

Otaki Potters

March 2023

Festival of Pots: Thank you to everyone who participated in our fantastic "Festival of Pots and Garden Art" event. The event far exceeded my expectations of turnout and sales, and the atmosphere was buzzing. Our teams went well beyond what is hoped for contributing to make this a standout event. Our new set up with the entry and sales desk worked really well and we have had great feedback from visitors. Well done everyone we could not do this without you and these earnings make it possible to continue to upgrade and improve our club facilities.

We have confirmed our booking for 2024 with Anam Cara Gardens and the team will get together to begin the planning for this festival mid-year. If you would like to be part of a team please let Rod or Sue know and I thank you in advance. If you were not able to do your shift at the Festival, please contact Sue for other ways you can contribute.

Star Glaze 2023: Sue and Rod have agreed to run Star Glaze 2023 giving you all another opportunity to sell your pots. Details on this will be sent out closer to the time.

Tote Modern: The Tote opened for the year with an exhibition by Rebecca Neal and Belinda Paton. There were some very interesting and very vibrant pieces on sale. The exhibition has now come down opening the way for the next exhibition showing work by Jojo Hare and Holly Chapman. This opens on Thursday 2nd March 5.30. Come along and support our artists.

Paula and her team do a wonderful job looking after the Gallery. If you can help with setups and pack downs, please let Paula or Wendy know.

Clay Sales: We are looking at trialing a new way to purchase clay. This will be put in place effective 1st March 2023. Clay can no longer be left out for collection unless payment has been made. If you wish to buy clay your request needs to accompany a screen shot or other proof of your



**Exhibition opening
night by Rebecca
Neal & Belinda Paton**



Emma's fish were a sell out at the Festival of the Pots.



Amanda Dibbly



Trevor.... his work never ceases.

payment. If you are purchasing at the rooms your payment needs to be witnessed. For those pre-ordering your clay will be left for you on the table outside the clay room – having sent proof of purchase.

Prices are listed on the website however please note these are constantly changing and so may not be current. We are hoping to set up an online system in the near future but we need someone to manage this area. If you feel this is something you can do, please contact Stephanie.

Workshops: Jenny has arranged the following workshops. Please visit the website for more information on how to join.

- * Jean Kahui workshop A Goddess for Your Garden now has new dates 29th & 30th April.
- * Kintsugi Workshop 1-3pm 27th March is set up on website for registrations. <https://www.otaki pottery club.org/pottery-workshops-kapiti.html>
- * Chris Dunn's Pit firing workshop - Spring. – please register your interest.

Waiohiki Arts Centre & the Taradale Pottery Club in Hawke's Bay have been totally devastated in the floods. They have lost everything and although they have a little insurance this won't cover all their losses. If you know of a kiln available this would go in some small way to getting the pottery club going again. We all know how much working with clay is so valuable for "de-stressing", if we can help them this will do so much more for them other than just getting them potting again. It will be a huge lift. They have set up a Give a Little page that I have included in the email body. Please forward to any one whom you think can help. We are looking at other ways we can fundraise for them too. If you can be involved, please contact me.

Taradale Pottery club Give a Little page.
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-taradale-pottery-club-recover-from-cyclone>

Classes are well underway, and our new system seems to be working well for everyone. If you have any concerns relating to the classes, please contact either myself or Sue. We hope that everyone is able to access our classes. Alastair has been working behind the scenes making sure that classes are full and all information has been sent out to students. This has been a big job – thank you Alastair.

Rooms: We now have more shelving in the Kiln room organised by Rob. Big thanks to Caleb for help in getting all the shelving and the new tutor rooms organised. ...and to Brent who built new

trolleys for the work coming out of the classes. We have 13 classes so these trolleys make it much easier to keep track of students work.

Jenny and Bryan moved straight into organising the tutors storage area having finished a massive job at the Festival. You are champions.

We have purchased two new wheels for the club. This will give us six wheels in the main workroom and so alleviate any future congestion!

Dale the electrician has been in and turned the lights– hopefully this will remove the shadowing that some are concerned by while working at the benches.

New chairs for the kitchen! thank you to Sue for sourcing these. Much more comfortable and stable than what was there.

Club day / Club night: The committee discussed running a club night. Kathryn Lim has volunteered to take on this project and it is looking like Friday night will be the night. Kathryn is hoping to have a few demonstrations booked for the nights. Come and check this out. Stephanie will send out times/dates when this has been set.

Rooms Manager: Kaye is stepping back from this role. We have been so lucky that Kaye took this role on from when we first moved into our new building. Kaye has worked tirelessly for the club keeping our rooms organised and making sure areas were kept clean and orderly. Going above and beyond what we could have expected from anyone in this role Kaye managed this mostly alone.

We do need 3 people here to take over from Kaye. Please contact Stephanie if you would like an overview of what is required or can take on this role – of either rooms manager or as a helper. While this role is vacant members will need to make doubly sure they clean up after themselves (and others if necessary!) and hopefully continue the habit!!

Thank you to our wonderful teams. Our club is growing in leaps and bounds and we cannot but be very proud of where we are now and what we have. Let's all take a little extra time to look after this great club. If you see anything that needs attention please either notify the Team Lead, write on the notice board or if you can attend to it please do.



Bowl by
Karen Cross



Cups by Kylie
Jurgensen

*We have our
Winners!!!*

**FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE POTS
DOOR RAFFLE**

Winners of the door raffle were:

Paul Kobar, Paraparaumu - Water Catcher
Bova Novakov, Eponi - Bird House
Noeline Doocey, Waikanae - Teapot
Kaye Hayward, Levin - Garden Orb

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Administration Team

CLASSES Adult Alastair McKenzie

Children/Youth Derryn Robson

CLAY Manager Needed

CLEANING BEES Jojo Hare

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE Rob Young

EVENTS Sue Wilson

FUNDRAISING Katherine Joyce-Kellaway

GALLERY Paula Archibald

GLAZES Rod Graham

GRAPHICS Kylie Van Dyke

HEALTH & SAFETY Murray Hopping

KILNS Rod Graham

LIBRARY Kaye Stead

MAINTENANCE Brent Craig

MEMBERSHIP Stephanie Tidman

NEWSLETTER Lyndele MacDermaid

ORIENTATION Kathryn Lim

ROOMS Manager Needed

SOCIAL MEDIA Wendi Lindsay

WORKSHOPS Adult Manager Needed

Children/Youth Wendi Lindsay

TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

Thursday 2nd Mar 5.30pm

This months exhibitors

Potter: Jojo Hare

Artist: Holly Chapman

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

- **ROOMS MANAGER** and people to join this team needed. Please contact Stephanie if you can help.
- **CLAY MANAGER** needed – contact Stephanie.
- **WORKSHOP ORGANISER/MANAGER:** We are looking for someone to take over the organisation and management of Workshops. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Turnbull - greensj@xtra.co.nz. She will talk you through what is involved.
- **COOKING WITH GAS** will feature a series of Saturday morning instruction sessions covering:
 - a general explanation of the operation and results to be expected from a downdraft kiln.
 - a discussion on the varying visual effects from the different clays stocked by the club.
 - a discussion on the use of the mixed club glazes
 - a discussion on the form of the pots made, and on faults in throwing and glazing that have produced flawed results sighted over the past 2 years of operation.
 - a question-and-answer session on the results members may have already experienced.
 - loading and firing the green FE downdraft kiln; loading, firing the kiln-2 sessions, start and finish; unloading. These sessions leading to members becoming proficient and able to fire the kiln without direct supervision.
 - ongoing work, developing, either as a group or individually, new glazes suited to reduction firing.

New Members

Welcome to:

Lydia Rennie

Trevor McIntyre

Dacia Goble

Michelle Read