

Otaki Potters

December 2022

As we speed toward the end of 2022 I reflect on where we are now and how proud we can be of our achievements over the last year. When our festival for 2022 had to be put off due to the covid restrictions members stepped up and organised events which not only raised funds for the club but provided wonderful experiences for the wider arts community. The Gallery has run exhibitions showcasing members work each month but has also had many other exhibitions that have run alongside the race days, and regional events. The Summer school was a wonderful collection of classes and workshops and was mostly over subscribed indicating the popularity of the craft, and our mid-winter Star glaze event was well patronised and a great use of the venue on our doorstep. Our classes have increased in number, and we can offer such a great variety of teaching thanks to our fantastic tutors. Over the year members have got together to watch videos and share a meal, some have demonstrated techniques others have been available for advice. Our teams are amazing, and I thank all of you who go the extra mile for our club. We would certainly not be able to offer such an amazing facility without your help. If you are wondering about how to join a team, please see the team leader list on the wall on your left as you enter the building. You can contact them directly or talk to Sue or Stephanie for further information.

Arts Trail – The Arts trail was very successful, and we thank Derryn and her team for managing such a well-run event. Thank you to all who submitted work making this a popular site for those on the trail. The Tote modern held the opening of Kath Ansett's work on the Thursday preceding the Arts trail. It was great to be able to have the Gallery exhibits included in the Trail.

The clubs Social media page (Facebook) is managed by Wendi Lindsay who does a fantastic job. This month it reached over 18,000 users and the Festival page had over 24,000 visits.



This years 3 graduating students, after 4 part-time years of study doing the NZ Diploma of Art and Design in ceramics.



Photos from work of Diploma student assessment.

By posting to your Facebook or sending the link to your Facebook friends the clubs events will be well advertised. There is a private group on Facebook for members to join called Otaki Pottery members. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/330221447526531> This can be used to share information, post photos of your work etc.

Registrations for the Festival of Pots and Garden Art are high, so we are on track for a busy Festival. The rosters will be going up soon so please keep an eye out and put your name down for what you can do.

There are posters in the rooms if you can post in your local supermarket, library or other community facility, postcards are there for distribution – perhaps post in all the letterboxes in your street / area? and we have car flyers for you to tape in the rear window of your car. All this advertising helps get the word out.

The Festival is Up and running on the garden artisan website – take a look <https://gardenartisan.co.nz/garden-shows-events/>

Trevor has come to our rescue once again and has offered to make the bungs for one of our kilns. We are very lucky to have Trevor with our aging kilns and problems occurring more as a result.

A date has been set for the clearing and sorting of the two storerooms. Stephanie has ordered a skip bin for the week of the 12 th December. If you can help, please contact Sue or Stephanie for more information.

We will not be putting on a “Christmas do” this year. If someone wants to organise an impromptu get-together that would be great but for many it has been a busy year and as many of you are just finding your feet although still running!! we suggest that perhaps the Festival opening (Thursday 19th January) might be a more opportune time to celebrate together.

RAKU: Sue will need some more hands for the Public Raku on the 3 rd December. Please come along and do what you can to support this great community event. Many members have asked that we have a “shop”. This is a great idea but needs someone to run it. If this is something that you



think you can manage, please talk to a committee member.

We wish Margaret a speedy recovery after her fall. I know her class is missing her as we all are and it was lovely to see her albeit briefly in the rooms on Friday.

Mary has been working tirelessly on the triangle garden and it is now in full bloom. Do take a moment to go out with a cup of tea and enjoy the flowers. Thank you Mary.

Builder needed: We are looking for someone to construct some trolleys for our classrooms. These are similar to the ones that are in the kiln room now that have the bread trays in them. If you can help please contact Rob Young robyoungsmail@gmail.com or Jenny Turnbull greensj@xtra.co.nz.

Caitlin.



Work from the Tote Gallery



Work from Derryn's children's class



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New Members

Welcome to:

Samantha Kimber

Rebecca Gunn

Stephanie Cummings

Sandra Anderson

Francee Pilcher

Please do read the booklet you are given. This will cover what is required from you as a member and covers most of the operational side of the club.

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

Aprons will be on sale next year.

Thank you to Stephanie and Lynne for taking time to investigate the best options for us.



Public Raku – 3rd December. Volunteers needed to help organize the event. If you can help please contact Sue Wilson: kakacat29@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET: All artwork and pottery work must be removed from the Tote Gallery by the 18th December.

Last Cleaning Bee for the year is the 10th Dec. If you haven't yet managed to sign up for a cleaning bee please check the roster in the rooms and register to help.

TOTE MODERN GALLERY

This months exhibitors

Kath Ansett

Come along and see all the
great work on display