

Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings. You can feel the chill in the air. Summer is leaving us.

The adult classes and children's workshops are coming to an end. It's time to re-enrol for term two. Classes start the week beginning May 7th.

We have clay workshops for young people on Tuesday April 17th, 10am-4pm and Thursday 19th 10am-12.30. There will be an exhibition of young people's work in the art space in Otaki Library in September.

The first cleaning bee of the year was an outstanding success. Great job people! The toilet was pristine! Please be aware that the construction workers also use the toilet. They are not as particular as we are!

Brent is organising a working bee on the 5th May for those who can wield a hammer, have mastered a spade or can wave a paint brush. This will count as a cleaning bee so let him know if you are available.

Welcome to Camille Reffin who has offered to travel up from Raumati to serve as minute secretary. Now that is commitment! We still need someone to manage Health and Safety.

The next gas firing will be when there is enough work on the shelves. We fire on a Thursday. Pots need to be on the shelves by noon Wednesday prior. There is a gas firing scheduled for May 3rd. We are doing an overhaul of the gas fired glazes during April.

There is an opportunity for club members to participate in an exhibition at the Hutt Art Society for two weeks in June next year. We will share the exhibition with the Society photographers. Juliana Jarvie is convening this. Contact her if you are interested.

We have a workshop with Bruce Walford planned for mid-year. Date and topic to be confirmed. We have had requests for workshops on applying club glazes and we are in the process of organising these.

For those interested in seeing master potters at work then this year's National Convention, "**Expressive Ceramics**", in the Hutt during August is a must. The Focus is on *Surface Exploration*. There are master classes run prior to and after the convention. It is possible that one of these will be run in Otaki. People who register for the convention have priority. The National Exhibition will also be run in conjunction with the convention. So don't miss a great opportunity.

Dates to Remember

Inter Club Raku April 14th
Young people workshop April 17th and 19th
Next gas firing May 3rd
Working Bee May 5th
Term 2 classes start week of May 7th



The committee met recently at Beryl Rowe's house to thank her for her work on the committee over 28 years. Beryl has held every office, tutored and cracked the whip when need be to keep the club moving. Beryl is stepping down from the committee but is not relinquishing her role as "tea lady" on club days.

President's message cont.

"I love going to Potter Conventions. There is always something new to be learnt no matter how experienced a potter you are, new potters to meet and network with, and old friends to chat with again. If you're relatively new at the craft of ceramics, the convention is almost a crisis of opportunity; there's so much to choose from and learn about. Expressive Ceramics 2018 in Upper Hutt is no exception. Everyone needs new ideas about how to enhance their pots. The focus on surface decoration from the 5 presenters will ensure that you come away inspired and excited, and have the knowledge you need to put it into practice." Aimee McLeod, Co-Convener

If you have any suggestions for club workshops put them in the suggestion box or email Caitlin.

There have been requests for the club to glaze fire bisque work that people have fired at home. The committee has decided that the club does not offer this facility. The club

has always run a "one-stop shop" where all materials and resources are available to members. To deviate from this complicates the process.

It is important to identify pots clearly. Tutors please make sure that class members are aware of this. If people choose to use a mark rather than their club number then your mark must be registered in the front of the club members kiln book. Unidentified work will be put on the shelf behind the kiln room door.

So it's onwards and upwards. Don't forget the Inter-club Raku on April 14th.

Happy Potting!
Rod Graham, President



Inter Club Raku

14th April 10-3pm

Obvara demonstration and hands on; bring bisque-ware; \$3per kg (OPC members no-charge); shared lunch.

Otaki Pottery Club, Otaki College, 233 Mill Road, Otaki
If wet, postponement date April 15

CREATING in CLAY

Otaki Pottery Club
School Holiday Clay Workshops
for young people aged 7—18 years
Tutor: Paula Archibald.

1st Term Holidays - 2018
Tuesday 17th April 10am-12.30pm
Tuesday 17th April 1.30- 4pm
Thursday 19th April 10am - 12.30pm
\$30 per person, includes materials & firing.

To enrol contact :
Margaret Hunt
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06 364 8054.

PESCATORE NATIONAL TABLEWARE EXHIBITION 2018



IMAGES OF WORK BY JENNIFER TURNBULL SELECTOR 2018

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Expressive Ceramics 2018

Ceramics New Zealand Convention in the Wellington Region

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 August 2018

Featuring Surface Exploration Workshops by:

Greg Daly – Australia

Will and Kate Jacobson – Hawaii

Jane McCulla – New Zealand

Mollie Bosworth – Australia

Stevei Houkamau – New Zealand

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CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

Gas Firing May 3rd, and earlier if there is sufficient work.

Exhibition at Hutt Arts Society June 2019.
Contact Juliana Jarvie 021 158 8438.

Please Note: We do not glaze fire bisque ware that you have fired at home.

Membership Subs due by March 31st.
Or \$60 to be paid by 31st March with a further payment of \$60 by June 30th.
Your key is included in the sub.

Working Bee Saturday May 5th 10am,
contact Brent if you are available.



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