

# Otaki Potters

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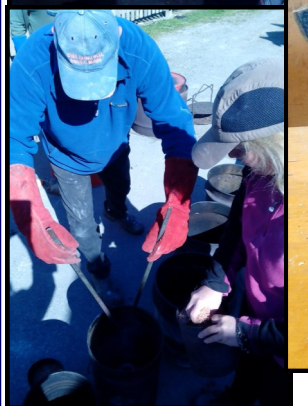
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## Greetings.

The Naked Raku Workshop was a good learning experience with a few challenges. The firing temperature is quite critical so having Alan Hunter with his kiln and Mike Page with his and both with pyrometers was really helpful. The tricky part is getting the slip and glaze to flake off after smoking the pots. We need a few adjustments here but we still got some excellent results. Michelle held a de-brief after the event which was really positive so it's onwards and upwards.



Various stages of the Naked Raku Workshop

The Club Raku, including adult students held last Saturday was a great success with great colour. The Naked Raku results were somewhat more encouraging too. Despite rain forecast for the whole day nothing eventuated and the day was warm with a gentle breeze.

The Stoneware Glaze Workshop with Jenny Turnbull is full and will take place on Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10-4pm with a shared lunch.

The Big Pots Workshop on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> is full but there are 2 vacancies for the Saturday workshop (4<sup>th</sup>).

## Dates to Remember:

Glaze Workshop	18th September
Gas firing pots in by	23rd September
Term 3 ends	26th September
Next Cleaning Bee	27th September
Big Pots Workshop	3rd & 4th October
Term 4 begins	13th October



The review of the club's **Financial Practice** has been completed. Our practice is sound and the club is financially secure. Many thanks to Ann and David Porter for generously donating their time and providing valuable advice; also to those who contributed to the process. The club has a tax exemption and is not liable for income or withholding tax.

We are GST registered and this impacts on the way we manage the Festival of Pots and Garden Art so we will need to increase the commission from 20% to 25% in 2015 to meet our fundraising targets.



There are 6 vacancies in the **Cleaning Bee** \*\* to be held on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\***Everyone on the membership list, prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, is required to do a 2 hour working bee as part of our membership or pay \$30 and we will employ someone to do it for you.

The final cleaning bee will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Requests for an exemption must be made to the committee in writing.

Thank you to those who have been cleaning blue bottles as their cleaning bee effort for the year. We have had a lot to work through and it is an ongoing exercise.

Mike Page is making 3 new raku kilns and needs 2 or 3 people to help. If you are available please let me know. This will qualify as a cleaning bee activity.

Contact Stephanie Tidman 06 364 0644; [geeup1@clear.net.nz](mailto:geeup1@clear.net.nz) or write your name on the list in the rooms if you want to take part.

The club now has its own **Website**. [www.otakipotteryclub.org](http://www.otakipotteryclub.org) Karen Piercy has set this up and will continue to maintain it. All information pertaining to the club will be available on the site. Please make use of it. Anything for the website needs to go through Caitlin.

Jennifer Turnbull and Judith Brennan (our volunteer minute taker) are setting up a **Facebook page** for the club. So face bookers this is for you so do your thing!

The Otaki Village Promotions Group is running a **Community Group Expo** in the Memorial hall on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 1pm. This would be a good opportunity to promote the club and its activities. We need two or three willing members to manage this. If you are interested please let me know ASAP.

The **Pot-ins** for the **Public Raku** on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> are underway. I haven't been overwhelmed by people requesting clay to make pots at home or by members queueing up to throw pots on the wheel but I am anticipating good things!

Helen Mason, one of the greats of New Zealand potting has passed away aged 100. Helen had stints on the west Coast, Coromandel and eventually Otane in Central Hawkes Bay. She was a real character and an inspiration to many.

By the time you get this Beryl will be another year older and Brent will have arrived for a three week stay in New York.

Spring is here so time for you to spring into action and get your hands in some clay.

- HAPPY POTTING.





## HELEN MASON 1915-2014



On Friday 22nd August Helen Mason died in her 100th year at a rest home in Taradale, Napier.

To me she was the iconic figure in the NZ Pottery movement. Helen was there when the WPA was founded in 1958 and there when the NZ Potter magazine was first published alongside Doreen Blumhardt and Roy and Juliet Cowan.

When Bernard Leach and Shoji Hamada came to town in those heady days of the early 60s she was instrumental in their visit.

In her middle years Helen used her skills to cultivate bi-culturalism. She moved many times in this pursuit.  
- Khandallah, Wairarapa, Otane, The Waitakeres.



At Tokomaru Bay on the East Coast north of Gisborne she set up the Pottery studio sharing her skills with the locals, running a shop with visiting potters and weavers.

Her own work was always robust and worth a good look but it seemed secondary to the communication it involved.

Helen moved to Coromandel in the eighties and set up the Taurua Toru Trust before heading back to Hawkes Bay, Waipukurau and eventually settling into the Waiioheke Arts Trust in Taradale.

Her book 50 YEARS A BACKYARD POTTER was published in 2005.

There was no one else quite like her. Her charm and charisma gave her entry to otherwise close-knit groups.

At her funeral in Waipukurau people came from all the places she had been to pay their respects. It was quite a gathering considering all her contemporaries from the potting world were mostly deceased.

Helen ...I salute your lifelong dedication to enriching the gentle art of ceramics amongst so many people...

Kia ora!

Jenny Shearer.



Childrens after school program

### Adult Classes; Term 4 commencing week of the 13th October

All students classes term 3 have until the 26th September to enrol for term 4 classes and to pay their fees.

If payment for classes is not received by then the spaces will be offered to people on the waiting lists.

If you want to join a class contact:

Margaret Hunt, 06-364 8053, [mhunt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz).







Masks by Year 7&8 College students

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz).

## Retrospective Exhibition



Double walled pots.  
- Jenny Daysh



Naked Raku Bottle  
- Mike Page



The Mad Hatter  
- Karen Piercy



Big Pot and details  
- Duncan Smith



Sandra and Beryl at the  
Double skinned pots workshop







Michelle and Paula  
-masked naked raku (pre firing).

## KĀPITI ARTISTS A CAPITAL SHOW



12 August to  
26 September 2014  
10am – 3pm  
Wednesday – Friday



Parliamentary Gallery  
Bowen House  
70/84 Lambton Quay  
Wellington

**WANTED:** 2 or 3 people to manage an information stand for the club at the 'Community Group Expo' to be held at the Otaki Memorial Hall October 18th 9am - 1pm. 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.

**Next gas firing will be after the Stoneware Glaze Workshop**  
please have your pots labelled and on the shelves by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

### FOR SALE

Pony Rollers - \$17.50

Available from Caitlin

t: 021390888

e: caitlin@twc.co.nz



One side is flat and one side has a slight outward curve to push clay into molds or onto stamps.



## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORKSHOP SERIES

**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**

There is a nominal charge of \$5 (non-refundable) per workshop. Numbers are limited.

To enrol please contact Margaret Hunt. [mhunt@extra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@extra.co.nz)

All day workshops please bring a shared lunch.

### WHANGANUI POTTERS

#### GARDEN ART FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Otaki Potters are invited to  
exhibit and sell work.*

*If you are interested contact Rod  
and he will email you the  
registration form.*

### MARTON ARTS AND CRAFTS

*Taking Pride in Our Creativity*

## EXHIBITION

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Daily

Late Night Viewing:  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Till 7 p.m.

#### Guest Exhibitors:

ROSS WILSON – Bronze Artist  
FIONA TUNNICLIFFE – Potter  
MAREE BRANNIGAN – Glass Artist

Entry \$5.00



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YOUR WORK IS NEEDED

APPLICATION OPEN TO ALL POTTERS

## TECTONIC CLAY CERAMICS WITH ATTITUDE

GROUP EXHIBITION



Bowl - Danyl Frost

WHEN

AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 21

WHERE



189 Vivian Street, Te Aro, Wellington

Contact: Maurice Bennett – [maurice.bennett@extra.co.nz](mailto:maurice.bennett@extra.co.nz) or 021 721 720  
Facebook: Tectonic Clay

**EARLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

### WAIKANAЕ ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY INC.

## SPRING EXHIBITION

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 effpos**



**Cleaning Bees 2014**  
27th September and 13th December.  
10am 12 noon

