

Otaki Potters

May 2022

Greetings

This was a busy month and certainly a month of reflection for me. Covid is playing its hand and a few of us have been stricken, fortunately my case was not too severe, but it is definitely to be avoided so look after yourselves.

I am grateful – always - to the committee for continuing to care for the club so well and especially in my absence – obviously I am not indispensable!!

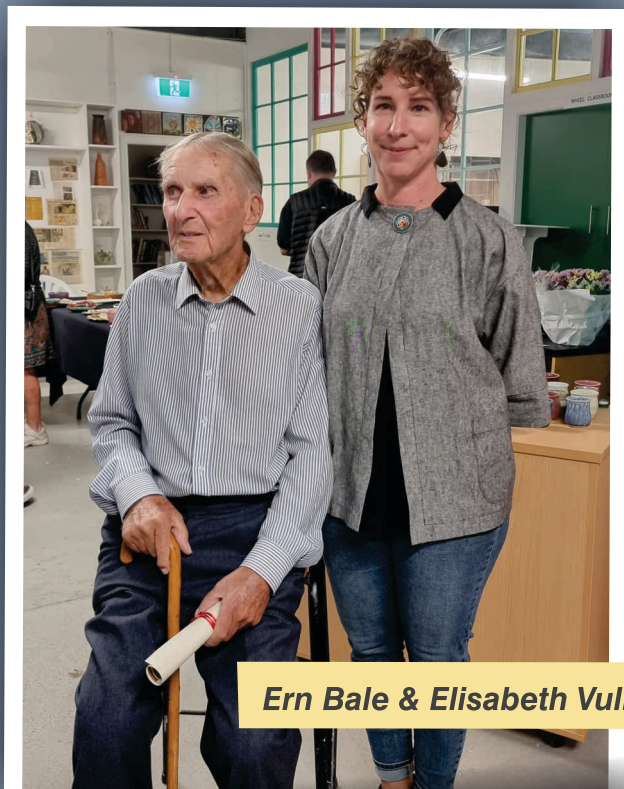
Joking aside the team has been hard at work.

Workshops: Margaret organised a couple of workshops for the last month. The Bruce Walford Lustre workshop on the 9th April was a valuable experience for all who took part. Participants were able to fire their work over night and the results from the kiln opening on the Sunday were amazingly beautiful. The Mold making workshop also tutored by Bruce was held on the 30th April. This was in connection to and a follow up to the Mold making workshop Bruce ran for the summer school.

Gallery: Paula and her team are doing a wonderful job providing the club with a new exhibition each month. Kevin Haste and David Simmonds along with painter Jackie Marston exhibition for April went very well and now the new exhibition for May has been installed. Artists Ern Bale and painter Elisabeth Vullings opening was on the 5th May. This was a wonderful night and very special for the club to be able to showcase Ern's work that covers many years of exploring different techniques, materials and styles. Elisabeth's work has an architectural leaning – a connection to her degree in interior architecture. Very interesting work from both artist. This exhibition is open until the end of May.

Star Glaze: 23rd – 26th June.

Sue, Rod and their team are well ahead with the organisation for this event. If you are wanting to exhibit, please go to the Otaki pottery club website and register or talk to one of the organisers if you need help. Sue will be responsible for allocating



Ern Bale & Elisabeth Vullings

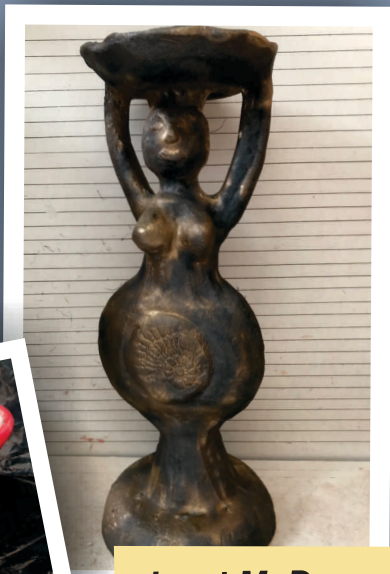


Gallery Opening



Mold making class with Bruce

Saskia Smids

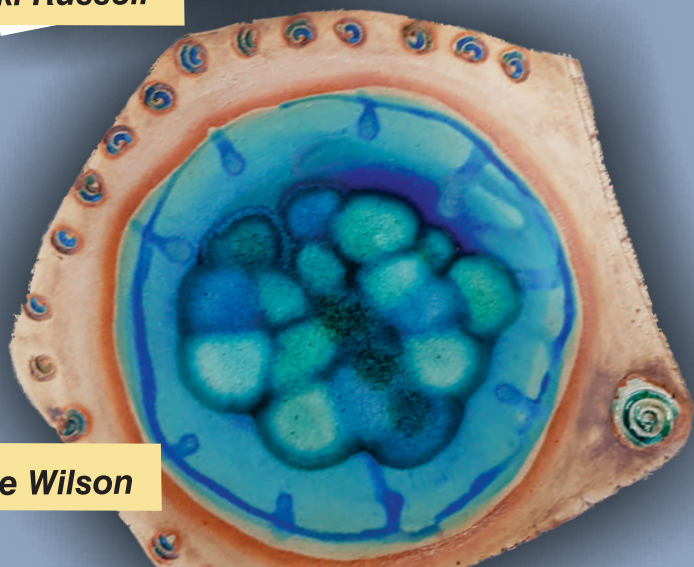


Janet McDonagh

Vicki Russell



Sue Wilson



spaces for exhibitors, Lynne will manage the sales desk and Ann will manage the finances, Wendi is the administrator and Kylie produced the artwork for the advertising. As always with these events there are people working away in the background – thank you to you all this is an exciting event for the club.

The event is indoors however there will be outside demonstrations - Neil will have his raku kiln onsite Warren Baillie will be there with his forge and Paula Peters will provide their food cart for the 4-day event.

We will also have tours through the club building with members demonstrating and working on their various projects – if you are interested in supporting the event, please see Sue or Rod.

Cleaning Bee: The turnout was a little disappointing and so the areas Jojo had hoped to cover was not possible however those who did turn up worked hard and did a great job. If you do put your name on the list and find you cannot make it, please let Jojo know.

Classes: Our waiting list is growing. To help reduce this Emily has added another class to the list. Sarah Bromley will run a beginners evening wheel class on Thursday night.

Clay, Kilns and Glazes: Clay is well stocked, but prices are rising – SC50 and SC 80 are now \$72 per bag.

Neil has 2 gas firings scheduled prior to Star Glaze. Please make note of the times work is required to be on the shelves if you are wanting to put work through one of these firings. All glazes in the 1200 and the 1250 section have been tested; 1100 glazes will be tested on white clay, and these will be mounted on to boards.

Labels have been placed above the individual glaze bucket in all sections to make locating a glaze easier to find. People are requested to return buckets to the correct place with labels to the front please.

AGM and committee nominations: The AGM will be held on Sunday the 22 nd May starting 3pm. The Mirek Trust will give a 30-minute presentation to the club at 3pm with the AGM start directly after. Please do come along. This is an important meeting for the club setting the direction for the following year, the future of the club, the club subscription and committee nominations are all presented and set.

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Glaze Making:

Rod Graham | Helen Walch

David Roil | Val Waugh | Sue Smith

Annual General Meeting

22nd May 3pm

To begin there will be a 30 minute Presentation from the Mirek Smisek Trust

New Members

Welcome to:

Diana Woolhouse

Louise Farmer

Nikki Hurliman

Hanna Isaac

Cleaning Bees

Sunday 31st June 9:30 to 12:00

Saturday 24th September 9:30 to 12:00

Saturday 10th December 9:30 to 12:00

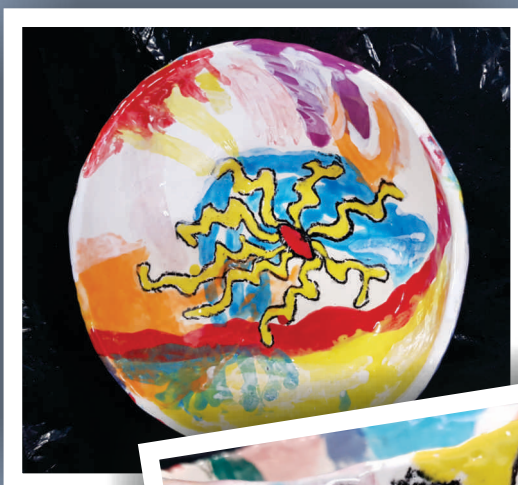
We now have a Sunday cleaning bee for those members that were finding it hard to get to the Saturday.

Covid

The committee reviewed the club's policy in relation to the pandemic and has voted to keep the vaccine and mask wearing mandates for the foreseeable future.

A HUGE happy birthday to Hu Eames. Well done Hu on reaching 90.. and still going strong.

Welcome as a life member Ern Bale. Ern you are an inspiration.



Corey Pugh



TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

This months exhibitors

Artist: Ern Bale

Painter: Elisabeth Vullings

OTAKI POTTERY CLUB PRESENTS

Star
GLAZE

**MID WINTER
CERAMICS
FESTIVAL**

JUNE 23 -26, 2022 | ENTRY BY KOHA
OTAKI RACECOURSE | INDOOR EVENT

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