% on all sales.

### **Stewarding and Volunteering for tasks for BK2021**

You will also notice (online) that there is a box for stewarding and a set of boxes for volunteering for other tasks. As we are a small cooperative group we cannot run exhibitions like this unless everyone helps.

We have a real need for volunteers - and some of these needs are quite urgent - so please do be generous in offering your help. Please tick as many tasks as you are able to (so we have options in coordinating). This year, in particular, we may need extra stewards to manage the COVID precautions. If we run very short of volunteer stewards we may need to re-think the various procedures and plans or even the exhibition itself.

### **Photographs and web presence**

Once you are accepted into the exhibition you may be approached for any good quality photographs of your work for publicity purposes. Please also ensure that you have an entry on the SCG members' gallery (go through the form for the members' gallery on the web). That entry will be used to build our printed portfolio of exhibitors, displayed at the exhibition.

That's it. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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