

Otaki Potters

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Greetings

Spring is just around the corner but winter is reluctant to let go. 99 years and still going strong! The club celebrated with **Irene Walker** a birthday morning tea. It was really just a warm up for the big one next year. Irene tells me she has just bought a new quad bike so she is ready for the start of the whitebait season.



Congratulations Irene.

The club raku was a really good day. The sun was shining and the glazes were doing their thing, we had some very happy potters. Thank you to all those who turned out, especially those who didn't come to fire pots but were there to help; much appreciated.



Dates to Remember :

Cleaning bee	12th September
Gas firing (see blackbd for date)	Early September
Kapiti Arts Trail and	31 st October & 1st November 7 th November & 8th November

Empty Bowls...



...128 made by our members; a total of 178 glazed and sent to Wellington. We glaze fired 50 bowls for Wellington Potters to help them reach their target of 850 bowls. 450 bowls were sold in 2 hours at the opening at Moore Wilson's. Another 300 were sold the following week. A great effort.

Congratulations Rebecca on a job well done. Rebecca Flowerday is a member of our club (also a member of Wellington Potters) and doing the Diploma Course with Jenny Green. The next **Empty Bowls** project is planned for 2017 so we will put a greater emphasis on hand built bowls to get a greater level of participation.

There was a very pleasing response to the call for interest in the **Kay Bazzard sculptural workshop**. We were oversubscribed so priority will be given to those who put their name on the list and in the order they went up. Margaret will be chasing you up. We have had to increase the cost a little as the workshop will be limited to 10 people.

We have a new **cleaner**, her name is Lauren Ruru. Lauren will be cleaning the rooms once a fortnight so we are relying on those using the rooms to clean up after themselves. We are trialling once a fortnight until the end of term. If successful this will save the club \$1040 the year.

We need to get cracking and get pots made for the **Public Raku** on December 5th. If you prefer to make pots at home please see me for clay otherwise please come to one of the pot-ins at the clubrooms. These are usually held on club days but we will have a couple on a Saturday morning and a Monday club night.

Everyone has a "speciality thing" that they like making and are known for. This year we are asking members to make and glaze such a piece that we can sell on a stall at the public raku. If you put your club number or personal mark along with "OPC" on the bottom, the club will reimburse you the cost of clay on your kiln account and cover the cost of firing. We need 25 people to get on board with this so if you are a starter please put your name on the list behind the wheels or email/phone me.



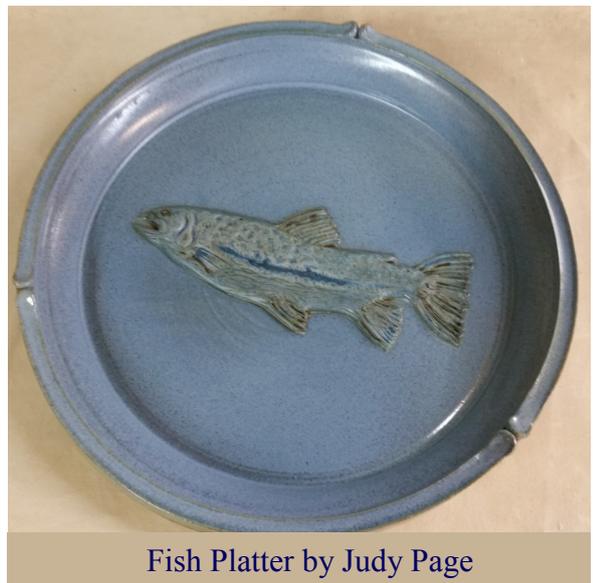
Ern - busy at work



Teapot by Linda Mikkelsen



Bowls by Sandra Sinclair.



Fish Platter by Judy Page



The Friday morning class are just finishing a challenge. Each person wrote a project, with quite specific details, on a piece of paper then class members drew one each out of the box. Amazingly no one got their own. It moved a few outside their comfort zone. Perhaps we will show some of the results in next month's newsletter. Along with the challenge it was "funky teapot day" last Friday with some really quirky results.

Caitlin has done a great job and the club brochure is at the printers and will be available in a couple of weeks. There will be one copy of the brochure and a copy of the updated club constitution for every full member. They will be available in the clubrooms or on request. Please mark off your name on the membership list when you take yours.

Thank you to those who put their hand up for Anam Cara. Brent has allocated the areas of responsibility and will be getting the team together in the near future.

We need to appoint a new convenor to take over from Brent in 2016/17. The person needs to have good people and organisational skills, a calm disposition and be in touch with reality most of the time. If you know of such a person please point them my way and we will put them beside Brent for training during this coming round.

At last! Our name is above the door! It only took 26 years but it's done! Thank you Caitlin and Brent. Now Russell....about painting the door.....



Photos from Club Raku day



Notice to all Club Members

Early in the month we sent out a notice asking people to pay attention to how they make payments to the club. A number of payments are made each month and it is essential payments are made following this procedure.

Please read the following carefully

- ◆ **Payment slips need to be filled out for ALL payments made to the Otaki Pottery Club.**
- ◆ Ensure the **Payments slips** record **Name, Member Number, Date**, and show what the payment is for eg: Clay - recording Bag Number, Kiln Fees, Class fees and/or any other Club services.
- ◆ **Internet payments** must be made within 24 hours of date of payment slip having been posted.
- ◆ If you have the club set up as a payee, please remember to change the details to suit the reason for payment and post the slip - in payments box or post to P O Box 36 OTAKI 5512
- ◆ **Clay** must be paid for within 7 days of purchase.
- ◆ **Payments must be posted in the payments box** (unless paying via internet) **You are still required to fill in the payments slip.** – Please do not hand them to us as this can create additional problems.
- ◆ It increases our workload hugely if payments are delayed so please help us keep the Clubs accounts in good order by paying on time and recording.

We cannot be responsible for any errors if the correct procedure is not followed.

Thank you for your co-operation

Ann Porter
Joy Snaddon

Kāpiti Arts Trail 2015

Timing: The Trail will run over two weekends – the first two weekends of November.

Dates: Saturday 31 October & Sunday 1 November; and Saturday 7 November & Sunday 8 November.

Be sure to mark these dates in your diary and for updates go to:

<http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/whats-on/things-to-do-in-kapiti/Kapiti-Arts-Trail/>



Funky Teapots -

Margaret Hunts Friday class watched the video 'Hand building with Colour and Texture' by Lana Wilson. One segment detailed hand building a quirky teapot. DVDs available on loan to club members from Margaret Hunt.



Tuesday wheel class

Next Gas firing early September. Please see blackboard for date.

2015 Cleaning Bees.

12 September,
12 December.

Rosters are on the noticeboard. If you put your name down please let Stephanie know if you cannot come.



Childrens Workshop.

