

# Otaki Potters

September 2023

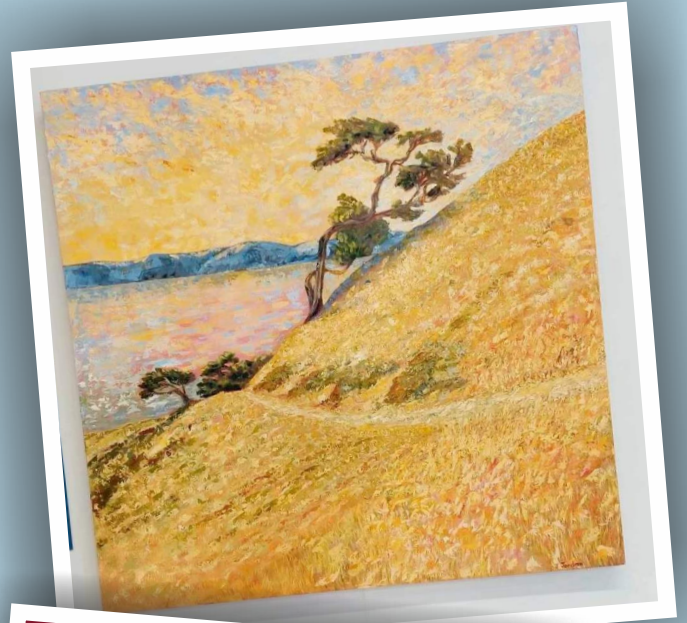
Meteorological spring has arrived! So, I am hoping the change in season will fire you all up to creating some wonderful pieces for the Kapiti Arts trail and, of course, your clubs fundraiser "The Festival of Pots and Garden Art". Registrations to exhibit at the Festival are now open (through the website) and the team is well underway with the organisation for the 2024 event.

**The Bruce Walford Mold-making Workshop** over the last two weekends has been amazing. We are now sporting many new molds Thank you to Bruce Walford and to all of you who participated I am sure you learnt a lot from our guru.

The glaze results from Duncans workshop are out and can be viewed in the glazing room. There are two more workshops so many more exciting results to come.

**Access to the club rooms** will continue as is for the foreseeable future. OMRC have had a rethink and will now just monitor activity in the grounds and if necessary work on other ways to manage the rogue vehicle activity! So please continue to come to the club rooms as you normally would. The alternative route presented potential problems with the racehorses often using this driveway to get to and from training Remember to drive carefully when entering the grounds and especially if you see a horse on the drive slow down or stop until they have passed.

**Clay** - RHA Primo Buff -that was ordered in from Bot Pots recently has been presenting some problems. If you have any concern, please talk to any one in the clay team or the kiln team. The clay team apologises for any confusion regarding the



**Artist - Jenny Jordan  
Potter - Angela Francis**



price of this clay. The \$12 bag price was only for the first bag. It was unfortunate the wording for the offer.

**Glaze room out of commission:** There are 2 more glaze 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 this area and we ask that you please take note of the dates and plan to glaze at another time. Workshop dates:- Saturday 30th September 9.30am - 4.30pm – 1 place available. Sunday 1st October 9.30am - 4.30pm – Places available.

**Adult Class** – the planned class on the 18th Sept for “Go Media” has had to be postponed but will go ahead at a later date.

**Clay Recycling** – The fencing around the eastern side of the building is now in place, the baths have been located into their frames and the clay recycling team are getting themselves ready to pug! Yahoo. Thank you to everyone involved – this has been a big job.

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

The Intermediate **Duncan Shearer glaze workshop** on the 1st of October still has availability. This is a chance to learn from the master.

**Javier Murcia's Workshop** filled up very quickly – there is a waiting list however if there was enough interest it maybe possible to ask if he is willing to hold another. Thanks go to Stephanie Page for organising this workshop.

**Pit Firing** The club will hold a pit firing in Spring if there is interest. A small fee will apply.

**Tote Modern:** this month's exhibition is showcasing works by Jenny Jordan – guest artist, and Angela Francis, potter.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Jojo's brother and send her our love and thoughts.

Thank you to all of you who have been working so hard for the club over the last month and more. We do have a very special club and it is you who help make it so.

Have a great month.  
Caitlin.

## Being a Great Club Member

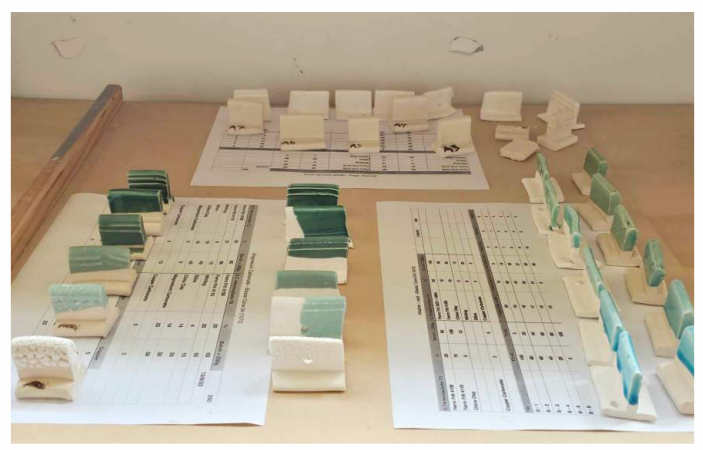
As part of being a member of the Otaki Pottery club we all agree to help to maintain it in some way or other. Some of you do a lot and this we are very grateful for.

Others are not able to do so much but we ask that you make sure that you do a little extra each time you come to the rooms. So, when you are cleaning up after your time there, please look around for any other job that might need doing. Rather than just cleaning the area you used clean all the benches, rather than just washing your bat wash or put away any others that you see. Canvases need to be washed and hung up and the clean ones folded and put back under the slab rollers. If you have a cuppa perhaps the dishwasher needs emptying or loading? The kitchen table and /or bench may need a clean. There are many small jobs that done will make it so much easier for those who have the task of managing the various areas.

And if there is something that you see that needs doing but you are unable to do it, please leave a note on the white board and someone else may attend to it.



*Lots of new molds for our club rooms.....*



*Glaze test tiles from Duncan Shearers workshop*



*New fencing of the east storage area including the newly framed baths for the clay recycling*



*Marys gardening skills...  
Spring has sprung in Marys gardens!*

# Elisabeth Vullings | Temporary Site Plan (Variation 1)

Oxides and Glazes on handmade subway tiles.

This work was created in response to the relocation of two large beehive pottery kilns (built in Te Horo, Kapiti in the early 1970's), by acclaimed potter Mirek Smišek. The kilns were sited directly in line with the recently completed PP20 Expressway and therefore scheduled for demolition. After much consultation they were relocated and preserved with painstaking precision. These handmade tiles contain imprints created from the remnants of tape used to hold the broken kiln brick pieces together in order to be glued and re-used; offering value to commonplace materials and honoring the concealed work involved in the relocation process."

**ELIZABETH VULLINGS**  
**Parkin Drawing Prize Exhibition**  
Currently on in Wellington - Check it out.  
**2nd August - 3rd September**



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# TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

This months exhibitors

**Potter: Angela Francis**

**Artist: Jenny Jordan**

# MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

**Committee Meeting** - Thursday 21st September

**New Members:** Welcome to Frederick Church, Sarah Brock, and Jean Liston-Lloyd.

## OPC Classes

New class..... continuing /advanced wheel with Jennifer Turnbull - Friday 2pm - 5pm

**Term 4 begins 16th October**

## OPC Workshop - places available

Duncan Shearer beginners (Saturday 30th September) Intermediate Glaze workshop (Sunday 1st October) - see website

