

Otaki Potters

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Greetings!

We have more than made up for all the rain we didn't get over summer and winter is starting to bite but there is always a warm welcome for those who turn up for club day on Wednesdays.

There will be a **Special Members Meeting on Thursday July 16th**, 7.30pm in the clubrooms to make amendments to the Club Constitution. The current business is pretty straight forward but we will use the occasion to have a general discussion about the club and where we would like things to go over the next five years so your ideas and comments will be welcome. You will receive a copy of the motions of amendment with this newsletter.

Recently we had a morning tea to farewell Ivanka Marta who has been cleaning the rooms for about 6 years and also to thank Carol Elsmann for the good work that she has done with the club library over the years. Thanks to Michelle and Paula for arranging the catering. Kaye Stead is now managing the library. Margaret Hunt continues to manage the club DVD collection.

The **Empty Bowls Project** has been well supported by wheel workers. A couple of hand builders came to the pot-in on the Saturday. You have until the end of the school term if you want your work seen in one of the leading cafes in Wellington.



Bowls (above) for the 'project' from the last Gas firing .



For more photos go to:
www.digitalninjadesign.com/Client/Empty-Bowls/

<http://www.emptybowls.org.nz>

Dates to Remember :

Fiona Tunnicliffe Workshop	27/28th June
Childrens Workshops	6th & 14th July
Cleaning Bee	11th July
Members meeting	16th July 7pm
Naked Raku Workshop	19th July 2pm
Raku	25th July 10am - 4pm
Young peoples Clay Workshops begin	27th July

We are putting the finished bowls on the gas-fire shelves in the drying room.

Until we appoint a new **cleaner** we need to keep the rooms clean and tidy so we are asking everyone to do their "bit" and if you

have time to do "an extra bit" occasionally that would be really appreciated. If you know of anyone who may be interested in taking up the position please point them in my direction.

Enrolments are open for the **Children's Holiday Workshops** and the **Clay Workshops for Young People in Term 3**. If you would like to sponsor a child please contact Margaret. - See notice next page.



Enrolments for Adult Classes in term 3 open soon.



Our second **cleaning bee** will be held on **July 11th**. There are still vacancies; don't hold back. If we don't have a cleaner by then there will be plenty of buzzing to do.

We were sorry to read in the paper that Paula Peters (Paula Pain) has had a motorbike accident. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We have a busy time ahead. The Dry Glaze Workshop with Jenny Turnbull was on the 16th June,



Examples of work from first Fiona Tunnicliffe workshop.

the second **Fiona Tunnicliffe Workshop** is on **June 27th & 28th**; the **Naked Raku Workshop** on **19th July** and the **Club and Adult Class Raku** on the **25th**.

We are developing our mid-range of firing glazes (1200 -1220 -1240) generally referred to as Cone 6. There are various reasons but the

three most important are that it gives members a wider choice of colour and texture; there is significantly less wear and tear on the elements and we use less power.

The Dry Glaze Workshop, held this week gave people the opportunity to explore matt finish glazes at cone 6 and 1260. It was an excellent workshop. Jenny Turnbull had prepared a wide range of glazes with finished samples and provided a lot of background information to give us a better understanding of their composition and application. There was plenty of time, after an early lunch, to experiment with bisque pieces and glaze our own work. It was definitely a three-soup day. The work will be coming out towards the end of this week so take some time to check out the results. The glazes are clearly labelled and on the shelves in the glazing room. ****Please remember to use gloves when glazing and a mask if spraying. These glazes are not food safe but can be applied to the outside of pots that could be used for food. Samples are on the trays beneath the wax pan.**

Photos of the 'Dry Glaze Workshop'.



Margaret Hunt has been busy sourcing additional material for the club library. Kaye will catalogue the new books and these will be displayed in the rack on the wall behind the wheels.



New books in the library
- relating to Glazing.

When books first come in they need to remain in the rooms so give people a chance to browse through them. Once they go into the library members can take them out unless they are marked "please do not remove from the rooms".

Jeavons has done a sort out of his own library. He has generously given us books on long term loan to go into the club library for members to enjoy.

We are glazing and decorating 'Empty Bowls' next Wednesday (24th) in the afternoon starting at 1pm. come along if you want some tips on glazing and decorating using the club glazes both gas and electric.

At the time of going to print we have been told that Beryl Rowe has been admitted to Palmerston North Hospital with acute heart failure. We are relieved to hear she is now in a stable condition and making good progress. Our thoughts are with her and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The planning for the Festival of Pots and Garden Art gets underway in earnest next month.

Happy potting.
- Rod.

Childrens Clay Workshops - July School Holidays

Monday 6th July

10am - 12noon. *Dragons*

1pm - 3pm *Magic Castles*

Tuesday 14th July

10am - 12noon

- *Make your own game board*

1pm - 3pm - *Painting on ceramics*

Max. of 10 per workshop. \$15 per child or \$12.50 per child if more than one child per family.

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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Bottle by
Diane Irwin.

Here's an idea !...
If you don't like the marks left by tongs then this maybe the answer. The mesh holds a bit of glaze and when you release it after dipping it runs to the spots that were dry.



Layered slip - coloured slip over black slip - scratched back.
- Bowl by Christine Ashby.

THE EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT

Over 2015, Wellington Potters Association will be supporting an innovative, fun and very worthy community event called Empty Bowls.

We are looking to involve as many members as possible in this project.

WHAT: The Empty Bowls project matches the creativity and skills of local Potters and a worthy cause. It aims to raise money to support a charitable community service in the Wellington Region, the Downtown Community Ministry, by selling 850 bowls of soup.

WHEN: From now until mid-July 2015, Wellington potters are invited to make soup bowls for donation. Over the month of August 2015 your soup bowls will be purchased by patrons with donations going to a Community Service Group.

WHO: This year the Downtown Community Ministry (DCM) will receive the proceeds from the Empty Bowls project. The DCM's primary purpose is to support disadvantaged and marginalised people living around the Wellington region. Each year the DCM supports over 850 local people in the community. Therefore our target will be to make 850 soup bowls.

HOW: Local company managemyproperty will provide clay plus seeding fund for firing. WPA members and supporters will make 850 soup bowls.

Please contact Rebecca Flowerday on 027 279 9077 if you'd like to support this project.

See the notice board for further details or [www.http://www.emptybowls.org.nz](http://www.emptybowls.org.nz)



OTAKI POTTERY CLUB

Raku

For OPC members and those currently taking an Adult class.

25th July 10am - 4pm.

Clay to give away.

This is a white stoneware going back years. About 6 bags and some other recycled porcelain odds and ends. The clay was Roy Cowan's believe it or not and was given to me. Some bags still intact others getting dry.

Free to good home.

Ring ..Jenny Shearer
04 9052648.



'Start them young'

- thanks for the pic Stephanie.