

Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings!

With adult and children's classes ending for the term we have a breathing space before the rush to Christmas. The priority period for people in current classes has ended so if there are vacancies then classes will be filled by those on the waiting list. There is no waiting list for the Tuesday morning beginners wheel class and there were three available spaces at the last committee meeting so if you know of anyone keen to get on the wheel let them know.

Thank you to Paula Archibald for the great work that she has done with the Young People's clay workshops during this year. Paula will be busy with the Kapiti Arts Trail and the Festival of Pots in term 4 so classes will resume next year.

The weather was marginal but the **Inter-club raku** went ahead and we had a great day. It was a small group and we weren't over represented but everyone pitched in and people were pleased with their results. Sandra Sinclair demonstrated Obvara with some stunning results so that has added a new dimension to our raku days. Biz Hayman and Sandra were into working with hair and feathers on hot pots and they got it down to a fine art. Next summer we hope to join with the Levin Club for a pit firing at Hazel Blake's in Manakau.

No one put their hand up to convene the Public Raku on December 2nd. The committee have reluctantly agreed to cancel this year's event if we don't have a convenor by the end of the month. This will be a pity as it is the only chance for the community to engage with the club with a hands-on family friendly event.

I must say that not one person responded to the requests in the last newsletter.

I was quite disappointed as people are usually only too happy to share the load. I will ask Anna to repeat the request in this newsletter and hope for a better response. It is critical to have someone to manage the club website and social media, this could be shared or perhaps a family member?

Brent has signed the contract with Anam Cara so the event will definitely proceed whether the property sells or not. It is definitely time to get work made and fired.

Margaret is off to Paris and London; Stephanie is touring China and India and Brent is tramping through The Amazon. Perhaps I need to broaden my horizons!

Pot on potters!

New Members

Welcome to Wi Taepa; Sarah Kenworthy; Chrissie Sallis; and Peter Beauchamp



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



EMPTY BOWLS 2017

Empty Bowls 2017 in the Wellington Region was a huge success; 900 bowls sold in 11 days! Moore Wilsons have confirmed that in total \$22,500 was raised.

The income of bowl sales has a notable impact on the Downtown Community Ministry, who have been able to provide a wide range of services ranging from food, shelter, to dental care, for the 900+ people they care for each year.

Many thanks go to Otaki members who contributed to the project this year, particularly Rod, Graham, Shane Winchcombe, Margaret Hunt, Liz Earth, Tama Chung, Brent Craig, Stephanie Tidman, Jackie Fawcett and Jenny Turnbull.

Rebecca Flowerday

Congratulations Rebecca, a great effort! Thanks to everyone in our club who joined the project. Next opportunity 2019.
Rod

INTER-CLUB RAKU SEPT 2017



CERAMICUS



An exhibition of ceramics by Wellington Potters' Association

Together with Splash2017, the national exhibition of Watercolour New Zealand

14-29 OCTOBER

Open daily 10 – 5pm. Free entry
Academy Galleries, Queens Wharf, Wellington.

Weekend pottery and painting demonstrations: 11am-3pm

Guest selector and exhibitor
Richard Stratton and 2016 premiere award winner Cam Munroe.



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CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

We need a volunteer for each of the following:

- To represent the club on the National Convention Committee, to be held in Upper Hutt in August next year.
- To clean the filters in both heat pumps on a regular basis (in lieu of doing a cleaning bee)
- To manage publicity and promotion for the Festival of Pots
- 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's website

For Sale: 8 bags Nelson mid-fire white clay \$60 each.
Contact Shane Winchcombe 027 215 8077.

A clay order from Nelson Potters will be placed at the end of the month for SC50. If anyone wants to add to the order contact Rod.

Club glazes can only be used on work bisqued at the club.

Christmas Doo. Friday November 24th at Slapsy's (previously Byrons) details next newsletter.

It's time for a clean out of the shelves. Please check and collect your work. Work that has been around for quite a while will be out on the tables next week. Any remaining on October 14th will be disposed of. We have limited space and need to keep things moving.

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