

Otaki Potters

April 2023

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and that you are busy working on wonderful clay creations.

Classes have finished for the term and the kiln team have been kept very busy keeping up with the work coming through. We have a very organised kiln team: Rod Graham, Kaye Stead, Jennie Butler, Emma Densey, Luci Robins and Biddy Bunzl. Thank you to you all for looking after us so well.

Star Glaze 2023: Sue and Rod have set the dates for this years Star Glaze. 13th, 14th, and 15th July. Information will be sent out as it comes to hand.

Tote Modern: Thursday night was the opening for Ceramic Artist - Emma Densey and Artist & Potter - Susannah Kyles exhibition. Unfortunately, I could not make it to the opening however I have seen some of Emmas wonderful work coming out of the kilns and I look forward to getting through in the weekend to see both their work on display.

Clay: Lynne Corkin has offered to manage clay sales. Please be patient while the new system is put in place.

Workshops: Jenny has organised a number of workshops over the last few months including a Lithography workshop as a fundraiser for Taradale. The Kintsugi workshops were a hit and Emma has offered to come back to do another late June if there is interest. Workshops to come are Duncan Shearers on the 17 th /18 th April – note there is an option to pay to observe for a day otherwise the hands on workshop is 2 days. Jean Kahui's work shop is set for the 29th-30th April. Dates yet to be set for Chris Dunns Pit firing and Bonnie Woollers Orbs. Please visit the website to register your interest.

Children's workshop will be running through the school holidays so please be mindful of this when you come to the rooms.



**Exhibition opening
night by Emma Densey
and Susannah Kyle**



Luci Robins



Alex Wongs been busy!



Jennifer Turnbull demonstrating the process of lithography.



Thank you to Clare Botha who has offered to take over from Jenny administering the Workshop portfolio.

We have a new class starting on the 3rd May. This is an Advanced Wheel class Tutor Jenny Turnbull. This takes our classes to 17 including the children's class.

Taradale Pottery Club: Jennys workshop raised over \$1000 for Taradale Pottery and as Jenny very generously donated her time and the club did not charge for anything 100% of the takings are to go toward the \$3,000 donation the club is sending to the Arts Centre. Kaye has put aside a box of books and periodicals for them. If you have any pots that you wish to donate we will sell them through the gallery and the proceeds will also go to Taradale. There is a space in the bookshelf in the kitchen for these pots. Thank you in advance. They have set up a Give a Little page you can find online.

Rob has been busy in the rooms re-siting the extruder, attending to leaky taps and problem drains. He is investigating the flooding problem that occurs occasionally in front of the building. This has been an ongoing problem and will be an expensive fix. Rob is also looking at ways to close in the area outside the kiln room – to hide our mess!!

Cleaning Bees: Jojo manages our cleaning bees. With our member numbers increasing we can increase the number of cleaning bees we run annually. To do this Jojo will need another person to help run these. Please contact Jojo if you can help or if you would like more information on what is involved. jhare67@yahoo.com.

Rooms Manager: We do need someone to take on the role managing a team who look after the rooms. If this might be you please contact either myself or Stephanie to discuss. Thank you to Mary who has offered to look after the kitchen area.

I would like to remind members that we have an active online community. Our Facebook group is a great place to stay up-to-date with club news and events.

Check it out and please remember to share posts with your friends.

Ern Bale is in hospital. We are thinking of him and wishing him well.

- Caitlin

THROWING & ALTERING 2 DAY WORKSHOP

with Duncan Shearer

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th April

Times: 9.30am – 4.30pm

\$350pp – Hands-on 2 days – only 10 places**

\$175pp - Observers 1 day

Please visit the website to register your interest.



Kintsugi Workshop *with Ema Frost*

Monday 26th June

\$175pp - Half Day Workshop

Please visit our website to register your interest.



(photos from last two kintsugi workshops)



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ROOMS **Manager Needed**

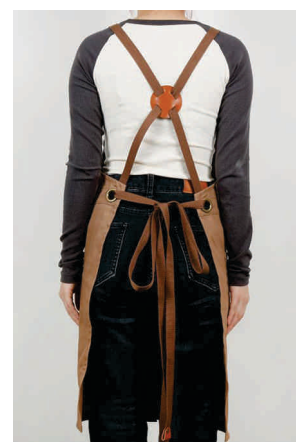
SOCIAL MEDIA Wendi Lindsay

WORKSHOPS Adult Clare Botha

Children/Youth Derryn Robson

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

- **ROOMS MANAGER** and people to join this team needed. Contact Stephanie if you can help here.
- **APRONS FOR SALE**
Stephanie found these great Aprons and has had them specially designed for our club.
They come in 2 colours.
\$40.00 - Members. \$50.00 - Non-members.
Contact Stephanie if you would like to buy one.
otakipotteryclub@gmail.com



New Members

Welcome to:

Susan Williams

Fiona Irvine

Karen Sadler

May Hastings – welcome back

Elizabeth Brooks

Lisa Russell

OTAKI POTTERY CLUB PRESENTS

Star
GLAZE

**MID WINTER
CERAMICS FESTIVAL
CELEBRATES MATARIKI**

JULY 13 - 15, 2023 | 10AM - 4PM

OTAKI RACECOURSE | ENTRY BY KOHA



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