Otaki Potters

May 2021

Greetings.

We had a great day for the club raku. It would have been easier if the gas supply had arrived but Caitlin and Jeavons got into action keeping us supplied with 9kg cylinders. Thanks also to Connor at Otaki Hammer Hardware who stepped into the breach. Sandra Sinclair came well prepared to demonstrate Obvara and it wasn't long before others were joining in. Neil Hey quietly worked away with his kiln showing us how a master worked! Thank you to everyone who helped and took part, especially Val Waugh and Jenny Rose (an old hand) who arrived early and were still there at the end. It was a fun day.

People were asking if they could get together in a small group to raku so this request will go forward to the committee for consideration.

While the raku was in progress the second adult CLAY DATE was in operation. Well done, Sue. These have proved very successful. Bookings are heavy and workshops are always full. If you are willing to help, please contact Sue Wilson. There is always preparation and follow up work to be done.

Two-wheel workshops and two hand building workshops were held for young people during the school holidays. 53 young people got their hands in clay creative results. We had a great response from club members to help which always makes a big difference, Thank you. Wendi Lindsay takes the booking for these.

Taking the pots out of the raku kiln

Raku - unfired pots

Neil Heys kiln

Neil Heys bowls

Sandra demonstrating the Obvara method of firing.

Childrens Holiday Wheel Class

Adults and young people will be coming in to collect their work from the 7 th May so it is important that the Tote Gallery is manned over the next 2 or 3 weeks. Please get your name on the roster near the sign in book if you have work for sale in the gallery.

Adult classes start the week beginning 10 May. Thanks to Margaret Hunt for doing a stalwart job in managing the adult classes over several years. Margaret is stepping down from this role and is looking to train a willing worker to take it over. Please let Caitlin know if you would like to help.

Our AGM is coming up on Sunday 23 rd May. This is a great opportunity to meet other members and bepart of the discussion. It is important for the future of the club that we have a strong committee with vision to move the club forward. Our club is worked as a community where every member is valued so we need your involvement so we can all benefit. Please set aside this date and make an effort to come along.

This is my last newsletter as president. I have seen a lot of changes in the club over the past 22 years and I have had the pleasure of working with many dedicated members who have given much to the club, I thank them for their encouragement and support. It's time for new people to step up and share their skills and enthusiasm. I wish the incoming committee all the best and assure them of my continuing support.

Thank you.
Rod

CAN YOU HELP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS INPUT FOR OUR NEW BILLBOARD

FEELING CREATIVE?

We would love you to put forward your ideas on how our new billboard could look. The sign has to include our name, what we do in the club and also include a section about our gallery with opening times.

It will need to have a place on the board that can advertise up coming events at the club – so this will need to be able to be changed.
(as in a slide out)

If this sounds like you, submit some samples. Your designs would be greatly appreciated!

Unleash your creative skills!

TILE MAKING COMPETITION

The object is to produce tiles that will decorate the walls of the club rooms, similar to those tiles already displayed.

Demonstration and guidance will be offered on Sunday 6, 13, and 20 June 2021.
2pm – 4pm with a shared afternoon tea.
Closing date is 27 th June 2021.

One entry per Club member
Subject matter of your choice

Glazes stains & slips will be available free of charge.
Firing of the tiles will be provided free of charge.
Judging will be done by club members “peoples choice”.

The tiles must measure 200 x 200 x10.
Provide your own choice of clay.

Prize - $100

The tiles will become the property of the Otaki Pottery Club at the completion of the competition.
Any questions? Contact Brent Craig 027 242 7572

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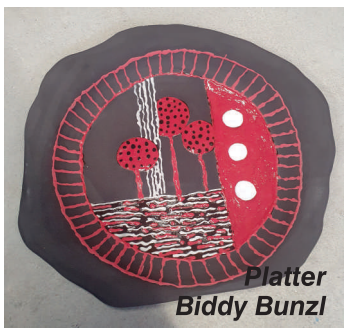
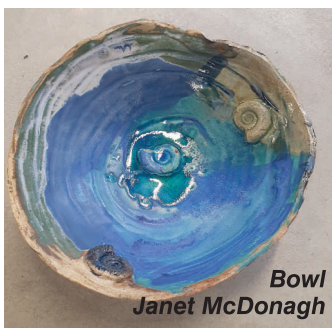


Platter
Biddy Bunzl



Bowl
Janet McDonagh

Bowl Vase
Jojo Hare

Bottle - Di Boss

Workshop

Bruce Walford will be running a 1-day coiling workshop on the 12 June from 9am – 3pm. This will involve constructing larger coil pots.

Please contact Margaret Hunt to enrol.
mhunt@xtra.co.nz I 0274502726 I 06 3648053

Wheel Class

with Bruce Saturday 9.30 – 12.30 **$80.00**

Bruce has offered to run another very popular wheel class. This will run for 4 weeks on Saturdays 9.30 –12.30pm.

It is expected that students are competent wheel workers who can centre and throw a medium size pot.
Contact Caitlin to enrol at **otakipotteryclub@gmail.com**

Welcome New Members:

Ann Balcombe
Kylie Van Dyke
Carey Kwan
Lindy Peters
Thomas Graham
Guy Baker
Mike Baker

Next Committee Meeting

19th May

TEAMS

Enrolments for teams – Please remember to check the roster on the board and choose a team that you can be part of. There are still a number of vacancies so if you wish to be able to choose get in now.

Gas Firings

The down draught kiln will be fired on Monday May 17. Pots labelled and on the shelves by 14th please.
The updraught kiln will be fired when there are sufficient pots to fill it.

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

We are looking for expressions of interest in future workshops. Please note expression of interest does not hold a place for you but lets us know there will be interest to progress it.

* **Orb making Workshop** Bonnie and Sheryl. Date yet to be confirmed.
* **Crystalline Glazing** Bruce Walford – September
* **1 day Mold making workshop - Bruce Walford**