



Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings,

After all the rain we are now in the middle of a prolonged dry spell, so it's sunscreen and garden hoses out.

Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2018: Thank you to those who have already responded to requests for help at the Festival of Pots and Garden Art. It's a big undertaking and we need everyone on board. The Festival is the Club's main fundraising event each year, so a gentle reminder... when people apply to become members of the Club they agree to support the Club's fund raising efforts as we all benefit.

If you are a member and exhibiting you are required to do a "shift" during the festival. Don't see it as a chore but as an opportunity to be involved in something really worthwhile.

We need people to help with the cleaning during the festival and at the pack down on the final Monday. The committee are happy for members to use it in lieu of their cleaning bee. Contact me if you are interested.

Please register for the Festival if you plan to exhibit. Priority will be given to those who register before

November 30th. Go to the website www.festivalpots.com Registration forms will also be available in the rooms during the first week of December. If you have questions related to the Festival you can email Anna Wood, the Festival Administrator festivalpots@gmail.com

Please help us to get posters and cards widely circulated around the region. Help yourself to these in the club room.

If you are new to the Club this year we encourage every member to put work in the Festival, even if it's just one or two pieces (there is no limit!). It's really encouraging when someone likes your work enough to buy it; a real confidence builder!

Other news:

The Club has joined other pottery clubs in the Wellington area to be part of *Expressive Ceramics – surface exploration convention 2018 (CeramicsNZ)*. This is the National Conference and exhibition to be held in the Hutt Valley in August 2018. www.expressiveceramics.co.nz

Dates to Remember

Festival of Pots Registration of Interest: 30 November
Club Christmas Party: 24 November
Cleaning Bee: 9 December



Final agreement has been reached with Otaki College for the Club to install 2 containers on the south side of the Gas Kiln shed. Earth work will begin soon, base course will be laid and hopefully we will have containers installed before the Festival finishes in January. Thank you to Brent, Caitlin and Jojo for the work they have put into this project.

Thank you to David Simmonds for managing keys for the Club. This will now be picked up by Stephanie Tidman who is managing Membership.

The Club has a good selection of DVD's that members can borrow. A list and short description of these is in the library area of the club rooms. Please contact Margaret Hunt if you would like to borrow one.

There are still places on the December cleaning bee on December 9th (contact Beryl). To date no one has applied

for an exemption so all members (prior to July 1st) are required to do a two-hour working bee or pay \$30.

Good news; the Mirek Smisek's beehive kilns at Te Horo are being moved and preserved as part of the Express way project.

The Club's small Cobcraft kiln has been sold and a new Shimo top loading 6.5cu ft electric kiln is due to arrive and be installed early December.

We have had quite a good response for the Christmas Doo to be held at Slapsy's Restaurant (previously Byrons) at Otaki Beach on Friday 24th. There's room for a few more.

Happy potting!

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

ADULT CLASSES 2018

Monday PM: Continuing Wheel Class: 7 - 9pm
Fee: \$100.00, Clay and Firing extra. This is a class for those people who have wheel previous wheel experience, from 1 to 2 years in a beginners wheel class, or ability to make and turn pots and apply handles and lids to work.

Tutor: Jenny Turnbull

Tuesday AM: Beginners Wheel Class: 10 - 12 am.
Fee: \$100, Clay and Firing extra. This is a class for those people who have none or very little experience using a potters wheel.

Tutor: Brent Craig

Tuesday PM: Beginners Wheel Class: 7 - 9pm
Fee: \$100.00 Clay and Firing extra. This is a class for those people who have none or very little experience using a potters wheel.

Tutor: Jenny Turnbull

Wednesday PM: Beginners and experienced, Hand building class. 7 - 9pm

Fee: \$80.00. Clay and Firing extra.

Tutor: Linette van Gruenen.

Thursday PM: Beginners and Experienced 7 - 9pm
Fee: TBA Clay and Firing extra.

This is a hand building class making Sculpture and garden art.

Tutor: TBA

Friday AM: All aspects of hand building, surface texture, and glazing. 9.30am - 12.30pm
Fee: \$120.00 Clay and firing extra.

This class is for Beginners and experienced potters, who want to add different textures and decoration to their work. Interesting and challenging.

Tutor: Margaret Hunt.



CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

Adult Classes 2018

12th Feb – 9th April People currently enrolled in classes have priority until 15th January. Enrolment form and payment required by this date to secure your enrolment for 2018.

Club Day Lunch (all welcome) Wednesday December 20th. 12.30. Gorge Café Riverbank Road. Otaki. Please put your name on the list in the rooms or contact Caitlin if you are interested in joining us.

Cleaning Bee December 9th. 10am-12 noon. Contact Beryl 06 364 3030.

Otaki College last day for students Friday Dec. 8th (12.30).

Christmas hams; delivery December 12th. To order contact Rod.

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