

Exhibition of Ceramics from KOLONYAMA (Joe and Trudi Finch, Bill van Gilder, Toff Milway)

Gallery 21 Hyde Park Johannesburg – 15th December, 1975

Ad-hoc exhibition in lieu of APSA Hyde Park Sandton

Email from Joe Finch in the U.K., dated 19th March, 2012, in respect of the ad-hoc exhibition held at Gallery 21 Hyde Park in December, 1975:

Trudi has found her 1975 diary so now we have a little information about the Gallery 21 exhibition.

Trudi and I had travelled from Kolonyama to Johannesburg on Friday 12th December to stay with Tim and Marlene Morris.

Tim and I had gone to the Hyde Park Shopping Centre on the Sunday to find that the 'exhibition' was to be held not in the Potters Shop but in the foyer/lobby, on some scaffolding! Bill and Toft arrived with the pots. While we were busy trying to make something of the stand Trudi had a walk round the centre and found your gallery.

On the Monday we all tried but the centre manager was not happy and neither were we. It looked terrible. It was decided to go and see you at Gallery 21 and beg if we could show there. You kindly agreed! The pots were ferried over, you and Caroline cleared the gallery. Tim and I priced the pots then we rushed over to Thelma Marcuson for a bath and change. We arrived back to find Caroline had worked her magic and arranged everything beautifully.

About 150 people turned up and many of the pots sold (all the porcelain went that first night).

*That is all I have but at least we know the exhibition started on Monday **15th December 1975** and thanks to you was a success.*

I have put a question on the South African Pottery History page on Facebook to see if anyone knows anything further.

Best wishes,

Joe

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