

Otaki Potters

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Greetings.

The **Festival of Pots and Garden Art** exceeded all our expectations. Thank you to all who took part or helped in some way. Congratulations to Brent and his organising team who put in so much time and



Many thanks to our inspirational guest speaker Jenny Shearer and auctioneer Nick Ward



effort to obtain such a spectacular result. With 60+ exhibitors and over 6000 items on sale and more to come during the week and great weather in such a wonderful setting, it was a great event. People came from far and wide and many went out of their way to express how much they enjoyed the experience and congratulated the club on the standard and the diversity of work exhibited.

Thank you to Paula, Michelle and Kay who baked their way through the 9 days that the cafe was open.

The demonstrations drew a lot of positive comments and added interest; thank you to all who took a turn.

It's always a bit of a risk to name people but I would like to acknowledge two people who kept a low profile but did such a lot of work. Sheryl Julian was not rostered on but turned up every morning to clean toilets and vacuum the premises. Sheryl was

Dates to Remember :

AGM	7pm (& Key exchange)	24th Feb
Subs due		29th Feb
Twilight Raku	4.30	4th March
Kay Bazzard workshop		13th & 14th March

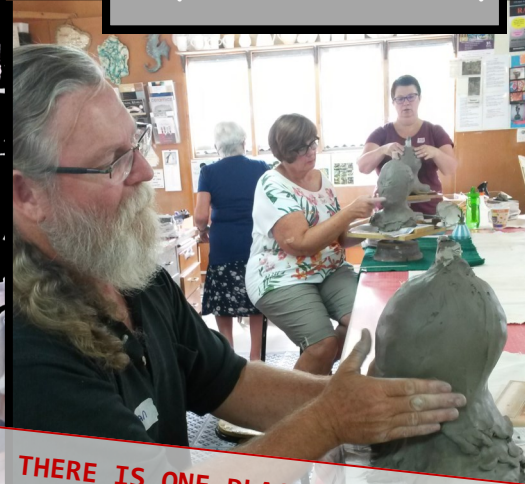
there at the end to make sure that everything was left spik and span for the final inspection. No job was too big or too small for Alan Hunter. Whether it was setting up, packing down, carting plinths or returning a steady supply of cleaned dishes to the cafe, Alan was there. Thank you guys; Great job! We had lots of helpers during the festival but Sheryl and Alan were there from beginning to end and nothing was too much trouble.

The festival is our fund raiser for the year. This year we are in the fortunate position where we now have sufficient funds to undertake projects that will benefit the club. You will notice that the large Talisman **Slab roller** has been replaced with a machine that we are trialling. Please look after it. The operating instructions are on the wall. Its operation is different to what we are used to but it is a robust machine. Let us know what you think.

The committee plans to install a heat pump in the rooms and is in the process of getting quotes.

The **First Kay Bazzard Workshop** was a great success. Kay is focussed and energetic so it was heads down and working. Everyone I spoke to really enjoyed themselves and the results are impressive. I was there for the U tube clip which is well worth a look at. [the link to the clip will be posted in next months newsletter].

Kay Bazzard Workshop



* THERE IS ONE PLACE LEFT IN THE MARCH WORKSHOP.
* Please contact Margaret Hunt:
mhunt@xtra.co.nz 06 -364 8053



The **Friday night get-togethers** to make raku pots have not been well supported. Our workshop with Shane Winchcombe was good fun- Dragons in eggs. Shane has closed his pottery in Whanganui and is in the process of setting up in Otaki so we are pleased to have him on board.

Welcome to our new members

Saskia Smith, Jackie Fawcett
Jan Bugden, and
Shane Winchcombe.

The **Twilight Raku** will be held on Friday March 4th, 4.30 - 8pm with a shared BBQ tea so even if you have nothing to fire come along and socialise. Bring something to BBQ, something to share and your drink of choice.

Because of fire ban restrictions, the **Club Pit Firing** will now take place in Spring.

We do have enough glazed work for the bottom and middle of the gas kiln. As soon as we have enough work to fill the rest of the kiln we will fire. - e.g. copper red, Oribe, matt white, silverton blue, waikato white, Pots with these glazes will be fired in the higher shelves of the gas kiln.

The **next Gas Firing** is scheduled for late March.

Brent and I met with Andy Fraser, Principal of **Otaki College**, and Ian McMillan, the Executive Officer, for **our Annual Review**. The club will make a contribution, acceptable to both parties, towards waste disposal, water and toilet use.

The other issue discussed was around driving through and parking in the grounds. The Principal requires our members to understand access into the school grounds is a privilege and not a right. Access to our rooms is not a road way but through a playground. **Drivers MUST NOT exceed 20km/hr** driving in the grounds when the school is open, must park **only in designated spaces** and must **not park on the unsealed area** on the east side of the building. Offenders will be banned from bringing their cars into the grounds and will need to park in the car park near the front gates.

It is important that we maintain a good relationship with Otaki College so please do your bit.

It was with sadness that we learned of the recent death of **Adrian Smart**. Adrian was a past club member and tutor, best known for his large creations. A talented and creative potter, Adrian set up the Valley Road Pottery in Paraparaumu. He has pots in the Otaki Library.

It's good to hear that **Irene walker** is out of hospital and in the Masonic Village, Levin.

If you miss the **key exchange** see the notice in this newsletter.

The College is closed over Easter, 25th-29th April. The school term ends on 15th April.

Term two starts on May 2nd.

The clubrooms are open every day of the year 6.30am-10pm.

Time to start getting ready for the next Festival of Pots and Garden Art, January 20 - 29th, 2017. Explore new ideas, get those creative juices flowing, check out some of the books and DVD's in the library; do a bit of experimenting before we start the real work?

Happy Potting

PS. I'm allowed to keep my old email address; some things don't change!

Rod.

Please Respect Class times

- the rooms are closed when classes are in session.

Monday 7-9pm While Monday is a club day/ night if you are not part of the class please be considerate.

Tuesday: 7-9

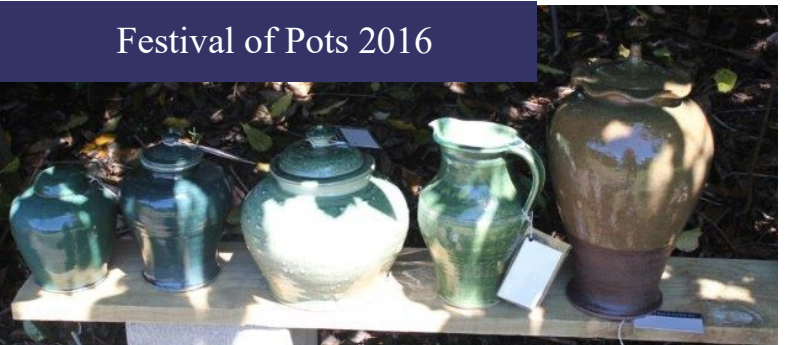
Thursday: 7-9pm

Friday: 9.30 - 12.30

NB: Should you have a reason where you need to enter the rooms during the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday classes please contact the tutors.



Festival of Pots 2016



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



AGM

Notice to all Otaki Pottery Club members

The Annual General Meeting.
Wednesday 24th February 7pm
At the Club rooms.

This is your opportunity to review what has happened in the past year, the plans for this year and beyond and to elect in the new committee. It is also a chance to have your say and directly contribute to our future direction so do please come along.



Cleaning Bees 2016 .

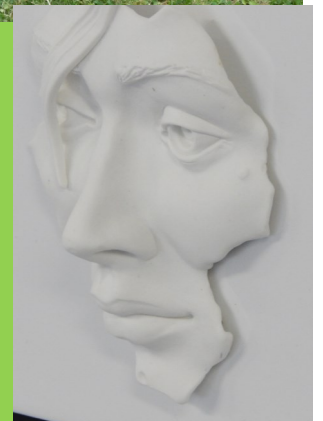
Cleaning Bees will be held on:

16th April, 09th July
24th September, 10th December



Each full member is required to do 1 two-hour cleaning bee or pay \$30.

For an exemption you need to apply in writing to the committee.



Notices

- **AGM:** will be held on Wednesday February 24th, 7pm at the clubrooms.
- **Subs** due 29th February - see details below.
- **People who fire their work at home but want to use the club glazes** will need to weigh their pots. The cost is \$3.50 per Kg , and part thereof. This then needs to be entered in the Kiln Book folder in the kiln room.
- **Key exchange** will take place on February 24th, 10am-12 noon and 6.30pm-7pm on the same day as the AGM. *Please see below for more detail.*
- **Minute taker** - if you would like to be a little more involved in the club and think this role would be of interest please contact either Caitlin or Rod

Subs are now due.

Member : \$60; \$45 if paid before the last day of February.

Married/Partner : \$90; \$75 if paid by the last day in February.

Associate Member: \$25

Any monies owing to the club from 2015 needs to be paid before your sub can be accepted.

Contact Lynne Corkin: linnygin@gmail.com .

Large Talisman Slab Roller

..in working condition. It needs some maintenance. If you are interested in making an offer please contact Rod.

rodgraham@xtra.co.nz

Key exchange

The key exchange will take place on **Wednesday February 24th; 10am-12 noon; 6.30pm -7pm then after the AGM.**

After this time by sending a stamped addressed envelope along with payment to:

David Simmonds 36 Horopito Rd,
Waikanae, 5036.

djsimmonds@xtra.co.nz

Enclose your old key and payment (or pay online).

Key exchange: \$7

Replacement: \$10

New key: \$15

Festival of Pots Raffle winners:

Bird House: Dawn, Paraparaumu

2 Orbs: Amanda, Wellington

Horse: Ramila, Otaki

Sushi Platter: Jonathan, Auckland.

Thank you to Ern Bale, Bonnie Wooller, Fiona Tunnicliffe and Jenny Turnbull for providing work for the raffle and auction this year.

