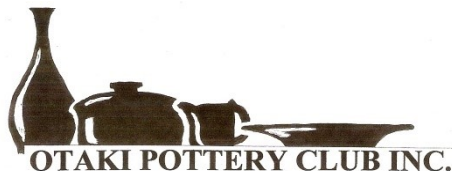


# Otaki Potters

December 2018



Last Cleaning Bee  
8th December.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Seasons Greetings! Sleigh bells are ringing!

A most successful **Raku Day**. Big crowd; lots of pots fired. Congratulations to Sue Wilson who did a fantastic job as convenor and thank you to everyone who turned out to help make it such a success. We had a couple of adult class people who came to help which was really appreciated. Having it near the rooms meant people could sit under the trees which gave the place a picnic atmosphere.

31 came to the **Christmas Doo** at Quarter Acre Café. It was a fun night with a good meal. Beryl got to personally meet everyone and the three birthday people got a surprise.

The **Mentoring Group** have set up their exhibition in the art space in the Otaki Library. Very impressive and very diverse. The culmination of three month's work. Each member was asked to put together 3 related pieces. Well done guys! And thank you to Jenny Shearer who mentored the group and has exhibited with them. Try to get along to see it before it closes on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Mentoring Programme is a self-development programme to extend knowledge and skill in the area of ceramics. Participants determine their particular area of exploration, sometimes within given parameters, and work individually with the mentor and corporately with the group to reach their objectives. Participants need to be able to work independently, be self-motivated and committed to meet together on Friday afternoons/evenings to work on their projects. Preference is given to those who have completed four years of adult class tuition provided by the club. The next programme will start in February and we are pleased to have Bruce Walford as mentor.

Applications for the first group in 2019 will open in January. If we have more applicants than places a ballot will be held. Please email Caitlin if you are interested.

For those members who took part in the **Pit Firing Workshop** with Chris Dunn a firing is scheduled for mid-February. If you plan to take part please let Caitlin know

and we will email you details. The first workshop was so successful and generated such interest that Chris will be running another **Pit firing Workshop** during April. It will be limited to a group of 12.

**The Festival of Pots and Garden Art.** It's all go now. Advertising cards and posters are available in the rooms. If you take posters or are putting cards into cafes etc, can you please inform Sue Wilson (021 623 880) know as she needs to know where you have placed them. Paula and Lynne are still trying to fill their rosters and I need a small team to vacuum and set up each morning. If you can help please ring. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> Festival; let's make it a good one.

Special **BIRTHDAY greetings** To Ern Bale and Michael Hunt who both had milestones to celebrate; Ern 90 and Michael 80. Congratulations! Ern and Michael both do a lot for the club working actively behind the scenes and quietly getting things done.

We were saddened to hear that Jenny Rose's husband passed away recently. Jenny has had a hard year also losing 2 brothers, so our thoughts are with you Jenny.

We have been informed that the Ministry of Education intend to fence the College during the holiday break. This is going to impact the club considerably as the gates will be locked between 8:30am and 3:30pm when school is on. Walk in access only. The committee will met shortly to consider our options.

*Presidents report cont....*



## Dates to Remember

End of year accounts to be settled - by 31 December  
2019 Subscriptions due - 1 February  
AGM - 27 February



### Presidents report cont...

Thank you to everyone who has gone the extra mile this year. Your help and support is much appreciated.

All the best for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, particularly those of you who are exhibiting at the Festival!

Rod

Mary's garden—thank you, Mary. A splash of colour!



### RAKU DAY



Michelle Read



Lyuba's pots at Ceramicus  
2018



## 2019 MENTORING COURSE & OPEN WORKSHOP with Bruce Walford

The Mentoring course will begin with an additional open workshop.

This course focus will be Design - the objective will be "design and produce hand built "funky" dinnerware to a standard appropriate to restaurants and cafes".

The mentoring course will start with a 6 hour "open" workshop. This will go through the whole process from design through to completion with demonstrations on how to make the moulds for the dinnerware - pasta bowl (slab) and cup (slip cast), and discussion on what the considerations are of making dinnerware for restaurants.

Mentoring workshop dates and times to be advised. However, the "Open" workshop has been pencilled in for the 2nd February 10am – 4pm. With the Mentoring sessions looking to start as close to this as possible. - see Workshop Ad.

Fee: \$120. - nb: this does not include the one day workshop fee.

For more on Bruce see - <https://www.ceramicsnz.org/Exhibitions/BruceWalford.cfm>

The mentoring course is available to those who have done four years of adult class instruction and those who are able to work independently with some degree of experience.

Please send expressions of interest to Caitlin at  
[otakipotteryclub@gmail.com](mailto:otakipotteryclub@gmail.com)

## BRUCE WALFORD workshop

Bruce will demonstrate the full course process for the mentoring group. Design - mold making - glazing - to completion of "funky" dinnerware to a standard appropriate for café or restaurant.

Club members who will not be joining the mentoring course are welcome to apply however spaces will be limited to 16.

Saturday 2nd Feb. 2019

10am - 4pm Shared Lunch

Cost: \$40 mentoring group, \$50 Members, \$60 others

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## Letter from the Vice President -

Only **7 weeks to go**, and the Festival of Pots & Garden Art kicks off again at Anam Cara. I understand that there are in excess of 70 exhibitors registered to attend. Sadly, only 40 Club members to date deemed it worthy of exhibiting their creations. Considering all the benefits that your Club gleans from the financial rewards produced by the hard work of a few, don't you think you should give it a go? Where do you think the money for the Clubs infrastructure (Kilns, wheels, & air con etc.) came from? Subs? I think not.

Unfortunately we are the worst Critics of our own work & are always apprehensive about putting them up for display or sale. By exhibiting and selling you are giving yourself the confidence to develop & improve. I've seen some amazing creations on the shelves at the rooms, so I know they're out there. When you see the smile on a strangers face who has just purchased one of your pots, (because they really want it) it makes it all worthwhile. Plus you've help pay for your fees and for the bag of clay.

So come on **GIVE IT A GO!**

A small team of Club members have been beavering away behind the scenes all year, preparing to make the Festival a success. It takes a lot of work, and time.

So if they can do it all year. It's now your turn to volunteer a few hours of your time to help out with the rosters. Don't wait to be asked. If you're not available during the week because of family / work commitments, How's about helping in other ways? ie: delivering brochures, picking up / supplying equipment, ringing around etc.

I wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas with family and friends, and I look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year at the Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2019.

**Brent**



Some of the work of the **Mentoring Group** - the exhibition in the art space in the Otaki Library



# CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

**Cleaning Bee December 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-12 noon; 15 places.** This will be the last opportunity for 2018. We have 23 members on the list who need to do a cleaning bee or pay \$30. Please see the list on the notice board beside the door.

**OPC Subscription for 2019:** The Otaki Pottery Club annual subscription is \$138.00 incl gst if paid before 1st February. If paid after the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb the Subscription will be \$161.00 incl gst. People can pay in 2 equal part payments of \$80.50 incl gst with first payment paid before 1 February and second payment before 31 July. The Associate Membership fee will remain at \$35.00 for 2019.

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## Other Contributors

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Social Media: Stacey Young

Cleaning Bees: Stephanie Tidman

Property Maintenance: Brent Craig + Russell Kitto

Keys: Stephanie Tidman

Clay: Vacant

## Pit Firing Workshop with Chris Dunn

12 places. \$100 per person.

**Session one:** Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12.30pm:  
Introduction and demonstration

**Session two:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April : 10am.  
Clubrooms. Applying mica and washes to  
burnished pots. Pots to be bisqued during the  
week following.

**Session Three:** Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>; 9am-5pm;  
on site at Te Horo: Preparing pots for firing.  
Loading and firing the pit.

**Session Four:** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>; on site at Te  
Horo: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April; 1pm-4pm : Open kiln  
and unload pots. Clean pots. Discussion of  
finished work. Clean up.

Payment with enrolment to Margaret Hunt.  
[mhunt@xtra.co](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co)

## HOLIDAY PERIOD (Dec/Jan)

Firings will continue during the holiday period.

The rooms are available to members from  
6.30am to 10.30pm every day.

Please ensure that the rooms and equipment are  
left clean and tidy and that all lights are off and  
windows closed when you leave.

If you need clay, please contact Rod (0274 457  
545) or Margaret (027 450 2726).

**If anyone has spare fridge or freezer room to  
store cordial concentrate, either now or  
after Christmas, please contact Rod.**

Our **financial year** ends on **31 December** so we  
need **all accounts cleared** by this date  
please. Any issues please contact Ann Porter  
or Lynne Corkin.

**Key Exchange - Wednesday 6 February**  
(Waitangi Day) and the following Saturday,  
**9 February.**

The **AGM** will be held at 7pm on Wednesday  
**27 February 2019.** Please diary the date.