



CERAMIC STUDY GROUP Inc.

Leonard Smith

Firstly let me say how pleased I am to have been elected President of the Ceramic Study Group, I have always admired what the group has set out to achieve for its members. This is a particular interesting time for the CSG, especially with the opportunities presented by the new premises now we have exclusive occupation of our rooms. We will have more news of this as the year progresses. Of course we would be more than pleased to have any of our members offer ideas for discussion so please let us know what you think.

I have been studying Tenmoku glazes for a few years now and this has led me on an interesting journey to the US and then to China. My journey started with a trip to the US to look at the great Museum collections at Harvard University, the Met in New York, the Boston Museum of Fine Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Smithsonian in Washington. This was followed by my first trip to China to follow the journey of one of the earliest westerners to search for the origins of what is now known as Jian ware and that the Japanese called Tenmoku. I found this site in Fujian province outside a small town called Shuiji, where I've returned every year and will go again this year. Each visit has brought me more knowledge and understanding of these Song Dynasty high iron glazes, especially Oil Spot and Hares Fur Tenmoku pots and the potters and processes used to produce them. It has also introduced me to modern Jian ware and allowed me to work with these current potters to both understand their work and to add to my knowledge of the Song ware.

CSG Wednesday March 20th 2019

Come and join us at 16a Balcombe Heights Estate where Len will talk about his research of Tenmoku glazes and what he has discovered. If time permits he will throw some Tea Bowls and discuss their design in view of the differences between the Chinese Tea ceremony and its Japanese equivalent.



Where: Building 16A, Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Road,
Baulkham Hills (see Map below for directions on how to get there)

When: Wednesday 20th March 2019

Time: 8-10pm

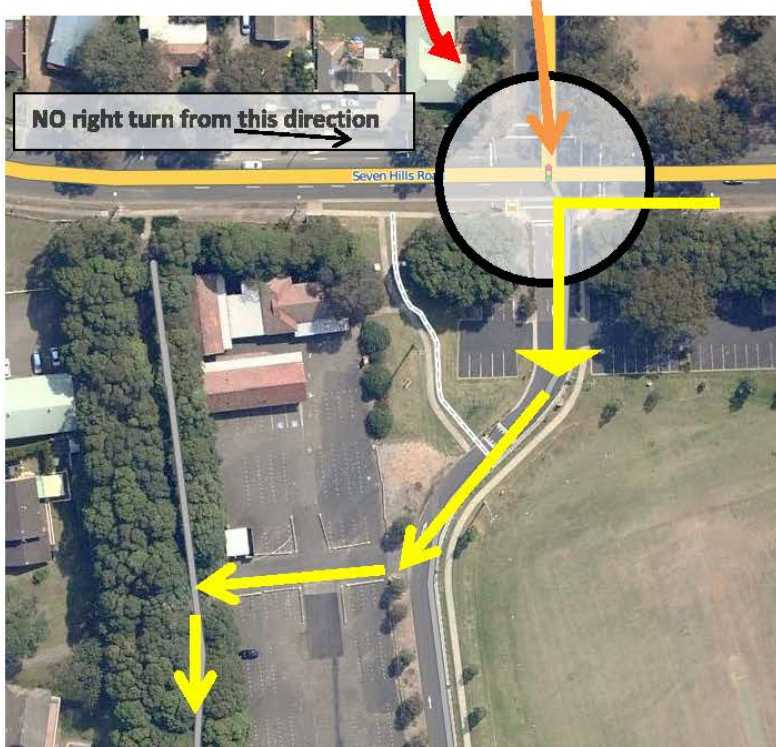
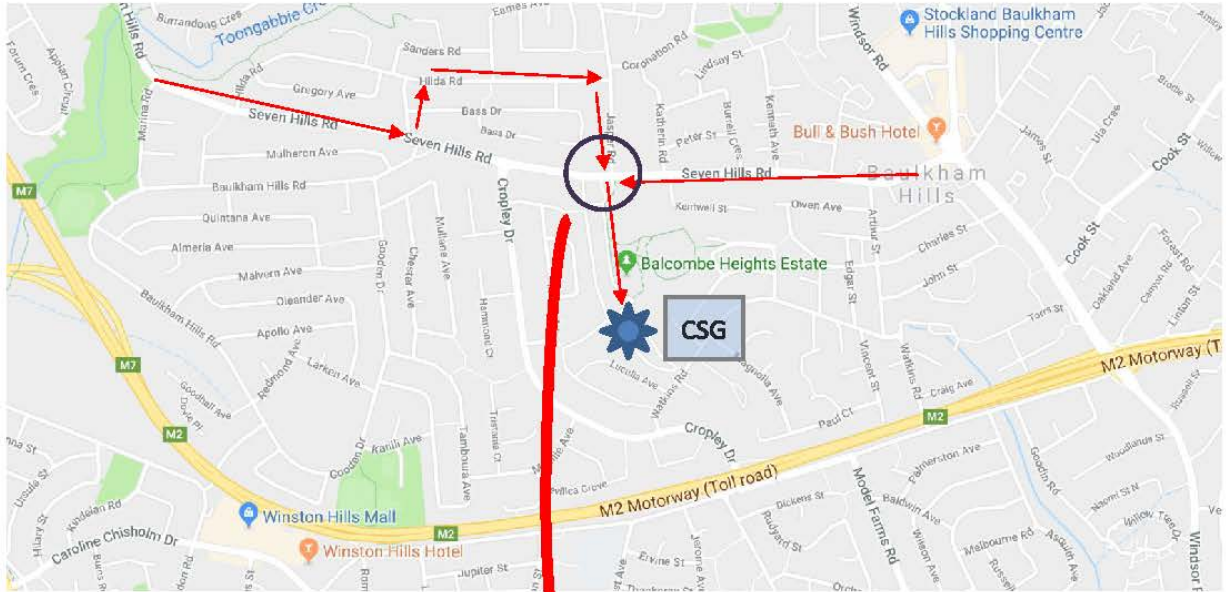
Cost: \$5 members / \$8 non-members

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Directions to CERAMIC STUDIES GROUP - Building 16a

(If using GPS: use address 92 Seven Hills Rd Baulkham Hills)





Follow the avenue of trees.

