

Otaki Potters

October 2021

Kia Ora koutou, Greetings.

Snow on the hills and the sun is shining. We do live in the best place.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the governments guidelines for Level 2 by wearing your masks and using the sanitiser in the rooms.

News from the Committee –

The committee has agreed to change the meeting from Wednesday to Thursday so meetings will now be held every third Thursday of the month.

Stephanie is managing the “secretary” role.

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...and I have a new email address –

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It was agreed by the committee that the classrooms will be available for hire. It is preferred the club runs the classes. The preference to hire the rooms will be given to members however consideration will be given to outside requests on a case-by-case basis.

Jojo has been busy - aside from getting ready for her exhibition at the Tote Modern Jojo has made test tiles using the PRG clay with the club glazes. These are in the Glaze room on the shelves under the windows. Jojo has also laid out the white board so it is easier to see club messages. Please do cast your eye over when you arrive at the rooms as club information will be displayed here. The board for the Gallery roster has been revamped and is in place next to the whiteboard. Thank you Jojo and Brent.

The Philipp foundation have very generously funded the purchase of the building and the loan has been repaid. We are hugely grateful to Robin and the trustees for supporting our club. As a club we are in an extremely fortunate position with low overheads, wonderful facilities, and a great location.



Recent Gas Firing



Jojo's Test Tiles



Sue Wilson



Corey Pugh



Biddy

The driveway and carparking area at the back of the clubrooms is becoming difficult to navigate with many more potholes appearing. We do have access to road millings but need someone to fill the holes and apply heat to the millings using the gas torch. If you are able to help, please let me know.

Festival of pots 2022 The team has had several meetings and are now well on the way to getting the 2022 festival underway. The postcards will be ready for the Kapiti Arts Trail (The Arts Trail 2021 will take place on 6/7 and 13/14 November 2021.) so please do have these on display if you are exhibiting. Kylie is managing the website and the Festival page has now been updated. Registration of interest to exhibit is now open. Remember as a member you do not need to pay the \$25 registration fee. Jenny has engaged our 2022 guest artists. Maria Brockhill, Sue Scobie, and Lee Robertson.

The Festival will only proceed under level 1 but we will be monitoring the government guidelines and will review closer to the time.

Clay stocks are good with shipments having arrived. The stock list is on the white board on the clay room door and updates on the club news board. We are trialing Primo White Stoneware - this is the un-grogged version. There are a few bags of Bright White, formerly PW20 PRO. We have had a report of small metal fragments in our previous batch. Please let Rod know if you are having any problems with any of the clays we stock, and he will take it up with the supplier. With delays in supply, people need to plan and carry stock of the clays that they use to avoid long waiting times.

Glazes - Members need to be reminded that now is the time to start firing work for the Festival. With the backlog of pots, the looming Kapiti Arts Trail and the increased volume of work coming from Adult classes and Children's Workshops, members need to plan ahead. The glaze team does its best to ensure that the supply of glazes is good. Lead Bisilicate is not available at the moment and this will mean some of our low fired glazes will go out of stock for the interim.

The team is testing glazes that may be useful to the people who did the large pots workshops with Bruce. Jojo has tested the club glazes.

Because of the high iron content in the PRG clays our transparent (clear) glazes do not perform well.

***Please do not add anything to the glazes.** If you think they are difficult to use, please talk to one of the glaze team. Never add water to the club glazes.

Kilns – the kilns have been busy, and the shelves are bowing. If you have work there please could you collect as soon as possible.

Workshops – Margaret is looking at options for a workshop however as everyone is busy with various looming events – and life! - it is unlikely we will be able to offer a workshop before the end of the year.

Gallery – Jojo Hare and Sonya Savages exhibition opened with a hiccup and a bang– the gates were closed for an hour!! however 60 visitors were recorded as going through- on the 25th September and will continue until the 17th October. Kaye Stead and Kay Leatham exhibition will follow Jojos with the opening on the 21st October running to the 25th November.

Friends of Mahara tour on the 16th October. - Mahara Gallery will be visiting the Tote Modern and it would be great if we could have people working in the rooms from 10am onwards.

Wood Fired Kiln – we have been offered 6000 fire bricks at a reduced price however as these are in Nelson, we have decided to decline the offer. If you do hear of fire bricks available, please do think of the club. We can store them in the space the racecourse has offered us in the old forge. Jeavons and Jenny are researching the best kiln design for the club. There is a Facebook page for those interested - please contact Jeavons for access.

Health and Safety - The health and safety team have had their work cut out for them lately. Murray has been attending to fitting and replacing the first aid kits He has also installed a new eye wash station and will have a stock of eye wash sachets on hand.

He has also invited members to participate in an emergency test should there be an LPG incident. His "what to do if you smell gas" document will be sent out. Please do read this. A copy will be available in the rooms.



Budding Potters



Linda Mikkelsen



Lyndele MacDermaid



Gallery

Sue Smith



Wendy Ransfield



Suzy Connolly

We are looking at what is involved with purchasing a defibrillator. If you have any information on what we ought to consider, please email Caitlin or Stephanie.

Cleaning Bee - The next cleaning bee is the 9th October. Please add your name to the list on the board if you can help. This may be the last one this year however there will be another before the end of the club year but remember you are required to do one cleaning bee per year or pay the \$45.

Adult classes – are full and we have a sizable waiting list for the beginner's wheels classes. Emily is organising more classes to try and alleviate this.

Young Persons Classes – Paula will be stepping down from tutoring young people next year. We will be looking for someone to take these classes. Please contact Stephanie if you are interested.

Holiday classes – for young people will not proceed this holiday as the Adult classes will now extend into this time to make up for classes missed due to lockdown.

We wish Ern a speedy recovery after a recent fall.

Congratulations to Maureen & Alan Hunter on their 60th wedding anniversary. It couldn't have happened to nicer people!



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Children's After School Programme:

Paula Archibald

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Membership Manager: Vacant

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Marketing & Raku Co-ordinator: Sue Wilson

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Library & Clubrooms: Kaye Stead

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Cleaning Bees: Jojo Hare

Clay: Rod Graham | Jojo Hare

Property Maintenance: Brent Craig | Russell Kitto

Glaze Making: Rod Graham | Helen Walch

David Roil | Val Waugh

Next Cleaning Bee

Saturday 9th October

New Members:

Welcome to Erin Taurua, Sarah Bromley, Emma Bevernage (welcome back!), Lucie Ryan.

Next Committee Meeting

21 st October 6.30pm



DON'T FORGET!

Get your pots ready for the Arts Trail 6-7 and 13-14 November.

We'd love to display and sell items on your behalf. Class member work welcome - **Give it a go!** Please contact Derryn: robson.pyle@xtra.co.nz for details by 24 October, please, if you are interested.

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2022

January 21st - 26th

10am - 4pm



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