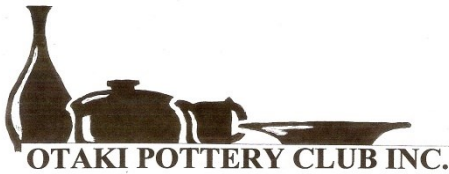


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings,

Good news; the **Festival of Pots 2018** is all go! January 20th-28th 2018. So it is time to get into gear and get those pots made. Don't leave it too late. Last year we were still firing work while the Festival was on.... The Festival is the Club's primary fundraising activity of the year, so please support it in any way you can.

Brent and I will co-convene and Anna Wood has been appointed Administrator. Anna is the liaison between exhibitors and festival committee personal. She will also manage the Festival website, which will be up to date and operational by the end of the month so keep in touch by checking out the website regularly. Anna will send a link to the website out to everyone as soon as it is ready.

If you are a regular exhibitor at the Festival, I am going to ask you to please prepare a profile for the website. We need a photo of yourself, a brief statement and two or three photos of your work. Contact me if you need advice. The first profiles to go up will be of our guest potters, Peter and Julie Collis, from Auckland, and George Thompson our guest painter from Waikanae. Then we need to start getting your profiles up as they come available.

We need a **volunteer** to lead promotion and marketing of the Festival. This is a crucial role as we need to get the message out there. If marketing is your thing, please contact me asap. You will see on the following pages that the Festival poster has already been designed (Thank you Caitlin) and we are in the process of booking sites for signage. But we need someone to be creative and promote the Festival far and wide. This job could be shared by a team of two or three if preferred.

The Festival Committee has met and reviewed all the feedback and recommendations from this year's Festival.

Thank you to those who made comments and suggestions. Changes will become apparent.

We had a good **Cleaning Bee** this month. Thank you to those who got stuck in and gave the place a good clean. Beryl Rowe is the convenor so contact her if need be. All members (prior to July 1st) are required to do a two-hour cleaning bee once a year or pay \$30 and we will get someone to do it for you.

Another request for a **volunteers** please; we need someone to manage the Club's clay stock and someone to manage Club notices on social media. If interested in helping, please contact me.

All **Adult classes** are full for Term 3. Most classes started this week. Monday night wheel class starts on 31st July and the Tuesday night wheel class starts on August 1st. We will begin this term's Young Persons

Workshops on 7 August; further registrations welcome.

We have **Bruce Walford** returning to run a two-day workshop on Waka and platters and we are also organising workshops on **Applying Club Glazes**. Details in this newsletter.

Dates to Remember

19 + 20 Aug: Bruce Walford Workshop
23 + 25 Aug: Club Glazes Workshop
16 Sept: Club Raku Firing
16 Sept: Term 3 Cleaning Bee

President's Report Cont.

Paula Archibald has an exhibition coming up soon in Petone, which we are all invited to attend the opening night. We have been firing Paula's work and it will be well worth a visit, providing inspiration on using clay and club glazes with flair.

We have an **Inter-club Raku Firing** on September 16th; Naked Raku, Obvara, working with hair and feathers. Time to get creative. Time to get those pots made and bisqued.

Empty Bowls. A great effort. The last bowls are going through the kilns this week. I haven't done a count yet but we must be close to 200. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project.

HAPPY POTTING
Rod.



Obvara Firing by Sandra Sinclair

Last year I tried Obvara firing with some interesting results. I intend to do some more at the next Raku, so if anyone is interested here is a bit about it.

Also called Baltic pottery, it originated in Eastern Europe in the 12th century as a means of sealing pottery for domestic use. Quite simply the bisqued ware is heated to around 890 deg C in a Raku kiln, then removed and plunged into a mixture of water, yeast, sugar and flour before being dunked into water to rapidly cool it.

I think the results are lovely and earthy. I have been doing a bit of extra reading and different results are achieved with burnishing and /or incising the clay. I think any clay used for Raku will work but have not tried red earthenware yet. I will bring the Obvara mix to the Raku so all who wish to can have a go. *Cheers Sandra*



Marion Mealings



Dee Carleton



Jenny Pilcher

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2018

Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th January



www.festivalpots.com
Anam Cara, 150 Rangiuru Rd, Otaki

You are invited to exhibit!

Pictures of the Intermediate / Advanced Wheel Class' end of term two challenge—making a water feature from wheel thrown components, including a water pump. Allowed were hand building additions, also a found object. Collaboration with the odd husband was allowed too!

Well done to the students that completed the water features, these pieces are amazing!! Cheers, Jenny

[You can see the water features in action on the OPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/otakipotteryclub/>]



CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

Workshop—Club Glazes

A workshop for club members and adult students to explore techniques for applying club glazes. Welcome to bring your own bisqueware.

Wednesday 23 August, 1-3pm OR
Friday 25 August, 6.30-9.30pm

\$10 per session. Max. 15 people each session.
Enrol: mhunt@xtra.co.nz or ph. 364 8053 or 0274502726.
Payment with enrolment please.

Workshop—Bruce Walford: Waka & Platters

A workshop on making waka and platters
More information will be available in the Club Room, on the wall behind the wheels. Priority will be given to people who missed out on Bruce's workshop last year.

19th and 20th August, 9.30am-4.30pm

Cost: \$80 members; \$85 non members
Enrol by 2nd August via mhunt@xtra.co.nz or ph. 364 8053 or 0274502726. Payment with enrolment please

Cleaning Bees



Two cleaning bees remaining: 16th September and 9th December. Please add your name to the sheet in the Club Rooms, or contact Stephanie to pay \$30 to cover your contribution.

Wanted

Second-hand electric kiln and electric wheel in good condition. Contact: Galit Maxwell 027 640 8614 or galia@ihug.co.nz

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Clay	-
Keys	David Simmonds

Invite—Exhibition Opening

Everyone is invited to attend the opening night of Paula Archibald's upcoming exhibition:

Friday 4th August, between 6-8pm
Alfred Memelink Artspace Gallery
223 The Esplanade, Petone.

The exhibition will run for the month of August.

