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Dates to Remember:

Raku 13th September
Term ends 19th September
Next Cleaning Bee 27th September



Greetings!

While the chill of winter hangs on, Spring is in the air with the hope of warmer days.

Our 25th Anniversary workshops are proving to be a great success. An enthusiastic group turned out for the **Double Skinned Pots Workshop** with Jenny Daysh. Jenny has a style all of her own so the day was relaxed with a lot of laughs. Creative juices flowed as participants thought and worked inside and outside the square with results to match. Thank you Jenny for making it such a fun day.

The Naked Raku Workshop with Michelle Retimana will be held this coming weekend. Pots have been terrasigillated and burnished Michelle demonstrated just how easy it is to apply terrasigillata to dry pots then burnish with a soft cloth or soft plastic bag. It makes such a difference to pots that are raku or pit fired. Let's hope the weekend opens up a whole new dimension to our raku firings. Those attending this workshop - please note: the bisque firing will be loaded tomorrow (Wednesday) at 12 noon.

The **Stoneware Glazing Workshop** with Jenny Turnbull in September will explore applying club glazes for electric and glaze firing.

Paula Archibald has been doing some exciting projects in the Young People's Clay Workshop. The place is buzzing with excitement on Monday afternoons. Animal money boxes have been glazed and are ready for firing. Multi-piece puppets will be wired together after they have been fired. Treasure boxes and an introduction to the wheel are next on the programme.

Mask Making with a small group of Otaki College students has been





More photos from the Anniversary
Dinner - Irene Walker receiving
her award & flowers and brooch



completed and will be displayed in the year 7 & 8 area of the school.

We are working with Yemma Barsanti and year 6 students at Te Horo School on a mural to mark the Centennial of the Te Horo Hall.

Gas firings are going well; our next one is scheduled for September 11^{th} . Please have your pots on the shelf by the 9^{th} and remember to label them with the glazes used.

Pot-ins for the public Raku are due to start this week. I realise that some club members are not available on club days but you can arrange to take clay and make pots at your leisure. We do need to get more wheel pots made so if this is your forte please let me know.

Congratulations to members who have work selected for the Exhibition in the Parliamentary Gallery.

By now you are probably aware that **restricted entry** to the College has been put on hold until the new parking area has been developed which is at least a month away.

The club committee is reviewing the way club finances are managed. Dave Porter has agreed to act as the club's accountant and will review our practice. On his advice and advice from Price Waterhouse, the club will apply for Charitable Trust status.



Thank you to Diana Litton who has stepped in as newsletter editor while Caitlin is sunning herself in warmer climes with wine glass in hand.













25TH ANNIVERSARY WORKSHOP SERIES

Naked Raku: Getting it Right with Michelle Retimana 23rd & 24th August. 10 - 12pm - FULL Glazing Stoneware pots: Gas and Electric firings with Jenny Turnbull 18th September. 10-3pm- FULL Big Pots with Duncan Smith and Rod Graham 3rd & 4th of October. - 4 spaces

WANTED: 2 more people to do their **cleaning bee** by removing labels off bottles either in the rooms or in the comfort of your own home. Please contact Rod.

We are starting to collect pots to go on the club stall at the **Public Raku** so if you are sorting or discarding pots we encourage you to put them in the box in the drying room.

The Breakfast Clubs in Otaki need **tea towels**, if you can help please leave them in the bag in the clubrooms.







Opening the gas kiln, and (right) pots by Jenny Turnbull



An exhibition of ceramic tableware served up as hot mains by

12 Wellington potters

complemented by a side of delectable paintings and 2D work by home grown artists

> Please join the artists and friends 10am Saturday 16th August 2014







WHANGANUI POTTERS GARDEN ART FESTIVAL WEEKEND Nov 1st & 2nd.

Otaki Potters are invited to exhibit and sell work. If you are interested contact Rod and he will email you the registration form.

ACCESS TO THE ROOMS

Classes are in session as follows:

Monday 3.30 – 5pm and 7pm-9pm;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 7pm – 9pm. Fridays 9.30am – 12.30pm.

The rooms are open for Club Night on Mondays.

If you want to work in the rooms when a class is in operation you need to contact the tutor before the class starts. I am not aware of any members being denied access to the rooms while classes are on, although tutors do have the right to turn down requests if they don't fit in with their programme.

WAIKANAE ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY INC. SPRING EXHIBITION

20th and 21st September: 10am-3pm Craft Rooms, 27A Elizabeth Street, Waikanae

Guest artists: Robin Rogerson painter

Frank Light potter

All Very Welcome: Free entry: Raffle: Sorry no eftpos

RAKU

For Club members and Adult Classes Saturday 13 September







Cleaning Bees 2014

27th September and 13th December.

WANTED TO BUY

An electric wheel in good condition. Please ring Michelle Read 04 293 2141.

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