

Otaki Potters

April 2022

Greetings, I do hope you are all well and have managed to evade the virus! I will be away for the next few weeks and currently I am enjoying isolation on the Banks Peninsula. As always, I am very grateful to Sue, Stephanie and the committee for their continued support and time that they put into the club and I know they will be there for anything that may crop up while I'm away.

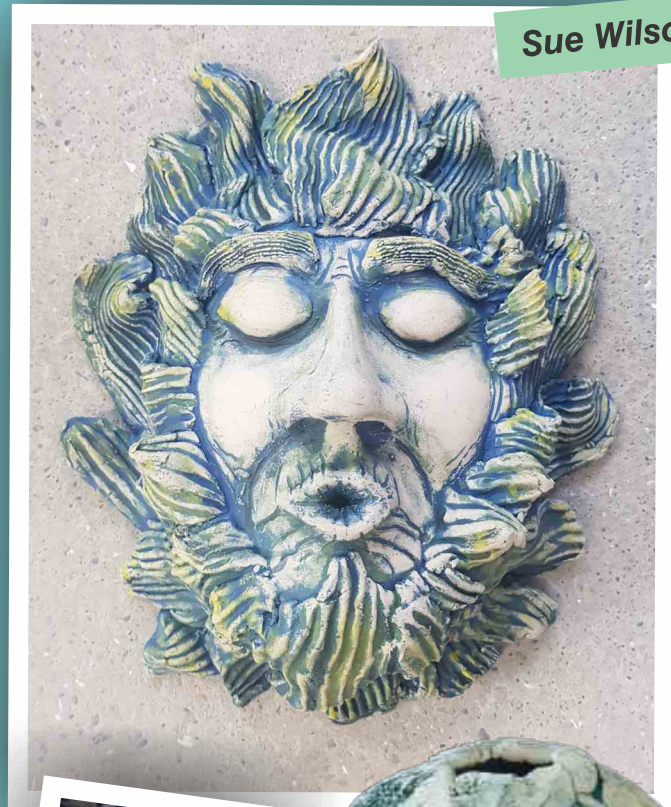
Our last committee meeting was all but cancelled due to the ever-concerning covid situation. We did however manage to attend to club matters via an email chain.

Given the recent Government update we have reviewed the clubs stand on mask wearing and vaccination passes. It was agreed that the mandates the club has in place will continue for now. If you have any concerns, please let us know and we will address at the next committee meeting.

The "pop up" that Derryn set up to coincide with the Equine market was well received by all the visitors and turnover was high. These events are important for our club for the exposure it brings and as an avenue for our potters to sell their work. Thank you to Derryn, her team and all those who supported this event.

Thank you to Vikki and Katherine who have offered to help with club fundraising ideas and grant applications. As we had to cancel our major fundraiser this year alternative ways of raising funds are essential for our continuing to be able to offer and maintain the great facilities we have.

And finally, remember the AGM is set for Sunday 22nd May. Please try to put this date aside. The decisions made at the meeting direct the way the club goes forward so this is the time to get your thoughts heard. If you are considering standing for committee, please let me know. Sue and I have agreed that we will stand again for this coming term but would like to see a new team for – if not this time round – 2023.



Sue Wilson



Katherine Joyce-Kellaway



Sue Smith

Louise Conwell



It is healthy for the club to have new management style and new ideas so think about who you would like to see in these roles.

An overview of the reports sent in from our team managers for the month.

CLASSES – Emily Friedlander:

We have a new tutor - Monday nights wheel class – welcome to Sarah Bromley.

The club needs to consider if we need to offer more classes. While there is a need (we have a long waiting list) we need to consider if this will put too much stress on management and resources.

WORKSHOPS – Margaret Hunt:

You will have seen in Stephanie's "bits and bobs" that Margaret has secured Bruce Walford for the much requested "lustre" workshop. This is a great opportunity so get your name down quickly if you are interested. Margaret Hunt: mhunt@xtra.co.nz

CLAY/GLAZES/KILNS – Rod Graham:

Rod is keeping a good eye on our clay stocks, conscious of the problems with supply he is managing to source and keep us in good supply. Stephanie put out an email inviting members to be part of the kilns team. If you are interested, please contact Rod. The glaze team will be working on preparing glaze samples on primo stoneware. If you are interested in assisting here let Rod know.

TOTE MODERN GALLERY – Paula Archibald:

The Tote Modern Gallery will not be open on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Jaki Marston is our Guest Artist along with Kevin Haste and David Simmons as our featured Potters for April.

ROOMS - Kaye Stead:

Kaye continues to do a wonderful job managing the rooms. Please remember it is not Kaye's job to clean up after us and while we do have Teri coming in to do the basic cleaning (floors and bathroom) if you see an area that needs cleaning, please do this. Remember we do have a great resource in the library and a fantastic DVD collection which are available for loan. If you are interested contact Margaret Hunt.

CLEANING BEES – Jojo Hare:

A new roster has been posted on the notice board in the kitchen. There will be other tasks that you can do as your cleaning bee if you cannot attend on those days. Remember also that you must let Jojo know if you cannot make the cleaning bee you have selected.



Vicki Russell



MUM, DAD AND THE KIDS - Stephanie Tidman

Stephanie Tidman



EVENTS –

Matariki: - Rod and Sue are working on an event for the weekend over Matariki 24 - 27th June. This is still in development phase but very exciting none the less. The call went out for suggestions for a name, so thank you to those of you who sent in suggestions. Congratulations to Kylie van Dyke and Allie McHugo winners of our naming competition for **Star Glaze**. Thomas Graham (Star Glazing) and Bidy Bunzl (Star Glazer) came close so they deserve some recognition, so a 10Kg of clay will be heading their way. A great effort - 54 entries! We also wish Bidy a speedy recovery. She broke her wrist in two places on the Tongoriro Crossing. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Rod or Sue.

Adult class exhibition: - This is on track, and I hear many pots are being made for this. I look forward to seeing your creations.

Festival of Pots: - Rod and I met with Teresa – Anam Cara. We are working on a way that we can hold the next Festival of Pots and will confirm the arrangement at the AGM.

MAINTENANCE – Brent Craig

Work has been done repairing the leaks in the roof. Many thanks to both Brent and Rob for their time here. If you do see any leaks or other areas that need urgent attention, please contact Brent.

Stay safe, stay well.

Caitlin.



Sally Campbell



Juliana Mansvelt



Corey Pugh



Biddy

Welcome to STAR GLAZE MID-WINTER CERAMICS FESTIVAL “Earth Meets Sky”

STAR GLAZE is a new fundraising event to be held during Matariki.

It will be a NEW OPPORTUNITY to sell your work, let your star shine and support your club. It is a ‘cash and carry’ under cover event held over four days on the ground floor of the Otaki Maori Racing Club’s stand opposite our clubrooms.

Detailed information will be published soon and will also be available on the club website.

Meantime, get your hands in clay and be sure to respond to the survey. The Co-convenors for STAR GLAZE are Sue Wilson and Rod Graham.

OTAKI POTTERY CLUB PRESENTS

Star GLAZE

MID WINTER CERAMICS FESTIVAL

JUNE 23 -26, 2022 | OTAKI RACECOURSE



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Clay: Rod Graham | Jojo Hare

Property Maintenance: Brent Craig

Glaze Making:

Rod Graham | Helen Walch

David Roil | Val Waugh | Sue Smith

Next Committee Meeting

Thursday 28th April at 6.30pm

New Members

Welcome to Sue Judd and Monica McCormack

Cleaning Bees

Saturday 23rd April 9:30 to 12:00

Sunday 31st June 9:30 to 12:00

Saturday 24th September 9:30 to 12:00

Saturday 10th December 9:30 to 12:00

We now have a Sunday cleaning bee for those members that were finding it hard to get to the Saturday.

Subs

\$200.00 if paid by 30 April 2022

\$220.00 if paid after 30 April 2022

\$110.00 for 6 months to 30 September and \$110.00

for 6 months to 31 March 2023

Please pay your subs to the OPC bank account (38-9003-0784227-011) and ensure you have included your name and club number in the particulars/code/reference.



Saskia Smids



Jenny Turnbull

TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

This months exhibitors

**Potter: Kevin Haste
& David Simmons**

Artist: Jaki Marston