

Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings!

We are now in the "busy Season" where the hours in the day seem to move faster than I can! The sound of Jingle Bells warns me Christmas is closer than I think. I'm writing this leading up to the KAPITI ARTS TRAIL. I hope you enjoyed the event; a really good opportunity to see what other creative types are up to.

Congratulations to Jojo Hare and Carol Claridge who have had a work selected for the Uku Clay 2018 Ceramic Awards in Hawkes Bay. Also to Mike Page and Rebecca Neal who have had work selected for the Portage Ceramic Awards, Auckland. Well done you four, we wish you every success.

Adult Classes are up and running for the final term of the year. The club is really fortunate to have great tutors. We welcome Shane Ives who has stepped in to tutor the Tuesday morning wheel group. At the end of this year we say farewell to Linette van Greunen. She will be missed. Linette and family are heading north to Whangarei.

The **Public Raku** is looming up. Sue is busy organising rosters. We need as many members as possible to come in and do an hour or two on the day so we can spread the workload. If you are willing to work on the kilns or help cover pots please contact me. Please note that my email has changed (rodgraham1948@gmail.com). The good news is that I still have the same phone number. If you are not available on the day perhaps you could bake something for the food stall. The public raku is organised as a family fun event where people can have a hands on experience so we need your help to make it a success. We have a job for you. Please contact Sue Wilson 29kakaroad@gmail.com Posters are available in the rooms for distribution.

This year the **Christmas Doo** will be held at The Quarter Acre in Manakau on Thursday 29th November. 6.30 drinks; 7pm dinner. \$35 per head, drinks additional. A choice from four mains and three desserts. (no smorgasbord this year). Book now by either contacting Caitlin or putting your name on the list on the notice board beside the door. Bookings close November 26th. Partners are welcome.

Thanks to Shelley Vernon who is the first member to provide a bio with photos for the **Festival of Pots and Garden Art** website; and Shelley is in Cambodia! Time for the rest of us to get into gear! We can help you with this, just let me know. You have until November 30th to register your intention to exhibit if you want priority of exhibition space. This is particularly important if you want to display work inside. The full registration form will be up on the website on December 1st. It contains all the information that you need plus the opportunity to ask specific questions related to the festival. The commission remains at 25% on sales; there is no entry fee to exhibit. Posters and cards are available and we need help to get them out in public spaces in Wellington, Wairarapa, Hawkes Bay and Whanganui. If you can help please contact Sue Wilson (29kakaroad@gmail.com).

Wendi Lindsay is chairing the sub-committee promoting the Festival so if you have ideas or wish to help please contact her wendi@wendi.co.nz. We had a meeting with Steph Smith from Big Mac Slabs. They have a wonderful gallery and outside environment to display work, well worth a visit. When Steph heard that Jason Dench was one of our guest artists she took a trip up to Palmerston North, loaded up her ute with sculpture and set up a display of his work at their gallery to promote the festival.



Dates to Remember

Festival of Pots: Register your intention to exhibit
—by 30 November
Club Christmas Dinner—29 November
Public Raku—1 December

Presidents report cont.

This is the third year that Big Mac Slabs have supported the festival and this year we are working with them to really up our game in promoting the festival. Judy Bismark has worked hard to secure some really good deals on radio and in print media. Now we rely on ALL members to get involved. You can help by.... Registering your intention to exhibit and getting your work made in plenty of time; get your bio up on the website; get your name on one of the rosters to help during the festival and get the posters up and cards out. It is a requirement of membership that all members support fundraising.

If everyone does a little the festival becomes manageable and all members benefit from funds raised.

Quality Christmas hams and various meats are available again this year. I will put information up in the rooms so contact me if you are interested.

Our thoughts are with Courtney and young Jackson and Bonnie and Colin Wooller at the sad loss of Justin, a loved husband, father and son-in-law.

Rod

OTAKI POTTERY CLUB

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

Raku makes great Christmas presents.

OTAKI COLLEGE

**Saturday December 1st
10am - 4pm**

REFRESHMENTS, BBQ, POTTERY FOR SALE

CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

Cleaning Bee December 8th 10am-12 noon; 15 places.

This will be the last opportunity for 2018. We have 23 members on the list who need to do a cleaning bee or pay \$30. Please see the list on the notice board beside the door.

Subscription for 2019: The Otaki Pottery Club annual subscription is \$138.00 incl gst if paid before 1st February. If paid after the 1st of Feb the Subscription will be \$161.00 incl gst. People can pay in 2 equal part payments of \$80.50 incl gst with first payment paid before 1 February and second payment before 31 July. The associate member fee will remain at \$35.00 for 2019.

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