

Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings. Spring is in the air.

Expressive Ceramics is over. We acknowledge the hard work that went into this event and in particular thank the convention committee for the many hours they put into it. I took part in the Bus Tour which was a most enjoyable experience and terrific value for money. I had an opportunity to catch up with Seymour May from Gisborne. I first met Seymour at the first Woodstoke in Coromandel. He is a real character and a real wealth of information, particularly concerning raku and wood firing. Caitlin is reporting on the tour so I won't steal her thunder other than to congratulate Mike Page (seen here) on his success in the National Exhibition.



The **Clay Workshops for young people** have come to an end for the year. Thank you to Paula Archibald for tutoring these. There will be an exhibition of the student's work will be held in Nga Purapura, the arts space in the Otaki Library. The exhibition opens at 4pm on 24th September, it would be good if members could turn out to support the kids.

The **Pit and Barrel Firing workshop** with Chris Dunn is full. The **Mentoring Group** with Jenny Shearer starts on September 7th; this also is full.

Adult Classes for term three will end this month. Current participants have priority for term four if they pay AND complete an enrolment form at the last class for the term.

The committee has agreed that the fee for those who choose to pay instead of doing a **cleaning bee** will remain at \$30 for this year. From January 1st it will be tagged to the rate that we pay the cleaner. Our next cleaning bee is on Saturday September 15th. Put your name on the list or contact Stephanie Tidman.



Dates to Remember

Pot-in for public Raku 14 September
Next gas firing 13 September
Young Potters Exhibition 24th September 4pm

President's message cont.

The committee has decided to cap **club membership** at 100 full members. Our current membership stands at 82 full members and 11 associate members.

Arrangements for the **Public Raku on December 1st** are underway. Sue Wilson is the convenor and she is putting a team together. If you are willing to help please contact her – kakacat29@gmail.com 021 623880. This is a family fun event to give our community an opportunity to get involved so we are hoping all of our members will make themselves available to support the event in some way.

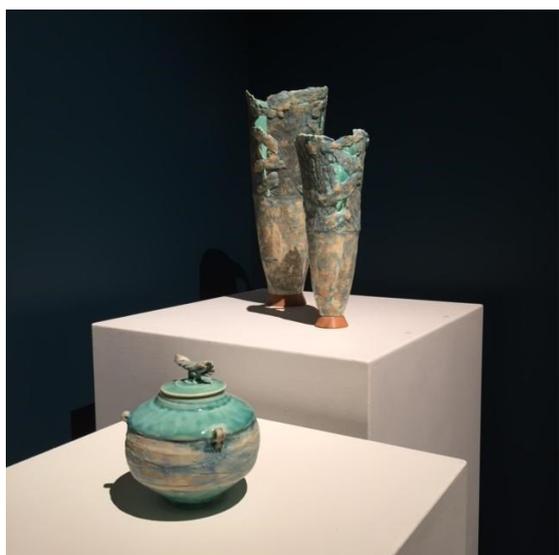
The **Festival of Pots website** can be accessed through the club website – www.otakipotteryclub.org We are now calling for "Intention to Exhibit".

Alec Bright has donated Heather's remaining pottery equipment and materials to the club. Heather was a valued member of the club and ran a workshop on clay masks. Heather is now in care after suffering a stroke. We thank you and wish you both well.

Diana and John Litton were heading off on holiday to catch up with family in Australia when John had a heart attack in Auckland. They hope to be back home at the end of the month. Wishing John a speedy recovery.

Rod

Thank you to Jenny Turnbull for the photos from the Convention shown here.



Notes from the National Convention. - Sandra Sinclair.

The 2018 NZ Ceramics National Convention has been and gone and I was lucky enough to attend. As it was being held in Upper Hutt and so close to home it was an opportunity not to be missed.

Opening night at Expressions Whirinaki, Upper Hutt, allowed those attending to have first look at a wonderful exhibition of contemporary studio pottery and I do strongly recommend that everyone come along and see it. Especially good was that Mike Page claimed the First Time Exhibitor award. Well done Mike.

The Expressive Ceramics team provided a very full weekend with presentations morning and afternoon from such a variety of potters that I wanted to see how all of them worked and found it tricky to manage. It was only by deftly placing myself at the edge and between two groups that I succeeded.

Greg Daly kept me going for nearly the whole of the Saturday, talking about and demystifying glazes and glazing, while beside him Stevie Houkama was carving intricate designs in clay with amazing ease.

On Sunday I attended Mollie Bosworth's presentation on etching and decal application,, wonderful delicate and precise work, with Jane McCulla demonstrating her beautiful hand work right along side. Kate and Will Jacobsen had a large number of potters attending their presentation on Naked Raku and the use of mica on Raku pots.

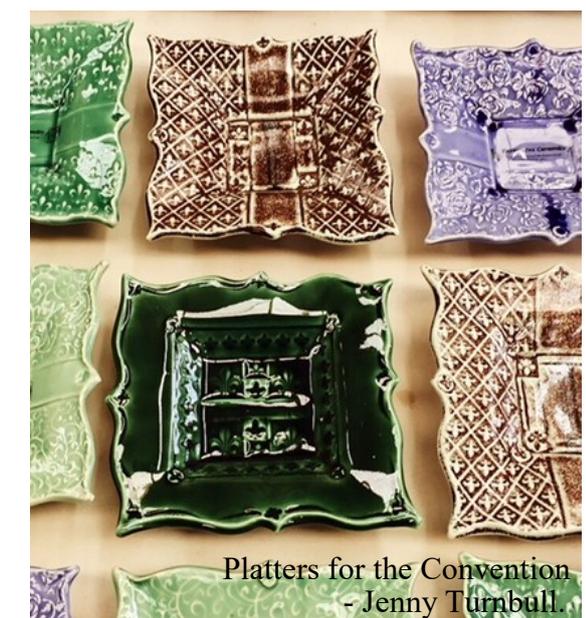
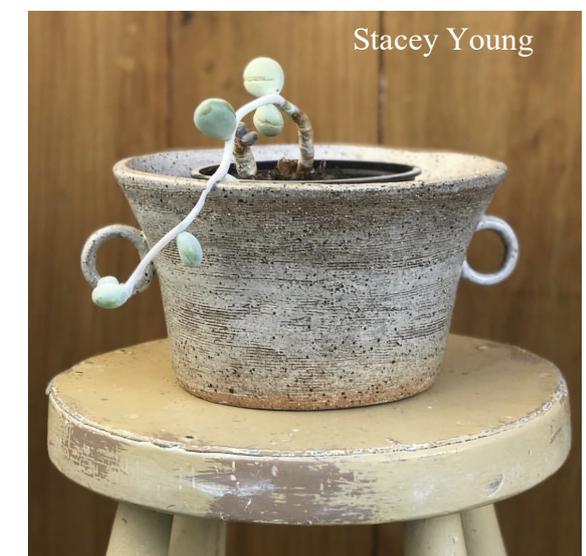
Royce McGlashen, the Selector for the 2018 Exhibition, Greg, Jane and Mollie also presented to the whole conference, talking about their pottery and sharing pictures of their work by power point presentations.

While we spent much time learning from these folk there was also time for dining and dancing and Saturday evening was lots of fun, kicked off by a "hat competition" . (The potter wearing the tiny teapot as a fascinator deservedly won)

Not to be forgotten was the opportunity to buy from pottery suppliers at good discounts.

Attending the Jacobsens workshop on "naked raku" before the Conference was a bonus. I had seen their work on line and admired the wonderful colours and designs. It was a surprise to learn that the colours were acrylic paint, applied after the raku process. I guess we should all think outside the square, mixed media certainly gives a different opportunity and outcome. Each of us attending this workshop had different and varied results, dependent on type of clay, and terra sigillata and how vigorous the burnishing..

All up it really was a great learning time, and so good to meet potters from all over NZ and even some from Australia, and I would recommend it to all.



OPC Bus Tour August 2018

Our tour started at **Jenny Turnbulls studio - Jailhouse Pottery** - in Otaki. Jenny's range of work is always inspiring, showcasing a variety of techniques and styles. Inspiration from her past -seamstress, print and pattern maker- and her environment obviously coming through in her work. Her collection of gas and electric fired domestic-ware including intricately patterned jugs, colourful bowls and cups, and some fun with antique bottles on show. A group of pots standing out in the studio with their earthy tones –a variety of surface technique, the results were fantastic.

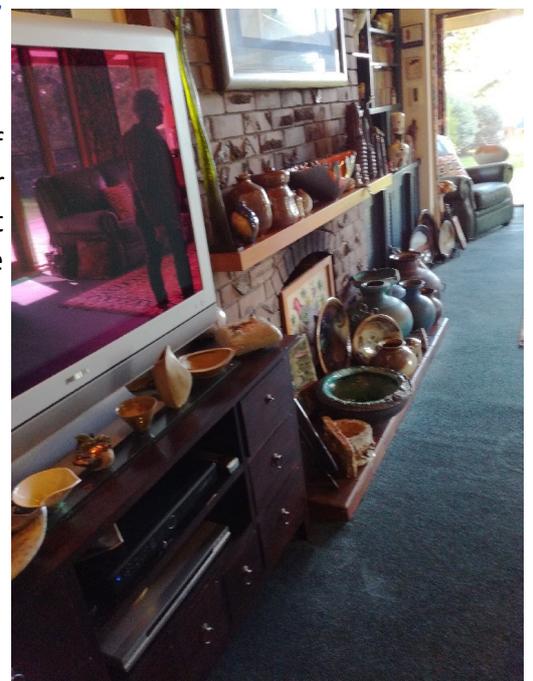


An hour later we arrived at Summerstone Ceramics, the home of Judy and Mike Page, where in the converted stables they had set out an exhibition of the work of many local artists, ([list below*](#)) along with a collection of Mirek Smisek, Bernard Leach, Hamada and various other pieces in Colin Davies collection of Japanese Potters.



* Artists exhibiting at Summerstone...Mike and Judy Page, Kaye Stead, Biz Hayman, Jeavons Baillie, Stacey Young, Marion and Mike Mealings, Paula Archibald, Liz Earth, Jennifer Shearer, Michelle Retimana, Rebecca Neal, Pamela Annsouth, Linette van Greunen

3 Vans and several cars loaded up and it was off to Linda and Geoff Savells. Floor to ceiling, wall to wall Pottery and Art work - their collection is vast. . The Artists are too many to name, but what caught my eye were the Len Castle Volcanic boats, Mirek Smiseks very large bottles skirting the walls, Robert Rapson





scrunched vehicles, Doreen Blumhardt, Bruce Walford and so the names kept coming. An amazing alfresco lunch was provided and a beautiful day.

We pushed on to the Dowse and were treated to a tour through the archives area. They had a few pieces on display for us – John Parker, Lucie Rie, Rick Rudd, Robyn Stewart, Len Castle...the rest tucked away in cupboards but visible through the glass doors., David Brockenshire Barry Brickell, Roy Cowan...

On a tight timeframe we raced off to Ceramics NZ 59th exhibition at Expression Whirinaki in Upper Hutt. With works from over 50 Ceramic artists on display this exhibition runs until the 23rd September so if you are over that way make some time to have a look. Congratulations to Mike Page on his award, and lovely to see Jenny Turnbolls work on display. - Caitlin Taylor



CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

Public Raku

The Public Raku is on Saturday 1 December and we would like your help with making pots and decorative items to be sold on the day.

Wheel pots etc – join us in the Club Rooms on Friday 14 September from 5 pm and we will organise the fish and chips!

Also we need volunteers to help making the decorative items like butterflies, birds and fish. Please come along to the Club Rooms on Saturday 15 September from 10 am to noon.

Please let me know if you are able to come along - Sue Wilson 021 623 880 or 04 293 8187 and kakacat29@gmail.com

Next Gas Firing:

Thursday 13 September

Artscape has a VACANCY for a potter to join the Co-operative in September.

The gallery is in Centennial Park on State Highway One and is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am -4pm and on Public Holidays.

Artscape is registered for the Kapiti Arts Trail.

If you are interested or would like, more information please contact Sherryle at Artscape.tehoro@gmail.com

Young Potters Exhibition - 24th September 4pm

Otaki Library

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