

Otaki Potters

August 2022

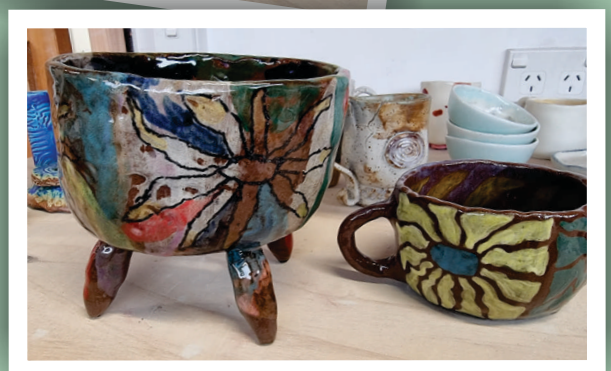
I haven't been able to spend a lot of time at the club lately but when I am there it is great to see that the work room is always busy. Some of you are getting together to meet on a specific day which is a great way to get inspired and to swap ideas. If you are struggling to be motivated, come along on club day (Thursdays). The beginning of August is also the beginning of term three classes for the club. We now have 12 Adult classes – 8 Wheel and 4 Hand building. While we do have a long waiting list for the classes, Jenny has been working on arranging workshops in the hope that these might provide an opportunity for those on the waiting lists to satisfy their frustration at not yet having been placed in a class. If you have an idea for a workshop, please let Jenny know. greensj@xtra.co.nz.

Mary has organised a video, dinner and chat evening for the 12th of August. This will be a fun evening so do try to come along and bring a plate for the potluck dinner table.

The next cleaning bee is 10am Saturday 24th September. If you have not put your name down for a cleaning bee so far this year, please do so. If for some reason you are unable to complete one of the four cleaning bees set down for the year, there will be a \$40 fee, alternatively contact Jojo Hare 021 0274 4181 and she may have another job that you can do in lieu.

Classes/Workshops: Jean Kahui will run a Sculpture Workshop on the 17/18th September. Please email otakipotteryworkshops@gmail.com if you are interested. Information on the workshop will be advertised in the newsletter, on the website and posted in the rooms.

Artwork by
Lorna Tawhiti





The tools have been removed from the classroom cupboards and tutors now have their own packs that will be made available to students. The tools will still be available in the main work room for members use. We ask that these are not taken into class rooms.

Clay, Kilns and Glazes: The Clay team are still looking for someone to help with stock recording. If you can help, please contact Rod 027 445 7545.

Website: Kylie does a great job keeping our website up to date so please check it out for the latest club information.

Maintenance: Brent organised a team to clear out the western storeroom and Mike Mealings then came in to replace the floor and ceiling. This storeroom will be used to house all of the club's events equipment. Thank you to those of you who gave time to help organise this, a job well done.

Fundraising: Unfortunately, our recent applications to various organisations have been turned down which is disappointing given the amount of time Katherine has put into this. We are looking to apply for funding for maintenance on the building and funds for coming OPC events. If you can help with the applications, please contact Katherine 021 239 6460.

Health and Safety: A recommendation has been made from the health and safety team to wear your mask for your own protection while in the rooms. A lesson was learnt when some of our members contracted the virus after a working bee.



**Class
Fit Firing**



Competitions: Remember to keep an eye on the competition board.

Fundraising Ideas: “Coffee and Clay”, “Wheel, and wine”, and “Corporate Team Building”. These ideas have been presented to the Committee as fun fundraising activities for the club. We need help to manage these. If this sounds like something you would like to help with, please contact Stephanie otakipotteryclub@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any ideas, suggestions, praise, or concerns we would love to hear from you or you can post your ideas in the suggestion box. Sue Wilson - kakacat29@gmail.com.

Stay safe and have a great month.
Caitlin

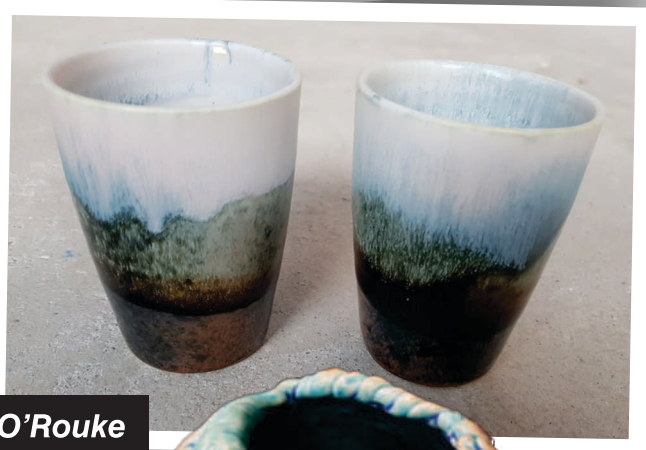
Poem from one of the children in Derryn's after school class

WONDERFUL CLAY

A poem written by Zohra Ali Khan

*It's such fun to mould the clay,
I love going to my pottery class,
Creating wonderful sculptures,
Filling my creations with broken glass.
Moulding soft, squashy terracotta,
Sculpting with my hands,
Squishing out air bubbles,
Creating things so grand.
They start their journey to the kiln,
With a scorching blaze,
I wait for one long week,
Then decorate with pretty glaze.
What beauties I've made,
I wait day by day,
Back they go inside a sizzling ember,
Until I take them away.
In my houses,
Clay people live inside,
They live there with great pride,
I shout "Hooray",
Oh dear, I've run out of clay.*

Sarah Bromley



Sue O'Rourke



Helen Pizzini

VIDEO NIGHT AND POT LUCK DINNER

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST
at 6pm at the
Clubrooms

A pottery related video will be shown followed by a question-and-answer time and then dinner. Please come along, bring a plate (with food on it) a tippie or two and join us for the evening.

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Children/Youth

Next Committee Meeting

21st July at the clubrooms

New Members

Welcome to: Alex Wong, Llyvonne Barber, Robyn Rakich and Mike & Judy Page



Stacey Young

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

A place where members can advertise...
tools for sale, lost & found, suggestions for club.

Email: lyndelem@gmail.com

- “Goddesses” workshop with Jean Kahui 17/18th September, see poster.
- “Clay team” needs help – contact Rod 027 445 7545.
- “Workshops” - Manager needed – please contact Jenny
- Next Cleaning Bee Saturday 24th Sept
- Bread: Alice (Tironui Sourdough) has offered to make her lovely bread available to us on Fridays. Look out for the black-board advertising loaves for sale direct from the kitchen in the main building opposite our club rooms.

TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

This months exhibitors

Potter: Aimee Mcleod

Artist: Sarah Pou

Goddess For Your Garden Workshop

With Jean Kahui

Learn to sculpt
BEGINNERS upwards
2 Days

Create & complete a Goddess for your garden by the end of the weekend.

10am – 4pm – Bring your lunch
Sat 17th - Sun 18th September
Cost - \$180.00



Day 1 - Jean will take you through each step of the process, firstly demonstrating construction techniques, followed by hands-on building the foundation of your Goddess.

Day 2 – Continuing to construct your Goddess and adding your personal finishing touches, surface treatments and firing will be discussed.

Students need:

- Work shirt or apron
- BRING a solid board to build on, approx. 400x400mm, Hand building tools (tutor will provide tools if necessary).
- Clay needs – BRT Sculpting Stoneware clays can be purchased on arrival. Firing costs not included.
- Tools - Hand building tools

