

Otaki Potters

December 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings

Christmas is coming...FAST! Too fast for me. I can still taste the Christmas pudding from the last one.

A great turn out for the cleaning/working bee recently. A lot done in a short time! Thanks to all who turned out. It's amazing what you find out when working with people you don't know. Neil Hey recently joined the club and he has exactly the same kiln as our downdraught gas kiln. Neil is only too willing to come onboard and share his skills. The test firing will take place in the first week of December.

Congratulations to Ern Bale who has recently had his 92nd birthday; has done a cleaning bee and is still getting pots made for the Festival. You're and inspiration Ern!



The Kapiti Arts Trail was a great success for the club and the members who had work for sale. Thank you to Kaye, Murray and the team for stepping in when Derryn took ill. A very good way to promote the club and get people familiar with the gallery.

Classes are coming to an end this week. Thank you to everyone who has tutored this year. The quality of our teaching programmes are applauded by the participants. We farewell Suzanne McAllen as a tutor, but not as a member! Suzanne stepped in to help us out this term. We look forward to getting her back to do a workshop.

The Public Raku is shaping up to be a success. Thank you to Sue Wilson and her team and thank you to those who made pots for the event. This is a family friendly event focused on participation rather than a fundraiser, so we need member involvement to help make this a great day.

It's full steam ahead for the Festival of Pots and Garden Art in January. The rosters will be up on the white board so please fill in as soon as possible. It would be great if every member had work to exhibit and a donated piece to support the Wellington Children's Hospital fund raiser.

To Derryn Robson, Diana Litton and anyone else going through health issues, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Thank you to everyone who has gone the extra mile this year to get the rooms up and running and those working hard to maintain the momentum. The rooms are open every day of the year from 6am. Please keep them clean and tidy and put things away where you found them. If you need clay please text or email me. Remember to clear your kiln account and pay for clay at the time of purchase to avoid a late payment fee.



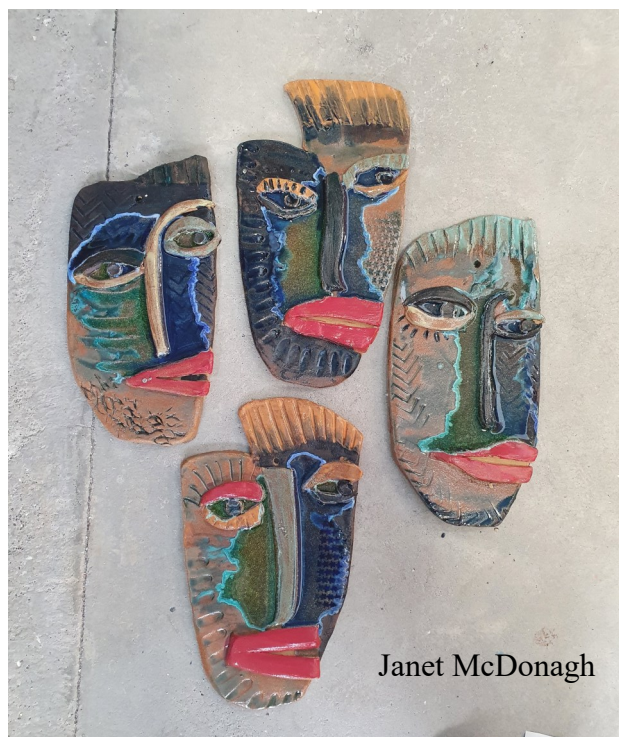
DATES TO REMEMBER

PUBLIC RAKU - 5th December

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER 7PM - 13th December

FESTIVAL of POTS and GARDEN ART 2021 -

22nd - 27th January 2021.



Janet McDonagh

What better way to start the new year, after the busyness of the Festival, than to have a workshop with TWO of New Zealand's leading potters. Jenny has planned this so that we can maximize participation and participants can get the most from the workshops. The morning of day one will have both potters demonstrating so observers can move freely from one to another. After a shared lunch those who enroll in the hands-on workshops will work with either Jane (handbuilding) or Darryl (wheel). There will still be time in the breaks for interaction between the workshops. Margaret Hunt will be taking registrations and Jenny Turnbull will be managing the workshops.

Don't forget our Christmas get together on Sunday 13th it would be great to meet some of the new members.

I hope that this has been a good year for you. Every blessing for a very happy Christmas and prosperous new year to you and yours. Remember clay is your best therapy for managing stress.

Rod



Lucy Gibson

NOTICES

WORKSHOPS

Darryl Frost / Jane McCulla— These 2 day workshops will run alongside each other and occasionally overlap.

Jane McCulla will be focusing on hand build and Darryl will focus on Wheel.

Dates and further information will be sent out to members as soon as we have finalised the details.

Registration will open then.

GAS FIRING:

We are planning at least one more gas firing for those who would like work ready for the Festival.

Contact Rod for any more information.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

The last Committee meeting for the year will be held on the 16th December 7pm.

CLUB FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Finance team requested at the 2020 AGM that the club financial year be moved back. The club year will now run - 1st April—31st March.

SUBSCRIPTION 2020

As the club year will be extended by three months to 1st April the Committee agreed to forgive members the difference in recognition of the extraordinary effort put in to get the new club premises up and running. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for getting in behind this project. It was a mammoth job. Well done....and isn't it just fantastic!

CLUB DAY

Thursday is Club day. 10am—12noon.

This is a great way to meet other members, share ideas and catch up on what's going on.



Susannah Kyle

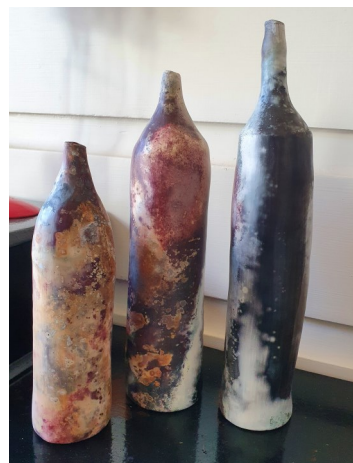


Justine Pritchard



Club Pit Firing:

The weather was slightly temperamental however the wind did help get the fire roaring!...



Missing Paua

This has gone missing from the kiln room. If anyone has any information please let Caitlin know.

Thank you.



...and some really great results.



Christmas Get-together

**On Saturday December 13th
7pm at the Tote building**

This year we want to celebrate our new premises and it seemed fitting to hold the Christmas party in our new building.

Please bring something to add to the table and something to drink.

There will be non—alcoholic punch provided.

We look forward to seeing you there and a special invitation to all members new to the club this year.

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Other Contributors

Club Library & Rooms: Kaye Stead

Newsletter: Diana Litton

Young persons classes: Paula Archibald

Social Media: Stacey Young

Cleaning Bees: (vacant) -see Rod if you can help

Property Maintenance: Brent Craig and Russell Kitto

Clay: (vacant) -see Rod if you can help

Glazes: Murray Hopping and Helen Walch

Welcome to our new members:

Abbey Morris, Amanda Dibley
and Maire Benevides

RAKU

"Come along and
buy a pot, glaze it
and fire it on the
spot"

'Hands-on
art experience for the
whole family'

**FREE
ENTRY**

Lucky
Draw for
Children

Refreshments

Raku makes
great Christmas
presents.

Otaki Race Course

47 Te Roto Road
Saturday December 5th
10am - 3pm

FESTIVAL of POTS 2021

We need your help!

If you are willing to take responsibility for a specific aspect of the festival, please contact Rod or Caitlin as soon as possible.

- * Manage security - including parking;
- * Manage cleaning,
- * Organise the opening night

NB: You are not expected to do all the work but manage a group of volunteers.

Thank you

SUPPORTING THE WELLINGTON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL.

The **WELLINGTON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL** need to raise \$12million to furnish their new building. The fundraising committee have already raised \$10 million and now they are asking the creative community to get in behind and support the effort.

Do you have a piece off work that you could donate toward this cause?

All donated work will be sold at the next Festival and all proceeds will go toward this project . The club will not take any commission on the donated items sold.