

Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings!

Spring is in the air amidst volumes of water!

It was a noisy night at the Curry House. It was a really enjoyable night for those who could make it. With two sizeable groups in action it was a noisy evening. The food was great.

We are heading into the busy season. All adult classes are full and Young People's Clay workshops are in full swing. Please note when the rooms are closed.

It was great to have Bruce Walford back for another hand building workshop last weekend. Waka. Dinghy's, platters it was full on and the creative juices were flowing. Bruce is a wealth of knowledge and he's always willing to share tips and ideas so it was a very worthwhile workshop.



Bruce Walford and Lynne Corkin

The "Using Club Glazes" workshops are taking place this week – Wednesday 1pm-3pm. Friday 6.30pm-8.30pm.

You will notice that all the glaze samples on clays that are no longer available have been removed. We will need to make up new samples with the clays that have been added to our range. If you want to be part of the team making these up please let me know. Some clays are out of stock and in short supply. HF porcelain, Primo paper clay, Whitestone and Mac's White are on order and hopefully will arrive early September. Primo Cream Stoneware comes highly recommended (Bruce Walford) as a great clay on the wheel and for hand building large pieces. It has a wide firing range and takes glazes well. At \$21 per 10Kg it is good value.

BotPots has sent us sample of Laguna Clays, including Black Clay. Margaret will make and fire samples for people to look at. We will not be stocking Laguna Clays but you can order direct if you are interested

We have the Inter-club Raku on September 16th (cancellation date September 30th) so you should be well underway with making pots. It's good to

Dates to Remember

16 Sept: Club Raku Firing

23 Sept: Term 3 Cleaning Bee

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meet potters from other clubs so come along and join in the fun.

We have some vacancies that need to be filled and we need your help. Please don't hesitate to put your hand up if you can assist. We need a volunteer for each of the following:

- To represent the club on the National Convention Committee. This will be held in Upper Hutt in August next year. Otaki Potters join with The Woolshed Potters and Wellington Potters to make up the organising committee. Meetings are held at the Woolshed in Porirua and travel is reimbursed. Our rep will act as a liaison between the organising committee and the club.
- To clean the filters in both heat pumps on a regular basis. This would be in lieu of doing a

cleaning bee.

- To coordinate the demonstrations at the Festival of Pots.
- To manage publicity and promotion for the Festival.
- To act as convenor for the Public Raku on December 2nd.
- To manage clay for the club.
- To manage social media
- To manage the Club Website.

The club can only function well if everyone shares the load. My phone line is open!

Congratulations to those who have hit the "BIG O" birthdays this month... Michelle Read, Ann Porter and Alan Hunter... onwards and upwards!

Time to get those pots made!

You are invited to exhibit!

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2018

Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th January



www.festivalpots.com

Anam Cara, 150 Rangiora Rd, Otaki

Inter Club Raku

Saturday 16 September 2017

Otaki Pottery Club
Otaki College
233 Mill Road, Otaki

Cancellation Date: 30 Sept. Call 027 4457545 to confirm.



NZ POTTERS

NZ Potters provides:

- A national body to lobby on behalf of potters, eg ACC
- A national body to collate and distribute information relevant to potters and clubs, eg Health and safety regulations, new regulations for firing of gas
- Letters of support and an umbrella organisation to use for grant applications
- An archive of educational and historical information
- A national magazine, CQ, and e-newsletter to keep potters in touch with what's happening in NZ
- A point of contact for enquiries around the country and/or to direct to appropriate contact
- A national conference, National exhibitions, specialised exhibitions eg tableware exhibitions, national sponsors
- Workshops connected with national exhibitions and conferences allowing potters around the country to learn from both national and international potters
- A NZP website for potters' pages, club pages, and point of contact
- A mentor programme
- Opportunities for potters to demonstrate and tutor at national conferences
- A travel scholarship
- A co-ordinated source of information about events around the country (e-newsletter)
- Regional representation allowing pottery clubs to connect and engage on a regional level and organise regional events
- Regional exhibitions
- A student competition
- Touring potters

CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

Young People's Clay Workshops: Mondays 3.30-5pm. August 21st, 28th, September 4,11,18,25th.

Home Schoolers Workshops: Monday 21st & 28th
August 10am-12 noon.

Adult Classes Mondays 7-9pm. Tuesdays 10am-12;
7-9pm. Wednesdays 7-9pm; Thursdays 7-9pm;
Fridays 9.30-12.30pm.

To have access to the rooms when adult classes are
in session you need to make an arrangement with
the tutor prior to the class starting.

Some plaster moulds are missing from the rooms. In
particular 300mm half rounds for orb making. Please
remember that moulds and equipment remain in the
rooms so that they are available to all members.



Cleaning Bees



The **Cleaning Bee** has been moved from September
16th to the 23rd. You can clean and vote without moving
your car! There are still vacancies in this cleaning bee,
contact Beryl 06 364 3030.

It is a requirement for **everyone to sign in and sign
out** when coming to the rooms.

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