

# Otaki Potters

## August 2023

What an incredible event 2023 Star Glaze was. A huge thanks to Sue and Rod and their wonderful team for organising this event for the club. There was such an amazing variety of work, and it was great to see most stands reflecting Matariki.

**Star Glaze Awards:** There were three awards for best display reflecting Matariki sponsored by Bot Pots. 1st prize went to Allie McHugo – her display had the wow factor and reflected the concept of Matariki. 2nd prize went to Sarah Bromley whose display was very thoughtfully presented and reflected “New Beginnings”. 3rd prize went to Jojo Hare. Jojos work made for a very striking display with a nod to Matariki. The club sponsored several awards including “Peoples Choice” for the best display and an “Emerging Artist award” offering mentoring to the value of \$1000 - this is supported by the koha given by those who visited the exhibition. The club included 3 more acknowledgements in this category that the Judges felt deserved a special mention, 2 of them recognising the enthusiasm of a couple of our younger exhibitors. The Winner of **Peoples Choice** award is Emma Densley with her wonderful display of sea creatures. **The Judges Award** went to Bruce Walford acknowledging that Bruce is a truly talented established artist and his display had a big impact standing out for its simplicity setting off the intricacies of the work. **The two Youth Awards** went to Olivia Fuller who the judges could see as an emerging talent and wanted to acknowledge this and to Scarlett Beauchamp. The Judges were taken by the fact that this young person has been interested to exhibit showing a keenness for the craft. **Otaki Pottery Clubs Emerging Artist Award** winner is - Kylie Jurgenson. The Judges said that Kylie shows such enthusiasm for clay evident in her exhibit showing many different concepts and techniques. She shows such vigour and variety in her work, and they felt that she is open to



**Award winners from Star Glaze**





developing and expanding her ideas and as such would be very responsive to mentoring. “We were really impressed with Kylie’s ability to produce such a diversity of well executed pieces of pottery”.

Thank you to all who put themselves forward to be considered for these awards there was some outstanding work on show. To all the exhibitors thank you for supporting this event. And to Alex Wong for the blessing to open and close the event. We also acknowledge the support of the Kapiti Coast District council who have provided funding to support the development of the Star Glaze event over a 3 year period. The judging was done by Pamela Annsouth, Liz Earth and myself. I thank both Liz and Pamella for their considered response and well balanced comments.

It is now time to take a breath as we gear up for our busy time. With the Kapiti Arts trail (4th/5th & 11th/12th November, The Club Public Raku (date to be confirmed) and then our Festival of Pots and Garden Art on the horizon! Tentative dates 18th – 24th January 2024.

The Festival team will be getting together soon if you would like to be on the team or can help in any way please talk to Rod or Sue.

**Education:** Jenny will be stepping down from the Committee and as education manager. Jenny has done an incredible job setting us up with an education system that any club would be proud of. While all the hard work of setting up this system has been done, we will need to find people to step in to continue managing this. Alastair is doing an amazing job with class enrolments and managing the wait list and Claire has put her hand up to run workshops. We need people to manage the classrooms, and to liaise with tutors. If you can help please contact me. Jenny will be stepping down at the end of September so it would be valuable to have one or 2 people shadow her for the remaining time. I would like to acknowledge Jenny here for her inestimable help. We were extremely fortunate that Jenny took time out of her own potting life enabling us to develop a great teaching programme and that the club can offer such a variety of classes and workshops. Jenny’s knowledge and expertise has been an invaluable contribution to the club. We thank you Jenny.



## CLUB MEMOS:

**Rogue Clay:** If you are firing work through the club kilns we ask that you only use clay that is purchased from the club as we have recently had some work go through that has caused huge damage to one of our kilns. This sadly will require considerable work and expense to rectify. If you are unsure about your clay please talk to Rod, one of the kiln team members or your tutor before putting it on a shelf in the kiln room.

**Bisqueware needs to be collected:** The Kiln team have also asked that all bisque ware is removed from the shelves as soon as possible. As there is so much work going through space is at a premium. This will also prevent damage to work from people moving others work to get to their pot.

**Unidentifiable Work:** There is a lot of work coming into the kiln room that cannot be identified. Please make sure your pieces are clearly marked. If you have forgotten to put your mark on your pot we suggest you use red oxide and a small brush to paint your code or mark on. The team will not fire work if they cannot put a name to it.

**Glaze Waste:** with prices of glaze chemicals going up our glazes are now very expensive to make. We see a lot of glazes going down the sink – whether it is that it is incorrectly applied or a change of heart please do take care with the glazes. The price of glazing is included in your kiln fee and we want to keep these as low as possible for you.

**Contact List:** you will notice that the contact list has changed. We are now only posting the contact list with phone numbers only. Please email the secretary if you would prefer not to have any contact details listed on the noticeboard.

**Glaze room out of commission:** There are 4 glazing workshops run by Duncan Shearer coming up. They will need to be held in the Glaze room as we cannot use glaze chemicals in the classrooms. This will make it difficult for members to use the area and we ask that you please take note of the dates and plan to glaze at another time. Workshop dates:-  
Saturday 12th August 2023 – 9.30am - 4.30pm  
Sunday 13th August 2023 – 9.30am - 4.30pm

## Rod Graham



## Kylie Jurgenson

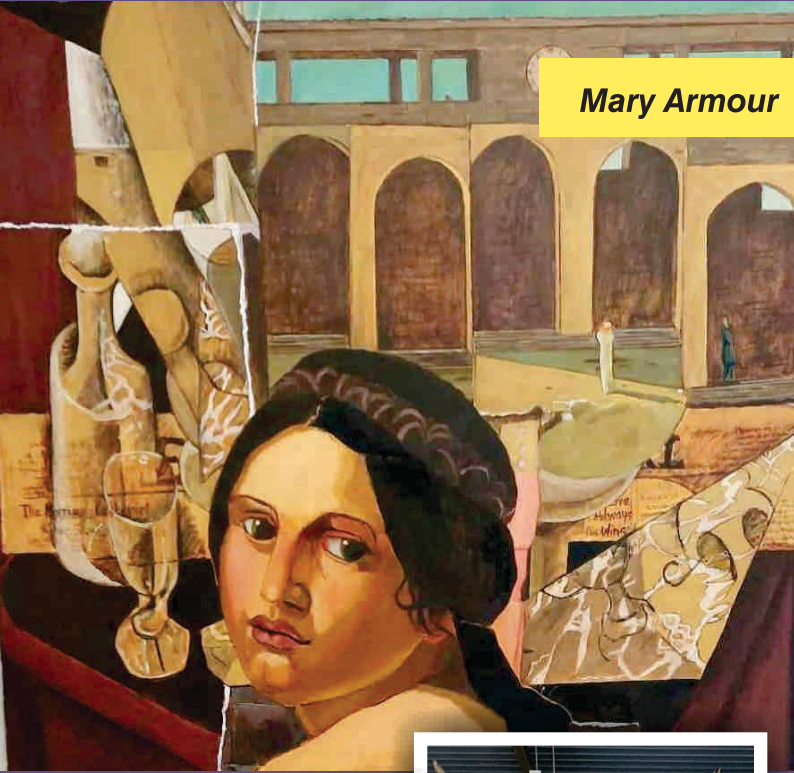


## Michelle Hayward





**Mary Armour**



Saturday 30th Sept 2023 - 9.30am - 4.30pm  
Sunday 1st October 2023 - 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Bruce Walford Mold-making Workshop:** in the clubrooms on the 26 th August. The club needs to replace many of its plaster molds and this work shop is designed to do that. You are welcome to come along and watch briefly but please do not interrupt those taking part in the workshop. Thank you Bruce.

**Adult Class** on the 18 th September - the club will be honouring an obligation we have to Festival advertising sponsor "Go Media" and will run a class for their guests. This will be followed by an afternoon tea for the participants. If you are in the rooms and meet anyone from this group please be welcoming.

**Clay Recycling:** Jojo is working on getting the clay recycling area setup. If you would like to be part of this team please contact Jojo Hare or Rob Young. It will be great to have the area outside the kiln room cleaned up and organised....and to have all the clay recycled and back in use.

**Workshops:** We have some interesting workshops coming up. Check out our website.

**Pit Firing** with Chris Dunn – at this stage we are taking expressions of interest.

**Tote Modern:** I was sorry to miss the opening for Paulas exhibition but totally blown away when I got to see it the next day. She is an extremely clever lady. This exhibition of Mother and Daughter closed at the end of the month and makes way for the opening of Liz Earth (painter) and Lyuba Zhilkins (Potter) exhibition opening on the 2nd August. All very welcome to attend the opening.



**Happy Potting...**  
Caitlin.

**Paula Archibald**

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**ROOMS Manager Needed**

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# TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

Wed 2nd August 5.30pm

This months exhibitors

Potter: Lyuba Zhilkins

Artist: Liz Earth

# MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

**Committee Meeting** - Thursday 17th August

**New Members:** Welcome to Elizabeth Charlton, Elsie Fourie, Christine Fagan, Anita Keuning, Jenny Hartley.

**VACANCIES:** We continue to advertise for a rooms manager– the club needs people to help to enable it to run well...

.....perhaps this is a role you could share with a friend or fellow potter...

.....please do think about putting your hand up. Contact Caitlin or Sue if you can help.

**Rooms Manager** – as mentioned above the club desperately needs someone to take on this role.. .. This does not mean that you do the work looking after the rooms, it is managing the team who are responsible for various areas. - if you are interested, need to know more, please let Caitlin know.

**Health and Safety:** Thank you to Dean and John for putting their hand up here. We will be in good hands.

**Education:** The education team is changing. If you can help with managing the classrooms, liaising with tutors or offer any other help for this team (setting up for tutors at start of term if you have a teaching background or other related skills in management) please contact Caitlin.

## APRONS FOR SALE

Stephanie found these great Aprons and has had them specially designed for our club.

They come in 2 colours.

**\$40.00 - Members. \$50.00 - Non-members.**

Contact Stephanie if you would like to buy one.

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