



Otaki Potters

December 2023

Here is your last Club Newsletter as the end of the year is upon us. I do hope 2023 was a productive and good year for you all. The club is in good health and whenever I am there it is great to see always the hive of activity.

I do want to thank all of you who have put your hand up to help. You are the reason this club is so great. Thank you.

Sue O'Rourke is stepping down from managing our rubbish. Sue has managed this area quietly coming in and emptying our bins and looking after the collection of the skip bin. We are grateful to Sue for doing this and for all the areas that she works in for the club. It would be wonderful if we could have a couple of members put their hand up to take this role on.

It would be timely to talk about our rubbish here. We seem to produce a huge amount. As members of a large club, please consider the wonderful people looking after the rubbish that you are filling the bins with and ask could you do better with it. Could the newspaper be recycled, is your coffee cup empty before putting it in the bin, cardboard boxes need to be flattened and please just think about what you are throwing out.

Club Pit Firing & Club Raku: -

Club Pit Firing: - Weekend of the 23rd of March. At Te Horo. A workshop will be held early February to familiarise those who are new to this with the process. A small fee will be charged to go towards the wood and the chemicals used.

Club Raku: - We will be holding a firing for members on the 20th of April with the 27th being the fall-back date should the weather not be good. This will be free to all members.

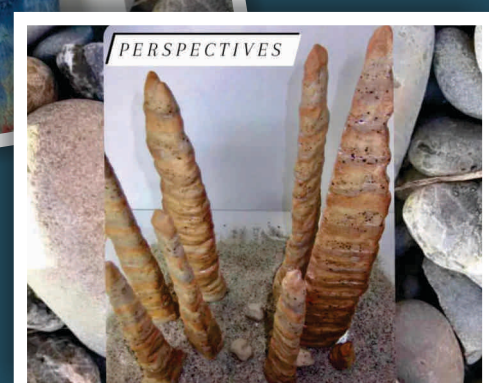
Health & Safety - The wax pans will be removed this month. This may be timely as we discovered that a pan had been left on overnight. If you are concerned about how to manage glazing your work and not



Jackie Haddow & Kimberly Edkins
at their graduation exhibition from
the Diploma in Arts and Design in
Ceramics



*Time and
perspective*





Lithography on Clay

sure how to keep the glaze off the bottom there are several ways. We have, thanks to Kathryn Lim, a couple of dense foam pads on the glaze sink bench. After you have glazed your pot push it gently into the sponge pad and twist until the glaze has been removed. These pads will need to be rinsed occasionally so please do your bit here if you see they are getting loaded up with glaze. Another way of "resisting" glaze is to set the pot with its bottom in an appropriate level of water for a bit before glazing. The water soaks into the bisqueware enough to make wiping off glaze very easy. You can also buy product from pottery suppliers – cold brush wax or wax resist and latex. If using either of these products do remember to dip your brush into detergent first to make for easier cleanup. The reason for the removal of the pans other than a potential fire risk is that the fumes from the paraffin are quite toxic. We are happy to hear from you if you have any suggestions as to an alternative.

Security - If you are one of the last to leave the club, remember to check all doors and windows are locked. **The glaze room doors were left open over night last week.** If you open these doors, or any of the clubs exterior doors, please close and lock them before you leave or make sure there is some one else there and confirm with them that they will do this.

Reminder - The last cleaning bee for the year falls on Saturday the 9th of December. Please talk to Jojo or Sue if you have not attended one for 2023 and if you are unable to attend this one - they can offer you an alternative job. A list of jobs will be posted on the notice board that can be done this year in lieu of your cleaning bee. If you cannot do either, please pay the \$40 fee as soon as possible so the team can mark you off as having honoured your membership agreement. Please note if you have not paid by the end of the year the fee increases to \$60.

Reminder: - The kiln team ask that all pots identified with a yellow sticker be collected as soon as possible as shelf space is at a premium.

Clay – We are awaiting a new order of Primo clays. Our stocks of W2505, Atelier White and Nigra are low however there is plenty of all other primo clays, BRT, PRGI and PRGF, Porcelain.

Clay recycling is going well, and the first lot of clay has been laid out to dry off readying it for pugging.

Classes: Our last class is on the 15th December. There will be a new Saturday morning beginners/continuing wheel class run by Jenny Turnbull starting 2024. The website will give the most UpToDate information on the classes for 2024.

Children's classes & holiday classes: The work coming out of these classes are fun and bright and the students are always happy and proud when they come and collect their work. There will be no children's holiday classes over the Christmas break. Many thanks to Derryn & Storm for running these.

Gallery: The 16th November was the opening for Jennifer Turnbull's students Jackie Haddow and Kimberly Edkins who are graduating from the Diploma in Arts and Design in Ceramics. This is the end of a 4-year intensive, hands-on course. The work is varied and interesting and I highly recommend you visit the gallery to have a look.

Website: check the website regularly as club information is updated by Kylie weekly. For information on classes, workshops and our events including gallery exhibitions, and more about the club the website covers it all.

EVENTS

Public Raku – Saturday 2nd December. The weather held and we had a great turnout from members to help out and the Public who came in droves. It was a wonderful day. Thank you to Shona and Janine for running a very successful event.

Kapiti Arts Trail - This year's Trail was also very successful with close to 800 through the door. Thank you to the hard-working team and to Derryn for managing this. This event does bring a lot of attention to both the club and the gallery.

The Festival of Pots and Garden Art
19th-24th January 2024.

Message from Wendi - Festival of Pots 2024 – Registration. If you would like to exhibit in the Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2024, please apply now. Members do not need to pay the registration fee, but you do need to register. Registration closes on January 1st, so don't forget, and miss out! Register here and be

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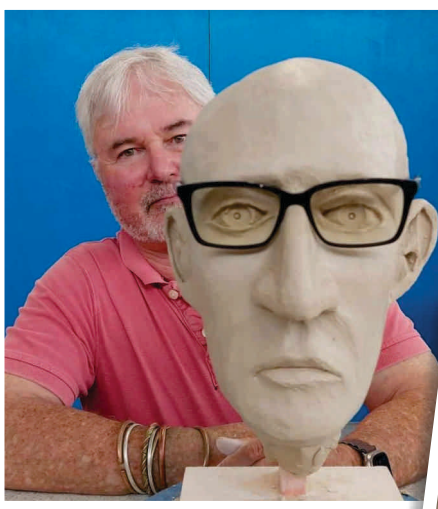
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**Public
Raku**



Javier Murcia
Head sculpting



To help manage an area at the festival, please talk to Sue. The rosters will be posted soon so please keep an eye on the notice board. As this is the main fundraiser for the club you are required to do 6 hours toward the running of the event. If you know now that you will not be here to help, please talk to Sue – she has many other jobs that can be done prior to and after the event.

Those people interested in helping at the entry desk, sales and data entry may email Bryan (treasurer otakipottery@gmail.com) directly - and all the other rosters for roles are being organized by Jackie Fawcett.

Workshops:

Javier Murcia Head sculpting: This workshop was stand out and the techniques learnt invaluable. Javier has agreed to holding more workshops in 2024 so please keep an eye on the website. If these are full register your interest as it may be possible to run another.

Lithography on Clay with Jenny Turnbull: as always Jennys workshops are full of fun with lots of information and learning. You can see some of the results of both these workshops in the photos and more on our Facebook page.

Again, a big thank you to all our team leaders, team members, to our committee and to all of you who help in other ways.

Enjoy the next few weeks of festivity leading up to Christmas and I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas.

Caitlin.



Committee Meeting points

The committee discussed:

Building and environs: The club has engaged a contractor to upgrade the clubs driveway and to install another soak pit. We are seeking quotes for the painting of the building.

Kiln shelving – concern expressed by kiln team that work is being left to dry in molds in the kiln room. If you are unsure what to do with your mold please talk to someone on this team but we ask that you do not leave it in the mold in the kiln room. This is not the responsibility of this team.

A sink is to be installed in the glaze preparation room.

We welcome Teri who will be taking over the cleaning of the rooms. Teri has been looking after the classrooms and we are thrilled that she has agreed to extend this to the main room, glaze room kitchen and bathroom. Please be considerate and leave these areas clear and tidy.

The club farewells **Kylie Jurgensen** who is relocating to Australia. Kylie has been a great contributor to the club and her work has been inspirational. We wish her all the very best.

Christmas: Need someone to manage a Morning tea for the club Christmas get together. Agreed it would be good to coincide with the Gas firing on the 9th of December, alternative date Sunday 10th of December.

Elizabeth Charlton has offered to make a shadow board for the tongs etc over the sinks in the glaze room. This was accepted. Thank you, Elizabeth.

Accepted a price from contractor to repair the driveway and instal a new soak pit.

A roller door will be installed replacing the red doors to the clay room.

A Mixer to be purchased for the Clay recycling team.

New members to be assigned to a team on acceptance.

Defibrillator: is installed and if you ring 111, they will give you the code to open it alternatively it is noted on the whiteboard.



Houses by
Luci Robbins



Sue Wilson



Sue O'Rourke

His Worship The Mayor of Upper Hutt, Wayne Guppy
together with the Director of Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Leanne Wickham
warmly invites you and a guest, to the joint openings of

HOME and **4 on the floor**
One City. Many Cultures

WHIRINAKI WHARE TAONGA
836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

Sunday 17 December 2023 - 5pm

With cultural performances and international refreshments

Rsvp essential to rsup@whirinakiarts.org.nz by 10 December

Home tells the stories of ten families who
have travelled from other countries to
make Upper Hutt their home.
Here they share their personal journeys,
their challenges, and their triumphs, and
what it is like to leave one home behind,
to create a new one.

HOME: One City. Many Cultures is

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HOME
ONE CITY
MANY CULTURES

4 on the floor

**Paula Archibald
Rebecca Neal
Sarah Urwin
Pip Woods**

4 on the floor brings together
new works by four ceramic artists.
This biennial exhibition spotlights emerging
and established local artists giving a glimpse
into the emerging art scene of Aotearoa,
while providing viewers an insight into
contemporary art practices right now.

Whirinaki Whare Taonga
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ORIENTATION Kathryn Lim

ROOMS **Manager Needed**

SOCIAL MEDIA Wendi Lindsay

WORKSHOPS Adult Clare Botha

Children/Youth Derryn Robson

TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

Open Boxing Day
and
Race Day in January

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

Committee Meeting - There will be informal communications within the committee with the next committee meeting not being held until 25th Jan. 2024.

New Members: We welcome Linda Flynn, Diane Greenwood, Sally Haughton, Stephanie Page, and welcome back Molly Gibson

Christmas: – We are looking for someone to lead this morning Tea or Lunch on the 9th Dec.

Gallery over Christmas/New Year: Derryn is opening the gallery on boxing day plus the race day in early January. If you can help, please contact Derryn. robson.pyle@xtra.co.nz

Batts: if you would like you own batts there is a notice on the board with information on how to order.

VACANT ROLES

Rooms Manager: Along with the team the role is ensuring the rooms are kept in order.

Refuse: Someone or two needed to manage this role. Overseeing the disposal of the club's rubbish including setting up a recycling system.

Education Manager: – Along with the team the role requires liaison with the tutors regarding the classes for each term





Elisabeth Vullings Exhibition:

Gehaakte Gordijntjes

Crocheted Curtains in the Toi Poneke Arts Centre.

11 November - 08 December

Click on the below article from
The Post recently.

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A crochet curtain is used as a template with which to etch the cotton details into a glass window pane.

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2024

January 19th - 24th 10am - 4pm

Please see the website for Opening and Late night details



www.otakipotteryclub.org

Anam Cara Gardens 150 Rangiora Rd, **Otaki**