

# Museum Collection



*From Mother Earth  
I claim my birth  
I'm made a joke for man.  
But now I'm here,  
Filled with good cheer,  
Drink from me if you can*

## Muriel MacDiarmid 1930s Drinking Vessels

Brisbane born potter Muriel Mary MacDiarmid developed her interest in art and music whilst attending the Brisbane Girls Grammar School, however, it appears that she did not develop her skills in pottery until she attended LH Harvey's classes at the Central Technical College in the 1920's whilst in her early forties.

She exhibited at the annual College Exhibition of student's work, the Arts and Craft Society of Queensland and the Royal Queensland Art Society.

Muriel worked from a studio attached to her home in Milton where she also conducted classes for small groups of students. She employed 'slab' and 'coiling' techniques with individual pieces being built up from flat rolled slabs or hand rolled ropes of clay, the pieces being assembled then smoothed to shape.

Her work often incorporated text or lines of verse as with a number of the reproduction antique drinking jugs and vessels donated to the Society in 1975. The collection includes 22 of these vessels.

Failing health limited the extent of her exhibition work in the late 1930s and she died in Brisbane in 1941 in her early sixties.

