

Otaki Potters

November 2021

Kia Ora koutou, Greetings.

Another month down another month closer to the Festival, however, some of you will be more focused on the Kapiti Arts Trail. Our kiln team really had a tough time of it with all our kilns encountering problems. New elements ordered and once again Trevor has come to the rescue. We were fortunate to have access to Bruce Walford's kiln and this has proved invaluable and much of the work has been fired. So, a big thank you to the kiln team for getting the work through and all the best to those of you who are participating in the Arts Trail. NB: If you are an exhibitor at the Kapiti Arts Trail there are Festival cards for you to make available at your venue. These are an excellent way to advertise the 2022 Festival of Pots."

The **Tote Modern** now has Kaye Stead and Kay Leatham's exhibition installed. The opening was a lovely evening and well received by all those attending. This will run through until the 25th November. Exhibitors for December are Yolanda Watson - potter, and Pamela Annsouth - painter. Paula and her team are doing an outstanding job with the Gallery. They do need help with the setup/breakdown of exhibitions – if you can help please let Paula know.

As I mentioned the **Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2022** is in our sights and the team is working on a new layout for the venue. Delta is of concern and discussions on the likely hood of the festival proceeding are being had. We will be governed by the rules as set by government but will look at all possible ways of proceeding. We will be posting the rosters on the white board soon and you may be approached by the area leader for your help. Please remember this is a very important fundraiser for the club and members are required to do a minimum of 6 hours toward the running of the Festival. Refer to the website for more information if you are interested in exhibiting. www.otakipotteryclub.org



Sue Wilson



Bunny
by Yvonne



Allie

June Hogan



**Ann Porter
(back pot)**

Adult Students



Large Pot - Bruce Walford



Accounts: Lynne is spending too much time reconciling eftpos payments and has asked that you follow her instructions when making payments to the club. The accounts team manage a huge job for the club. We need to make their life as easy as possible and not add to their workload. Thank you Ann and Lynne.

Please attach the Eftpos slip to your payment slip and put it in the POST BOX.

It is also necessary to write the payment on the Eftpos Sales Sheet. This sheet is used for marking payments against kiln book and clay sales etc. Failure to fill in the sheet will result in payments not being credited to your account and late payment fees may result.

Classes are running well under Emily Friedlander's watch and the waiting list is now all but non-existent with Harriet taking on 2 extra wheel classes. We will have vacancies for tutors next year. If you think you can offer tutoring skills to the club, please get in touch with Emily or Stephanie. We need a tutor for Monday night beginners wheel class and as Paula is stepping down from tutoring the children's class on Mondays after school, we are seeking someone to step in here. Paula would be happy to talk to you about this if you think this is something you could do.

Clay is well stocked apart from Non-grogged white which is on order and expected to be back in stock soon.

Sue Smith has put her hand up to help the Glaze team. Thank you for stepping in Sue. The new loo brushes hanging beside the electric mixer can be used to mix up settled glazes. They work well but do make sure to mix the glaze materials up from the bottom of the bucket. Glaze materials can be expensive so take care not to contaminate when dipping.

Health and Safety: Murray took a small group through the LPG safety test. It was very informative and essential that we understand what to do should there be an incident. We are looking to hold another session early in the new year. I encourage you to attend as should there be an emergency it is important to know what to do. The committee has revised its plan regarding mask wearing in the clubrooms. If you have an official mask wearing exemption, then you may follow the distancing guidelines and wear a full face shield instead. Everyone else is still required to wear masks as well as keeping the appropriate distance.

Rooms: Kaye and her team continue to do a fantastic job managing the rooms however this team does need more helpers. We also need someone to oversee the Glaze room. If you can help, contact Kaye or Stephanie. Helen Walch has offered to manage the classrooms and Derryn will manage the hire of the rooms. Thank you Helen and Derryn.

David and Margaret Roil have very generously offered a replacement for our printer which has become quite costly to run. Thank you David and Margaret.

Maintenance of our club equipment is becoming critical. We need someone to look after the wheels and the slab rollers. As these are relatively new it is more to ensure they are kept in good condition and address any problems as they crop up. If you do have some knowledge of this equipment and willing to take this on please contact Kaye or Stephanie.

Public Raku: Sue is still considering whether we can go ahead with this public event. There is concern about how we maintain distancing but given this event was cancelled last year it would be wonderful if we can open this year. If you are willing to be part of this team, please contact Sue. This event is traditionally held on the first Saturday of December.

Abbey Morris has taken over as **Membership manager**. This enables Stephanie to take on the role of Secretary of which she is doing a sterling job! on top of helping to manage the kilns! We are grateful Stephanie. And many thanks to Abbey – it is great to see new members willing to take on important roles of the club.

Have a great month, get out to see as many of the Artists on the trail as you can.

Keep safe
Caitlin.

PLAN FOR THE DAY



Pieces from members in the Art Trail



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Linda Mikkelsen



Paula Peters

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Other Contributors

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Children's After School Programme:

Paula Archibald

Children's Workshops: Wendi Lindsay

Membership Manager: Abbey Morris

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Gallery Manager: Paula Archibald

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Website: Kylie Van Dyke

Library & Clubrooms: Kaye Stead

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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



Sara Berresford

Arts Trail

6-7 and 13-14 November.

Tutors Needed

Beginners wheel and childrens class.

Cleaning Bee

Saturday 27th November

Please add your name to the list on the board if you can help. Remember you are required to do one cleaning bee per year or pay the \$45.

Workshops

Workshops: As advised last month there are no workshops planned for the rest of the year however if you have a particular skill in ceramics that you are willing to share with members please let Margaret know.

Welcome New Members:

John Little

Jared Rendle

Sarah Bromley

Duncan Moore

Lindsay Hey

Sarah Bierre

Next Committee Meeting

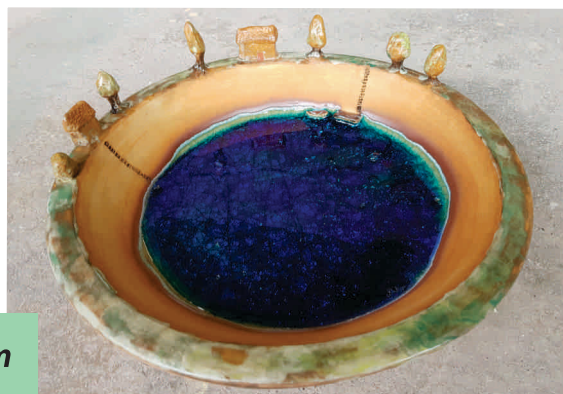
18th November at 6.30pm

XMAS HAM AND MEATS

Order for Xmas. Information is at sign desk or contact Rod on 0274 457 545

CAN YOU HELP?

Charlotte Franklin is looking for a second hand electric potter's wheel. If you have one for sale please contact her on 021 0262 9949



Kathryn Lim