

Otaki Potters

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Dates to Remember :

Festival of Pots Opening night	16th Jan. 2015
Festival runs	17th - 25th Jan. 2015
Club day resumes	21st Jan. 2015
AGM	28th Jan. 2015
Classes resume the week of	9th Feb. 2015

Greetings!

It's that time of the year again! It seems to come around more quickly each year.

We had a good turnout for the Christmas Doo at the Winemaker's Daughter. Michael put on a good spread and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



Photos courtesy of Jean Simmonds



We struck a good day for the public raku. Numbers were down on previous years which meant it was more leisurely and enjoyable for everyone. The new kilns were superb themselves so thanks to Mike and his team for having them ready.

The event was well supported by members so thanks to everyone who took part, especially Beryl who organised all the rosters. I have already started getting feedback on how we can improve things next year so if you have ideas please fire them my way.

It appears we are going to conclude our 25th year with a bang. The committee has decided to purchase two new state of the art 8 cu. Ft Elecfurn electric kilns which will arrive in March next year.

Our current FE kilns will be put up for sale. Brent will be handling this so if you are interested contact him. Our old raku kilns have headed south to new homes.

The final cleaning bee for the year is taking place as I write. Thank you to Stephanie for convening these.

The rooms will be available during the holidays to those who have keys. Please check to see that all windows are closed and doors properly locked. If you are heating wax please ensure that you turn it off when you are finished. It is essential, for security purposes, that you record your name and the time you spend in the rooms in the attendance book. If you need clay you can ring me in advance and I will leave it out for you when I go in to check the kilns.

We will continue to fire work throughout the holiday break.

If you have been allocated a storage space in the rooms it would be appreciated if you could give it a clean and tidy during the break. If you have a space and no longer require it, or if you would like one, please contact Kaye. You need to be using the rooms on a regular basis (once a fortnight) to qualify.

We will also be having a sort out of bisque and glaze pots on the shelves so it would be a good idea to check to see if any of them are yours.

If you are interested in recycling clay, help yourself to what is under the sink bench. There is plenty more in storage. Give me a call.

Our financial year ends on the 31st December so it is essential that all accounts are settled before this date.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on January 28th, 7pm in the clubrooms. Annual reports will be emailed to those members on our email list. For others there will be copies available in the rooms at least two weeks prior to the meeting. If you have motions that need to go before the meeting or items of general business for the agenda, please contact Caitlin.

Club Day will resume on Wednesday January 21st.

Now it's is full steam ahead for the Festival of Pots and Garden Art. Brent seems to have everything under control. All we need now are the pots, art, customers and some good weather. Perhaps you can help.

May you and yours have a very happy Christmas, a fun filled holiday and a prosperous 2015.
Rod.

25th Anniversary Retrospective Exhibition

It is hoped to run a **Retrospective Exhibition**
in conjunction with the
Festival of Pots and Garden Art in January.

The pots will be for exhibition only and not be for sale.

If you have a pot or know of a previous Club member who would like to have their pot included in this exhibition please ring:

Margaret Hunt on 06-364 8053
or e-mail: mhunt@xtra.co.nz.

We need your pots to make this work.

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2015.

Merry Christmas, fellow Potters.

The Christmas festivities are about to begin at your place, and I wish you all a healthy, safe, and great family time. It's OK for you to take a "Nana Nap" when the family have gone, but it's not safe to nap when the grandkids are still about, and armed with the new colouring (felt) pens, that YOU gave them as a present. A friend of mine woke up from a "nan nap" to find Christmas messages written all over his bald head.

Anyway I digress. **The Festival of Pots** kicks off on the **17th January (Wellington Anniversary weekend)**, which only gives you a month to get motivated. The committee have been beaver-ing away all year to make sure that it's a success. BUT, we need your support.

Please spare a few hours of your time to help at reception and sales. Contact Marion Mealings.

Are you prepared to demonstrate your skills? Contact Colleen De Verre.

Are you willing to put your favourite pot on display in the **retrospective exhibition?**

Contact Margaret Hunt, or Jude Whittaker.

Check the website for entry instructions www.festivalpots.com

Do you need help in preparing your Bio? Preparing your labelling cards (free from the club rooms) or laminating the cards to make them waterproof (20c ea) Contact Brent.

We look forward to your support, and considering that the Club is purchasing new electric kilns next year, the extra funds will be needed. A few hours of work in pleasant surroundings, sure beats selling raffle tickets.

Merry Christmas

Brent

ADULT CLASSES 2015

Monday	7 - 9 pm	Intermediate Wheel Class,	Fee: \$100	8 week course	Tutor Jenny Turnbull
Tuesday	7- 9pm	Beginners Wheel Class.	Fee \$100	8 week course	Tutor Jenny Turnbull
Wednesday	7 - 9pm	Hand building, different techniques in glazing, making and decorating. This class is suitable for beginners	Fee \$80	8 week course	Tutor: Margaret Hunt
Thursday	7 - 9pm	Duncan will offer a low-key and personalised mentoring approach for hands on sculptural and potting ideas and construction.	Fee \$90	8 week course:	Tutor: Duncan Smith
Friday:	9.30 - 12.30	Intermediate class, Glazing, making and decorating techniques.	Fee: \$120.	8 week course.	Tutor: Margaret Hunt

These classes start the week of the 9th February, 2015 and finish on the week of the 30th March.

Contact Margaret Hunt: 06 3648053 mhunt@xtra.co.nz

YOUNG PEOPLES WORKSHOPS:

TUTOR; Paula Archibald.

Classes commence on the 9th February, 2015 and run for 8 weeks.

They start at 3.30 on a Monday afternoon and finish at 5pm.

The fee is \$70 for the 8 weeks, this can be paid in 2 increments of \$35 or 1 of \$70.

If there are 2 children in one family the fee will be \$60. each child.

Young people must be 8 years old to 18 years old.

Contact Margaret Hunt: 06 3648053
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Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2015

Anam Cara 150 Rangiorua Road, Otaki.

Saturday 17th - Sunday 25th January 2015

The goal of the festival is to provide a great experience for visitors while promoting potters and garden artists in their work.

This is the seventh Festival organised in Otaki and has been going from strength to strength each year. This will be the second 'Festival of Pots and Garden Art' to be held at Anam Cara. Last year over 1500 people visited the event paying only a small entry fee which included a raffle ticket, - school aged children were admitted free. We took over \$50,000 in sales an increase in the previous years sales. Pieces ranged in price from \$5 to over \$3000. We are hoping to increase these results again by encouraging more artists, showing a wider range of work and by increasing visitor numbers.

Pots by Diane Irwin
Nelson Slab (grogged)

Inside: Waikato white. Outside from top: Ians Blue with Waikato white under, Oribe with JB Fleck poured over and then Tin White poured over.



Inside: Waikato white.
Outside from top: Turquoise, Oribe, JB Fleck - Oribe over Waikato white JB Fleck over Oribe.



Inside: Waikato white.
Outside from top: Turquoise with Waikato white under Oribe. JB Fleck with Tin white poured over avoiding the turquoise.

Pal Tiya Sculpture Workshop

At Trinity Farm, 202 Waitohu Valley Road, Otaki, Kapiti

www.trinityfarm.co.nz

Sat 7 Feb 2015, 10am—4pm



This workshop will introduce you to a new non - firing clay that will last a lifetime- and teach you new sculpting techniques using tin foil as the core to create a unique sculpture.



Your tutor Kim Beaton - a sculptor of 20 years' experience, who spent over 3 years working on The Hobbit with Weta workshop - is the co-inventor of Pal Tiya's Premium clay.

Kim will be assisted by Dee Sowter. Dee began working with Pal Tiya a year ago and discovered a natural flair for sculpting.

The workshop will be held in the purpose built barn at Trinity farm in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

What's included?

- Tutoring and participation at the workshop.
- Tea / Coffee on arrival and with Lunch.
- Creation of a garden sculpture - approximately bread loaf size.
- 2 kg Pal Tiya clay and all other materials required.

To book:

T: Karen 0800 955 555
E: roses@trinityfarm.co.nz
W: www.trinityfarm.co.nz select workshops

Cost: \$150 inc GST per person

BYO Lunch