Otaki Potters

Greetings

Our oldest member turns **100** on August 1st. **CONGRATULATIONS IRENE! A great achievement!**



HAPPY* BIBTHDAY! RENE

JULY 2016

Irene Walker is a foundation member and a life member. In her time Irene has served as secretary and treasurer. She has been a faithful

supporter of the club throughout its history. So we would like to celebrate her milestone and honour her by getting together at the club on Wednesday August 10th at 10am for a birthday morning tea. Come along and join in the fun.

The place has been a hive of industry with cleaning bees, working bees and things being moved hither and yon. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in to help.

Talking about helping, we still need a **minute secretary** and we are looking for someone to work with Beryl to act as convenor for the **public raku on December 3rd**. so don't hold back! With 82 members plus 18 associate members things are pretty busy so we need to share the load. If you can help let us know. We too have hit the hundred and while many hands make a lot of pots they also make light work.

The recent **raku** was a really enjoyable day. The weather was great, the colours were great and we worked at a leisurely pace. We plan to have another raku for members and adult class people in October.

During term two we fired work for Ohau Playcentre and Otaki College. We did a "hands in clay project" with the children at Otaki Montessori.

Artscape Gallery, in Centennial Park, is running an art competition and exhibition for school age children who live in

Dates to Remember :

Classes resume week beginning	1st August
Irenes B'day morning Tea	10th August
Bruce Walford Workshop 13th	/ 14th August
Fish' Chip Pot in. Friday 6.pm - 8.30pm.	19th August
Vivian Rodriguez follow up Workshop	20th August
Next Gas firing	22nd August
Cleaning Bee 24	th September
Raku and Pit firing	Spring



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the area from Manakau to Te Horo. Entry forms are available in the gallery, Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 4pm. Let's make sure that

there are some ceramics included. All four **Young People's holiday workshops** were full so there were candle sticks, treasure boxes and floppy water catchers a plenty.

Thanks Paula.

The club has purchased two more **Shimpo wheels** so wheel classes can be extended to 8 people from term 3; this brings the number of places available to 24. We have



had a long waiting list for wheel classes for some time.

We have a new wheel day class starting this term. It will be held on

Mondays 10am - 12noon. Linette van Greunen will tutor this class. There are still places available, please contact Margaret to enrol.

The committee has reviewed **adult classes** and developed a **policy** to manage them. People in current classes will get a copy and any other member can request one from Caitlin.

Club night will now be on Friday nights to accommodate the larger Monday night wheel class.

The **Bruce Walford Hand building workshop** has been changed to August 13 and 14th. Two vacancies have become available, contact Margaret.

We have had two **money boxes for coffee and tea** stolen recently. The committee has decided that there will be no charge for coffee and tea for the time being. If you are the only person working in the rooms, especially if working in the glaze room or out the back, please lock the door so that people cannot walk in and help themselves.

On Friday July 22^{nd,} a small group of Otaki Potters attended the funeral to farewell **Doreen Fisher**. Doreen was a foundation member of the club and served as secretary and on the committee for several years. A painter, potter and poet, and many other things, Doreen accomplished much in her 94 years. We acknowledge the good work that she did, especially in the early years of the club.

On the way back Beryl and I visited **Joy Snaddon** in the Charles Flemming "resort" in Waikanae. Joy looked well and gave us a tour. She really appreciates visits from friends and asked me to thank those club members who have taken the time to call in. Joy is allowed to go for outings, just check at the reception desk in her part of the building. Joy has donated her tools and "textures" to the club for members to use.

Don't miss the **Fish'n Chip Pot In** on the 19th. Rod.



Sue Wilson - Sgraffito



Justine Pritchard



Hawkes Bay Convention - photos by Jenny Turnbull

The conference included demonstrations and presentations from many well known New Zealand and international ceramic artists. The conference also included the National Exhibition, opening a 250 cubic ft wood firing (photos below) and a bus trip around local Hawkes Bay potters, the Hawkes Bay Museum, Theatre, and Art Gallery.





Clay flutes - Otaki College students.





Rod Graham - Gas fired cups and bowls



New beginners wheel class

Starts Monday August 1st. 10 - 12noon. Tutored by Linette van Greunen.

If you are interested please contact Margaret.

Please note the rooms will be closed to members during this time

Margaret Hunt Gas fired bottles & bowls. ...and teapots





Rods Gas fired bowl - Ash Glaze

Exhibition

POTS & PRINTS

Rod Graham, Margaret Hunt and Juliana Jarvie

Ngapurapura Art Space Otaki Library August 1st – 20th





Margaret's Friday class has been testing layering the clubs glazes to see what effects could be achieved. The 150+ test pots will be on display soon in the Glaze room.

Bowl - Judy Page.

CLUB RAKU & PIT FIRING.

Raku firing - October: Club members and Adult class students

Pit firing - Spring.

Time to start planning and creating your work now



Head Sculpture workshop

These are the links to the **videos** Kaye recommends her students watch before and after the workshops.

This video link features Alexander Cherkov demonstrating a similar process to that which is used in the workshop

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvgFNmsKuQE (15 mins)

After the workshop, recommended follow up: Tutorial with Tip Toland

www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8Y797g_Jg4
(1hr 7mins)

Cleaning Bees 2016.

Cleaning Bee dates 24th September, 10th December 10 - 12noon.

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

- **Fish' Chip Pot in**. Friday 19th August 6.pm 8.30pm. Wheel potters and hand builders required. Food will be provided. Please register by writing your name on the list on the notice board beside the door or email Caitlin.
- Monday day wheel class starts this term. To enrol please contact Margaret.
- Vacancies in the Thursday Class **Sculpture / Handbuilding**. For more information contact Margaret.
- 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.
- We need **newspaper** and **ice-cream containers**.
- We are missing a few **wheel batts**, especially the ones with grey painted rims. Wheel workers need to supply their own batts if they want to take wet work home. Club batts need to remain in the rooms.
- **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

Please leave the rooms clean and tidy.

August Workshops

Vivian Rodriguez Glazing Session

Follow up to the Sgraffito workshops.

For all those who took part in the workshops,

Saturday 20th 10.30am. Shared BBQ Lunch. Club will provide sausages.

Please bring side dishes.

For Sale - Pony Rollers \$15.00

Email Caitlin: caitlin@twc.co.nz



Bruce Walford:

Making Waka using moulds

13th and 14th August. Fee: \$80

If there is a lot of interest we will ask Bruce if he would be happy to hold a second workshop.





All information will be put on the wall behind the wheels or you can contact: Margaret Hunt 063648053, <u>mhunt@xtra.co.nz</u>

The Club rooms will be closed to members during the following times for August:

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

The weekend of the 13th /14th August - Bruce Walford workshop 20th August 10.30am - 4pm- Vivian Rodriguez workshop.