

# Otaki Potters

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Greetings!

Bring on the rain! Preferably at night because the days are great!

The Festival of Pots and Garden Art is done and dusted for another year. It was a great effort, feedback to Brent please.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it a success. Brent will have a brief report in this newsletter. A detailed report covering the various aspects of the Festival and the outcomes will be posted on the notice board beside the door.



Festival of Pots 2015  
- Opening night.

21 turned out to the **AGM** held in the rooms on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The 2014 committee was re-elected. Ann Porter was elected Treasurer. A new position of Assistant Treasurer was created and Joy Snaddon was elected. Ann will manage the club's finances; Joy will continue to deal with the day to day stuff.

It was pointed out that the constitution will need changing to accommodate the positions of Vice President and Assistant Treasurer. Also if a change of date for the AGM is agreed to. A review of the constitution will be carried out early in the year and a Special General Meeting of members will be called.

## Dates to Remember :

Classes resume	9th February 2015
Club Fees Due	28th February 2015
Key Exchange	4th March 2015
Pit Firing	7th - 8th March 2015
Club Raku	28th March 2015

**Subscriptions** will remain the same as last year and you need to **pay by the last day in February** to qualify for the reduction.

Any outstanding money owed to the club from 2014, including cleaning fee for those who were members prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July and did not do a cleaning bee, will need to be paid before the sub is paid.

**The key exchange will take place on the first club day in March (4<sup>th</sup>).** Cost is \$7 for exchange; \$10 for a replacement and \$15 for first time purchase.

**Adult Classes** are full for term one and commence the week beginning Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that access to the college will be restricted during school hours from Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This is your last chance to speak with Brent about the club's two electric kilns before they go on Trade Me.

There is real coffee in the clubrooms (ex festival). Please clean plungers.

When wiping down benches and tables please use a wet cloth or sponge then dry off with a towel otherwise benches are smeared with fine clay when they dry.

Remember the **Club Pit Firing and Pizza Party** on the first weekend in March and the **Club Raku** on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Both of these events are open to adult classes. If burnishing and using terrasilgata is new to you, please ask for help.

HAPPY POTTING

- ROD



**...CLUB FEES DUE  
28th February 2015**



## **Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2015**

The final accounting is yet to be completed, but at this stage, members be comforted, you will not have to sell raffle tickets this year to raise funds for your club. The results will be posted at the Club rooms when complete.

What we know so far:

1394 visitors attended the Festival.

57 exhibitors took part, with a wide range of success with their craft.

The accounting is still being done with most exhibitors having paid out already.

James Cootes (Chairman of the Otaki Community Board) opened the Festival to a generous crowd, and over the 3 day weekend 900 + guests came through the doors. The comments were all positive.

Maureen did a great job as curator with June & Colleen as her wee helpers.

Jude & Margaret set up a great 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary retrospective display, with grateful thanks to all those who contributed their work.

Marion set up, and ran the reception & sales tables, which thanks to the eftpos machine working properly was less stressful than last year. Kevin acted as team leader nearly every day, and with his experience in retail it worked smoothly.

Paula led the Café team with Kaye & Michelle as her able helpers. They put in a lot of hours in preparation & distribution and were always the happy face of the refreshments.

Alan, David, Ern & Rod helped out with all the carting & setting up of tables, screens & Plinths; and then the final clean up.

Thanks to all those Club members who gave up their time to help out....you have to admit it sure beats selling those raffle tickets!

The weather was perfect & certainly shone on our endeavours.

Brent Craig  
Convenor







## CLUB RAKU

Club and Adult class members.

Saturday 28th March.

10am - 4pm

Shared lunch .



## Barrier arm

**Mondays:** 8:30- 9.05am  
11.15-11.50am  
1.30-2.20pm  
3.05-3.25pm

**Tuesday -Thursdays:** 8.30-9.05am  
11.00-11.40am  
1.20-2.30pm  
3.05-3.25pm

**Friday:** same as Tues- Thurs  
except school starts at 10am so access  
restricted 9.30 -10.05.

**NB:** These times are approximate at this  
stage. Access will not be restricted this  
week ( Feb 2 - 5th)

## PIT FIRING & PIZZA PARTY

At: Awatea Lodge, Peka Peka,

For: Club & Adult class members .

On: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am load pit  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March unload pit.



Pizza Party at 5pm.

A family affair. Please bring your pizzas  
ready for the wood fired oven, something to drink  
and a small salad or dessert to share.