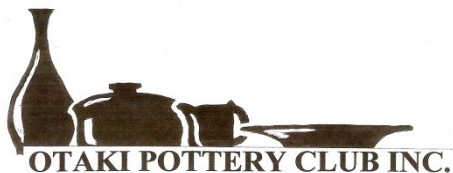


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings!

We have a busy term ahead. The **Festival of Pots** committee meets this week. The Festival website is live and up and running. It can be accessed through the club website. Thank you to Anna Wood for the work that she has done on this. Profiles of the guest artists will go up soon then we would like to feature exhibiting artists for 2019. Diana Litton is the administrator and I am the convenor. Thank you to Isabel Fernandez-Day and Sandra Sinclair who responded to my call for helpers. We still need a small team to manage publicity and promotion and someone to work with Lynne Corkin on the sales desk. It is time for people to start to put together a collection of their work for the festival. We hope every club member and associate member will exhibit at least one piece of work. Of course we welcome work from other potters but this is your opportunity to exhibit your work and have the thrill of someone else appreciating it enough to buy it. A great confidence booster! The kilns are busy now so don't leave it too late.

The **Mentoring Group** recently had their final workshop with Chris Dunn to evaluate their 3

months of work. It was exciting to see just how much they had achieved in such a short period of time. I enjoyed listening to the participants share their experience and talk about their work. There was opportunity for others to provide feedback too. All agreed that the workshops were positive and helpful. Everyone enjoyed getting together and supporting each other on the Friday afternoons between the workshops and plan for this to continue. The club is grateful to Chris for the time and energy he put into the course. Chris is an associate member so we expect to see more of him.

The next series of mentoring workshops

with Jenny Shearer start on Friday September 7; then October 5 and November 9th. Cost approx. \$90. You need to have skills and be able to work independently. Priority is given to those who have had four years experience but others may apply. We have two vacancies. Please talk to me if you are interested.

Dates to Remember

Next mentoring workshops begin 7 September
Cleaning Bee 15 September
Special Members Meeting 19 September
Pit/Barrel Firing Workshop 22/23 September

President's message cont.

We have a **Pit/Barrel Firing Workshop with Chris Dunn** (see the ad) 1st, 22nd & 23rd September. \$95 per person.

The **Inter club Raku** was a great success. With 30 potters from around the region gave a positive flavour to the day where ideas were shared and some really good results achieved. The diversity of work was inspirational. Sandra Sinclair worked flat out all day demonstrating Obvara and working with hair and feathers and assisting those keen to have a go. Sandra is going to the Raku master class run in conjunction with the Convention so look out next year. Thank you to everyone who came along and especially to those club members who went the extra mile.

Thank you to those people who put their names down for an afternoon workshop on **Using Club Glazes**. We are looking at a Sunday afternoon. We will contact you when we set a date.

If you wish to be a regular user of the **gas kiln** you will be required to take part in the process and take a shift during the firing. It is a club activity like raku where people who want to fire work need to participate. It is a very different process to firing work in

the electric kilns. If you want to fire pots in the gas kiln you need to understand the process and become involved. Contact Jenny, Margaret or me if interested. We didn't have a full quota for the recent **cleaning bee** but the crew did a great job; even got a garden planted beside the building, well done Mary! The next cleaning bee will be on 15th September.

There will be a **SPECIAL MEMBER'S MEETING** to set the subscription for 2019 and address any other business. This will be held in the clubrooms on Wednesday, 19th September at 7.30. Any agenda items to Caitlin by September 10th please.

If you would like to spend Saturday 11th August at **EXPRESSIVE CERAMICS** I am happy to take a van load of people to the convention. Contact me if interested. The convention committee have requested help in setting up Friday and pack down on Sunday. If you can help please contact Jenny Turnbull.

Welcome back Michelle!

HAPPY POTTING.



L-R Jojo Hare, Stacey Young, Brent Craig



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CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

SPECIAL MEMBER'S MEETING

Wednesday 19th September, 7:30pm
at the Clubrooms.

Agenda: Subscription for 2019.
General Business.

Agenda items to Caitlin by 10th
September.

NEXT GAS FIRING: 23RD August (see
note in this newsletter).

Bricks required: we need a further 70
bricks (red or fire bricks) either gifted
or on loan. We will take one or more if
you have any to spare. Contact Rod.

We need NEWSPAPER. Please unfold
and add to the stack in the rooms.



PIT FIRING/BARREL WORKSHOP

With Chris Dunn.

Saturday 1st September. 9am – 12 noon.

Saturday 22nd September .9-4pm.

Preparing pots and firing.

Sunday September 23rd. 10am-1pm:
open kilns and finishing pots.

12 places (club members have priority).
Cost: \$95. Payment secures your place.
Enrolments open with Margaret 9am
Wednesday August 8th (NOT before).

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New library books

