

Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings

Spring has sprung. Daylight saving has arrived and it's all go! We are now in the "busy season" which doesn't end for us until the end of February. This is the period where we rely on ALL members getting involved to support the club. If everyone does a little a lot gets done. Please mark your calendar with coming events and offer your time and talents where you can.



An example of the Japanese Kurinuki technique recently undertaken by the Friday morning hand-building class.

The Play Dates with Clay have proved a great success for both adults and young people. By the end of November 164 people would have taken part. Participants are informed that these are one-off events to give people a "taste" and no guarantee of a place in an ongoing class. Thank you to Sue Wilson as convenor and all those

members who have helped out. Sue is working on the programme for 2021. It is a great way of getting our members into tutoring (with help) in areas which they are confident in. If you would like to offer your services, please contact Sue; no doubt some shoulder tapping can be expected!

In Term 4 we welcome back Suzanne McAllen as a tutor for day classes on Wednesdays.



Suzanne was a pupil of Mirek's and a previous member of the club. She is an accomplished

potter and has been working at Decopots in Palmerston North.

We will have 9 adult classes and 1 clay workshop for young people in Term 4. Margaret Hunt will continue to manage the adult classes and is planning to introduce a further 2 classes next year. Sue Wilson will manage and take enrolments for adult Play dates with Clay and Paula Archibald will organize and take enrolments for workshops for Young People. As the programmes have grown we are spreading the workload. We need someone to manage enrolments for club workshops and short courses.

We agreed to review how the new rooms are going after three months so this will take place this month. Input/ request and recommendations are welcome. Please use the *SUGGESTION BOX* or email Caitlin.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 10 October & Sunday 11 October - PIT FIRING WORKSHOP WITH CHRIS DUNN

Thursday 29 October - AFTER SCHOOL CLAY CLASSES (6 WEEKS)

Saturday 31 October - CLUB PIT FIRING DAY and - ADULTS' PLAY DATE WITH CLAY (FULLY BOOKED)

Saturday 28 November - CLEANING BEE

Saturday 5 December - PUBLIC RAKU FIRING

Tuesday 22 January- Sunday 27 January 2021 - FESTIVAL OF POTS & GARDEN ART

Isabel Fernandez-Day



The October cleaning bee was a great success. Thank you to those who turned up. Especially Mike Mealings

who only came to collect the scaffolding that he lent us then stayed on to clean drains and remove some rather lethal pieces of metal sticking up out of the concrete. Our next working bee is on

28 November. Please put your name on the list on the whiteboard.

The keypad entry system is working well. Any problems contact Stephanie. Please make sure that you have returned your key. Hot water in the club space is turned on using the panel on the clay room door.

We have had requests for a sculpture workshop. This will take place in February with Liz Earth. The mentoring group is designed for members who have completed four years of classes. The first group proposed for 2021 will focus on glazing with Jenny Turnbull and will start in February. This will take the form of a workshop style allowing for individual exploration. People will need to have a quantity of bisque pots available before the course starts.

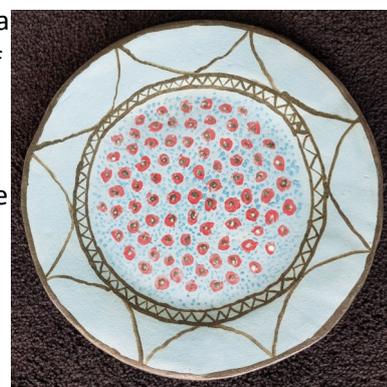
Thank you to Trevor Wright who did a stunning job on refurbishing one of our large electric kilns. He is preparing to attack the up-draught gas kiln. Thank you also to Jane de Joux for donating kiln shelves and props. Kathryn Lim has been bringing to the rooms a steady stream of bunches of flowers which have proved very popular and been a good little fundraiser for the club.

We are currently testing some buff clays. We are generally well stocked for clay. Please check out the website.

If you are willing to donate a piece of work to be sold at the Festival of Pots and Garden Art, please leave labelled on the table in the kitchen area. Your generosity will be appreciated. Keep those hands in clay. Happy potting! *Rod*



Have YOU registered yet?



Helen Walch



Welcome!

New members - Celia McKenzie who is a foundation member of Dunedin Potters, Romelia Diaz, Beae Simone, Dave Saunders, Caroline Manuel, Susannah Kyle and Tina Lowe. We welcome your enthusiasm and expertise in building the club.

For sale

please email Caitlin

\$15 each

8 available



Kathryn Lim

Wanted!

RAKU

we need volunteers to help make bisque ware etc.

Dates to be advised.

FESTIVAL OF POTS & GARDEN ART

We still need someone to manage the DEMONSTRATIONS.

Please contact Rod.

A reminder that ALL members are required to give six (6) hours of their time to the Festival as their contribution to the club's fundraising effort.

Rosters will be available in November.

Thank you!



Sue Wilson



Jojo Hare



Jude Bismark

Playdate with clay for young people





Murray Hopping



Jojo Hare - water feature

KAPITI ARTS TRAIL

Brochures will be available in the rooms.

Any members who wish to have work for sale at the rooms during the Arts Trail need to register with Derryn asap.

Thank you!

WANTED TO BUY

Thin kiln shelves
300mm x 300mm

Contact Dave Clingman
dave@davec.co.nz

Marion Mealings



Paula Peters



CLUB DAY - every Thursday 10am-12noon.

This is a great opportunity to drop in, have a cuppa and catch up with others. It's also a good time to bring along friends and show them through the place. Please make an effort to come along; you never know you may just have that urge to get your hands in some clay. Visitors from other clubs are always welcome.

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CLAY

Clay is available to those who are willing to make wheel pots, orbs or flat pieces at home for the public raku. Please contact Rod .

New clays available for trying:

Primo Toast ; Mac's Buff Speckle; Primo PW20 PRO.

We also have Mac's Whitestone and Mac's Brick Red in stock.

Please check the website for prices and other clays available.