

Otaki Potters

July/August 2020



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GREETINGS!

It's official; we are open for business!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our opening on July 4th so successful. With over 700 through the place it was a full-on day. People were buzzing.



Congratulations to Jude and the Gallery team for a great show. It was great to have work from Fiona Tunnicliffe, our guest

The demonstrations drew a lot of interest and inquiries for classes and workshops mean that we have a lot of follow up to do.



artist, to support local talent. Sales were really encouraging. Paula and her catering team did a wonderful job, heaps of food and plenty left for those who came for the open day.

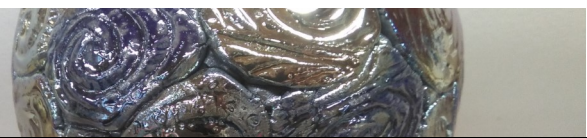
A special acknowledgement to Kaye, Brent and those members who rolled up their sleeves to have the rooms ready on the day.



Thank you all.

Adult classes started the week beginning 20th July. All classes are full with waiting lists so we are investigating extending our teaching programme.

We welcome Lyuba Zhilkina to the tutoring team. Lyuba ran a children's workshop during the school holidays and an adult's workshop on July 25th. Both of these were for Russian families.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 30 July - Paula Archibald's workshops for young people commence

Friday 31 July at 4pm – Mentoring Class with Jenny Turnbull

Thursday 6 August - Club Days start again, 10am-12noon
Visitors and friends welcome

Saturdays 22 & 29 August - Play dates with Clay

Saturday 12 September, 10 October & Sunday 11 October -
Pit Firing Workshop with Chris Dunn

Saturday 31 October - Club pit firing

Arumaki Pasene-Grennell and partner preparing for open day demo



Another Open Day demo by Jenny Turnbull



Below - Lyuba's Saturday workshop in action



Harriet Bright is running a workshop for young people from Te Rito School in Otaki on July 27th. This workshop is run in conjunction with Mahara Gallery and Nga Manu in Waikanae. It is funded by the Philipp Family Foundation.

The Mentoring Group with Jennifer Turnbull started on Friday 31st with a full quota.

We welcome back **Suzanne McAllen**; a previous club member and star pupil of Mirek Smisek. Suzanne has agreed to tutor for us. Margaret is currently organizing a class.

Because of demand **Sue Wilson** is developing a programme "Play Date With Clay" of short courses and workshops around introducing people to clay. Creative Communities NZ has provided some funding for this. Sue would like to involve club members in tutoring these so if you are prepared to help please let her know.

Club Day starts again in August. This is a get opportunity to drop in, have a cuppa and catch up with others. It's also a good time to bring along friends and show them through the place. Please make an effort to come along; you never know you may just have that urge to get your hands in some clay. Visitors from other clubs are always welcome.

You will all be pleased to know that **heating** is now being installed in the club space, the kitchen and the classrooms. Security is being up-graded. A dishwasher is being installed. We are looking for a stove in good working condition.

Chris Dunn is willing to run another **pit firing** workshop if there is enough interest.

The club will be having a **pit firing in October.**

The Festival Committee has had its first meeting. The Festival of Pots and Garden Art will run from Friday January 22nd until Wednesday January 27th. Opening night will be Thursday January 21st. Set up will start on Monday 18th in the afternoon. The Festival will be shorter in 2021.

We need someone to manage demonstrations and someone to do traffic management.

If you can help please contact me asap. It would be really helpful if these roles could be filled by people who are not on the club committee; we would welcome you onto the Festival team.

Progress on installing the **gas kilns** has been slow but we are getting there.

Thank you to those who are going the extra mile to **keep the rooms clean and tidy.**

Happy potting!
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Welcome to new members!

Harriet Bright

Arumaki Pasene-Grennell

Suzy Connolly.

Great to have you on board.

"Play with Clay Dates"

- we are looking for Club member volunteers to help participants make an item. Hand building only.

Clay dates will be 2 x 2 hour sessions. First session will be the making and the second will be the glazing. The dates will be: Saturday 22nd and Saturday 29th August, from 2 to 4 pm.

There will be 6 people per group (Adults only) with 2 club members assisting each group. The cost - yet to be determined. This will be notified very soon.

Making options will include birds, fish, and/or a plate/dish; other suggestions from members are welcome.

Please tell any of your friends who have expressed an interest in trying clay to register by sending an email to Margaret Hunt at mhunt@extra.co.nz.

Please contact Sue Wilson at kakacat29@gmail.com or phone 04 293 8187 if you are able to assist or have any suggestions. Thank you!

PIT FIRING



Bird bath
by Isabel
Fernandez-
Day



Janet McDonagh



Justine Pritchard

Pit and Barrel Firing Workshop at the club rooms with Chris Dunn

12 places. \$100 per person.

Register by sending an email to Margaret Hunt at mhunt@extra.co.nz by 5th September.

Outline of Workshop: September–October 2020

INTRODUCTION: There will be four weeks between the first session on Saturday 12th September, and firing work on Saturday 10th October. This will give time between the sessions to make pots for the firing and time to get them bisque fired.

SESSION 1: Preparing work for a pit/barrel firing:

Saturday 12th September, from 9am to 1:00pm – Otaki Pottery Club Rooms
Demonstration and discussion about clays to use, what to make, burnishing, terra sigillata, decorating options, preparing materials for decorating pots;
If you can, bring a leather hard pot for burnishing, and a raw, dry pot for spraying.

SESSION 2: Decorating pots, preparing kilns, stacking and firing kilns:

Saturday 10th October, from 9am to 4pm at Caitlin Taylor's place at 198 Sims Road, Te Horo Beach.

SESSION 3: Unloading kilns, washing and polishing pots, photographs, discussion, and clean up"

Sunday 11th October, from 1pm to 4pm.

Everyone who registers will receive a set of notes with detailed instructions.

CLUB PIT FIRING

Saturday 31st October, starting at 9 am
at Te Horo Beach. Postponement date
November 21st.

Cost \$10 per person or a sack of wood;
kindling: pinecones.

Please indicate what you will be bringing
when you register.

Dried manure, dried seaweed etc
welcome.

Please register with Margaret.

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Enquiries to Rod.

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Glazes: Murray Hopping and Helen Walch

Tote Modern:

Thanks to everyone who helped in numerous ways for the Open day. Tote Modern was very well received and achieved good sales.

We are now in need of new stock, so please bring in some more work, you can leave it with a Stock sheet (in the office in a folder on shelves) and the work in the cupboard and I'll put it out for you.

The roster is on the bench near the moulds, so please enter your name on any free time slot on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Mornings are 10.00 am to 12.30 and afternoons 12.30 to 3.00pm.

There are "Minders' Instructions" in the Day Book.
Thanks.

Jude Bismark, Gallery Manager