

Otaki Potters

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Greetings!

What it is to be 100 years old, have all your faculties and be as enthusiastic as you ever were. Irene Walker is such an inspiration. The **birthday morning tea** was a real celebration. Michelle did a great job on the cake and balloons, Brent did an early morning harvest of spring flowers from his garden, members turned on a great spread, Colleen and Ern made sure that Joy got there. Irene was delighted with one of Margaret's teapots ("I've always wanted one of these but was never fast enough to get in before they were all gone"), and to have Grant McNabb turn up was the icing on the cake for Irene. After a very careful inspection of the facilities and all that has been going on, Irene's comment was "The club has certainly come a long way since it all began. I can see that the club is in good heart."



We are in good heart. We have a lively and active membership, many of whom give their time and talents for the benefit of all. We have a very hard working committee who know that they can call on others to help and we are blessed with quality tutors and great facilities. Give yourself a pat on the back!

Thank you to the members who provide the committee with feedback. We appreciate the time and effort you make to question decisions and make positive suggestions.

We had two people volunteer to become minute secretary, (there IS a God who cares!). Welcome aboard Jackie Fawcett. I may be pushing my luck but we now need a Health and Safety Officer. With the changes to the legislation the club needs to ensure that it meets its obligations under the law. It is not an onerous task. If you think that this may be something you would like to do please contact Caitlin and she will let you know what the job entails.

Dates to Remember :

Vivian Rodriguez follow up Workshop	Cancelled
Next Gas firing	15th September
Cleaning Bee	24th September
Raku	15th October
Pit firing	sometime in Spring!

Irene's Birthday Celebration at the Clubrooms





The **Bruce Walford Workshop** was great. Waka, platters and arks meant a very busy hands-on weekend. Bruce was a

wealth of useful information and helpful hints; one of those tutors who motivate participants to greater things. We hope to have Bruce back in the near future for a mould making workshop. Bruce is doing some exciting work with lustres so perhaps this could be a workshop for next year. Thank you Margaret for organising the workshop



Examples of Bruce Walford's work



The **Fish 'n Chip Pot in** last Friday drew a good turnout of 22, so after a good feed it was down to work; and work we did. It was full on. With seven wheels going and all benches occupied it was pots galore and a lot of fun. So thank you to all those who turned out.



The Glaze Workshop with Jenny Turnbull was extensive and informative allowing time for participants to explore and experiment. During the final session this week the gas kiln was fired giving people the opportunity to participate.

Glaze samples of club glazes for both gas and electric firings are laid out and labelled in the glaze room. Club members are encouraged to view and note the combinations that interest them and then try them on their work. Thank you to the Friday morning class for sharing their results.

The planning for the Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2017 is well under way. The first ad and article appeared in the recent NZ Potters Quarterly magazine. The first newsletter is due to go out to previous exhibitors. The Festival website is being up dated weekly; check it out www.festivalpots.com If you would like your work profiled on the website please email information to Biz at bizziehayman@gmail.com We wish Biz a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

It's time to get those creative juices flowing!
Happy potting.

- Rod

Results from the last Gas Firing



WORKSHOP - Brendan Adams coming to WPA!

Born and raised in Auckland, in 1961, Brendan has been working with clay full-time since 1987. He has a diploma in Fine Arts from Otago Polytechnic (1983) New Zealand, where he majored in painting. Brendan has amassed a large following of clientele who appreciate his fine New Zealand ceramics and creative and unusual sculpture. More recently his contemporary sculpture has seen him combine other materials with the ceramics such as steel, brass, aluminium and wood. His work has been exhibited throughout New Zealand in major competitions and exhibitions where he has won several awards, and is represented in the Auckland Museum, James Wallace and regional collections.

Brendan has taught Sculpture and Design at Unitec and at the Auckland Studio Potters Society. He's currently working full-time at his home studio in Point Chevalier, where he and his partner have opened a new gallery space called Front Room Gallery.

For more information see www.badams.co.nz

"I have been making a living from my craft for the last 28 years. I trained as a painter and it was colour and all the possibilities of form and texture that attracted me to ceramics, and I am still stuck in the mud! One of the great things about clay is that there never seems to be an end to what you can do with it. As someone who likes to muck around with lots of ideas, clay has been the perfect partner in crime. I really do feel I have only just started."

The Workshop is on the 22nd and 23rd or October.

Day 1: Design a sculptural form using Marquette making techniques

Day 2: Three-hour Demonstration - Watch Brendan demonstrate decorating soft slabs with 'Paper Transfer Printing' techniques. For Full 2 Day attendees, with new found knowledge, then go and decorate your own bowls and platters using the WPA hump and drop moulds.

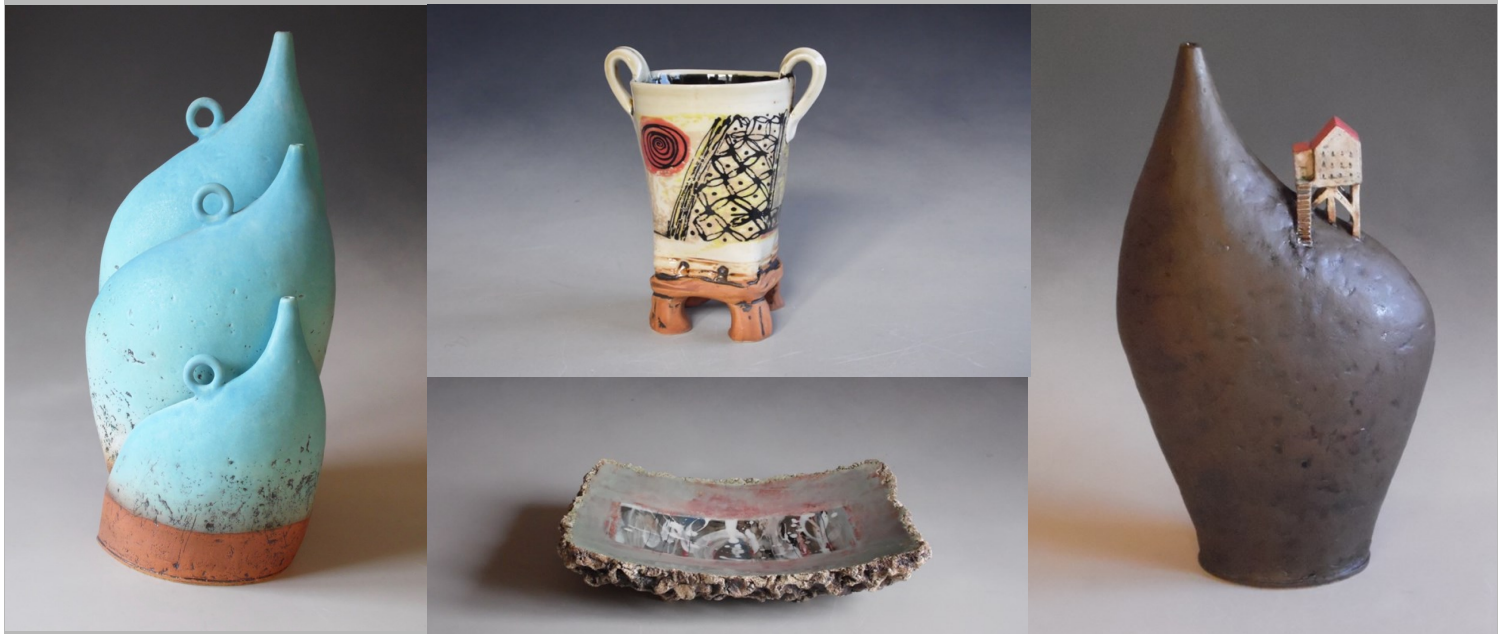
Suitable for a range of students from beginners to advanced.

Full 2 Days (Incl. Demo): 12 spaces available - \$80 WPA Member, \$100 Non-Member

3-hour Demonstration only: 8 spaces available - \$20 WPA Member, \$25 Non-Member

Suitable for a range of students from beginners to advanced

Contact Kate to register: wellingtonpotters@gmx.com Please pay immediately to secure your attendance.



RESTRICTED ACCESS TO COLLEGE DURING THESE HOURS.

OPERATES DURING SCHOOL TERMS ONLY..

MONDAY

8.30AM - 9.05AM
11.15AM - 11.50AM
1.30PM - 2.25PM
3PM - 3.25PM

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

8.30AM - 9.05AM
11 AM - 11.40AM
1.20PM - 2.20PM
3PM - 3.25PM

FRIDAY

9.30AM - 10.05AM
11 AM - 11.40AM
1.20PM - 2.20PM
3PM - 3.25PM

Notices

- We need **newspaper** and **ice-cream containers**.
- We **urgently need blankets** or other suitable fabric pieces to wrap the new plinths in for protecting them during transportation and while storing them.
- **Raku**. For club members and adult classes. Saturday October 15th, 10am – 3pm. Shared lunch.
- Next **Gas firing** : Thursday 15th September. Pots on the shelf by 14th please.
- **For sale**: 4 Cowley **electric wheels** in good condition. Contact Warren Baillie 027 251 4767
- **Monday club night has moved** to Friday night due to the increase in the wheel class size.
- Please remember to park in **designated carparks**. There is no parking on the gravel area outside the rooms or next to the old kiln shed.

Please leave the rooms clean and tidy.



This was
a really good
Slip/decorating
Brush

DO NOT use
good brushes
in
hot wax !!

CLUB RAKU

Raku firing - October 15th

Club members and Adult class students
10 - 3pm - shared lunch

Time to start planning and creating your work now

Blankets needed

Any old blankets or fabric pieces that are suitable to wrap the new plinths in while in storage and also to protect them when being transported.

This should hopefully reduce the number of times they will need to be repainted!

Please Respect Class times : the rooms are closed when classes and workshops are in session.

Monday: 10am -12 noon, and 7 - 9pm

Tuesday: 7 - 9pm

Wednesday: 1 - 3pm and 7 - 9pm

Thursday: 7 - 9pm

Friday: 9.30am - 12.30 pm