

Otaki Potters

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Dates to Remember :

Raku	25th July 10am - 4pm
Adult classes begin	27th July
Young peoples Clay Workshops begin	27th July
Kapiti Arts Trail - enrolment by	5th August
Figurative Sculpture workshop	5th August

Greetings.

Thank you to those who turned out to the **Special Meeting of Members** on July 17th. We had 18 members attend.


Motions were passed to update the **constitution**.

- The AGM will now take place before the last day of February.
- The positions of Vice President and Assistant Treasurer are official
- ..and the issues around cleaning bees and member's responsibilities have been formalised.
- It was agreed that subscriptions for 2016 will remain as is.

My apologies for the confusion over the starting time.

Brent chaired a positive discussion around where we are at as a club and what we would like to achieve over the next 5 years. Some of the key recommendations were...

- Continue to promote the club and the craft in the community through activities such as the Festival of Pots and Garden Art, Public Raku, a possible pop-up shop as an outlet for member's work, an open day at the rooms, rejuvenate the Clay in Schools project, adult classes and children's workshops.
- Continue to maintain a good relationship with Otaki College.
- Continue to provide programmes and workshops which build skills and develop creativity and are accessible to members.
- To build a team to manage kilns and mix glazes.
- To upgrade or replace slab rollers.

 The cleaning bee on the 11th did wonders for the rooms. Not having a cleaner meant vacuuming and wet mopping were on the agenda. Great job people. We have a new cleaner starting. Lauren is going to do a two-week trial before making a final decision.

* We do expect members to clean up after themselves and put things away in the proper places. Dust is a health hazard and we want to minimize the problem as much as possible.

- Please avoid sweeping;
- use the vacuum cleaner and mop where possible.
- Please make sure you wipe down benches with wet sponges and then dry off with a towel.

People are still avoiding the latter, so after they leave and the benches dry, they leave behind a fine smear of dust.



Judy Whittaker -
Dry Glaze workshop.



Fiona's 2nd Workshop.

Our final firing for the **Empty Bowls Project** is happening as this newsletter comes out. They now head to Wellington where they will be sold through Moore Wilson's and a variety of cafes. Thank you to everyone who got involved to support Wellington Potters and such a worthy cause.

The four **Children's Clay Workshops** held during the school holidays were quickly filled and resulted in some great creative works. Paula does a superb job with these workshops putting in a lot of preparation and follow-up time.

Adult classes and **Young People's clay workshops** start next week (27th). We still have vacancies in the Thursday night Sculpture and Garden Art Class, the Monday (5-7yr olds) and the Wednesday (8-18yr olds) young people's classes. Contact Margaret Hunt.- see notice page 3.

Sculptural Coarse and Sculptural Fine **clays** are back in stock. We have no Brick Red or Southern Stoneware at the moment; we are hoping our order will arrive soon.

We have the **club raku** for members and adult class students this Saturday July 25th. Join us for the shared lunch. August 1st is the postponement date.

It's good to see Beryl sparking on all cylinders again. B12 injections are definitely the thing to have.

Our condolences to Justine and Nigel Pritchard and Family at the recent loss of a much loved grandson; our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Kāpiti Arts Trail 2015

This year, the Kāpiti Arts Trail has a new format.

Timing: The Trail will run over two weekends – the first two weekends of November.

The **dates** are:

Saturday 31 October & Sunday 1 November; and Saturday 7 November & Sunday 8 November.

Exhibitor Categories:

This year there will be only three categories:

1. Studio Artists
2. Artist-managed hubs
3. Established galleries

Application Process:

All artists, in all categories, must submit an application form, with recent images of their work, plus their Artist's CV. The selection process will include a selection panel. Selection decisions will be final.

Artist-managed hub venues will also require approval.

Application forms will be available on Monday 6 July. Applications will close on Wednesday 5 August 2015. Applicants must commit to **both weekends** of the Arts Trail.

Applicants will be notified of the selection results by Monday 10 August 2015.

Fees: The fee for **each** applicant, in **each** category, is \$150 (excl GST). This applies to each artist exhibiting in a studio or hub.

Brochure: This year's brochure will be combined with the Kāpiti Arts Guide, providing a year-round brochure promoting the artists of the Kāpiti Coast, along with the established galleries and museums.

Council-managed hubs: This year, there will be no Council-managed hubs. The Council is holding bookings that could be made available to artist-managed hubs. These are at Ngā Purapura in Ōtaki (for both weekends); and a combination of Council Halls, to cover both weekends for one organiser: Waikanae Memorial Hall the first weekend and Raumati South Memorial Hall for the second weekend.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLAY WORKSHOP TERM 3

Mondays 3.45–4.45pm. Children 5-7yrs. 4 sessions. \$20 per child.*

Wednesdays 3.45–5.30pm. Young people 8- 18yrs. 8 sessions. \$70 per student ... or two payments of \$35.*

***10% reduction for more than one child from the same family.**

- ♦ Fee covers all costs for both workshops.
 - ♦ Payment with enrolment please.
- ♦ Both workshops commence the week beginning 27th July.

Adult hand building and wheel classes are also available.

To enrol contact:

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Birds by **Sandra Sinclair.**
- Dry Glaze workshop.



May Hastings - Orb
Green Engobe and beading glaze
on the lizards Manganese wiped
back on the main body.



Kay Bazzard
artist & writer



Figurative Sculpture

- Weekend Workshop

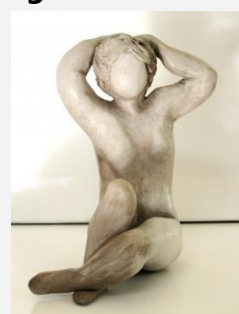
with **Kay Bazzard** from Havelock North.

This is scheduled to be held early 2016,
\$60 full members / \$70 others.

If you are interested in sculpturing the human form this workshop is for you. We need to determine the level of interest so if you are keen please let Margaret know - mhunt@xtra.co.nz - or write your name on the list behind the wheels by **August 5th.**



For information on Kay go to her webpage
<http://www.kaybazzard.co.nz>



OTAKI POTTERY CLUB

Raku

For OPC members and
those currently taking an
Adult class.

25th July 10am - 4pm.

Postponement 1st August

2015 Cleaning Bees.

12 September,
12 December.

Rosters are on the notice-
board. If you put your name
down please let Stephanie
know if you cannot come.

Wanganui Potters
club rooms were flooded in
the recent storm. We wish
them all the very best with
their clean up and trust
they will be back potting
very soon.