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Greetings,

It's sort of steady as she goes at the moment. Plans and programmes the committee has agreed to are being implemented.

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Term two Adult classes are coming to an end and it will soon be time for people to enrol for term 3. If you are already in a class you have priority if you complete your form and re-enrol by July 8th. Margaret has people on the waiting list for most classes.

We have a long waiting list for wheel classes. Some people have patiently waited for a year to get into a class. The committee



Mary Begbie

decided that the best way to address this issue is to disband the Monday Night Challenge wheel class at the end of term 3. From term 4 Monday and Tuesday wheel classes will become wheel classes for beginners. We would like to run a wheel class during the day for beginners if we can find a tutor.

The present Monday night wheel class is a project-based programme and we are looking at ways to support participants to enable them to continue in a different structure in term 4.

We intend to set up the small drying room for bisque and glaze ware and use the shelves in the glazing room for glazes and glaze sample. It is important that you glaze and remove any pots by July 9th. We will have a clean up after this date and dispose of any work left on the shelves in both rooms.

With new legislation coming into force on April 1st the committee has established a sub-committee to implement any recommendations agreed to by the committee. Caitlin, Jeavons, Russell and Margaret comprise the sub-committee. Thank you to Diane Irwin and any others who have provided assistance. Please familiarise yourself with health and safety

information posted in the rooms. Please use gloves when glazing or handling materials. It is essential that you use a mask when using the spray booth. The club provides gloves; you need to provide your own mask.

Dates to Remember:

Margaret Hunt & Juliana Jarvie Exhibition 23rd June
Next Gas firing 14th July
Cleaning Bee 9th July
Club Raku: 10am - 3pm Shared lunch 16th July
Pit firing Spring

The second **Sgraffito Workshop** has been and gone. These workshops have been really successful so we look forward to seeing the final results when they come out of the glaze kiln. Vivian is coming back to do a glazing session with those who took part in both workshops.

This will be held on Saturday July 30th at 1pm.

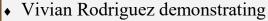












- Examples of sgraffito work
- See more photos next page.

The Glaze Workshop with Jenny Turnbull has started with a full compliment. This course is quite extensive; Jenny puts in a lot of preparation time to ensure and challenging programme. After eight sessions people should have a good foundation to build on.

The Friday Morning Class has been testing various club glaze combinations in the electric and gas kilns with some very exciting results. These should be available for the beginning of term 3.

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of Maurice Bennett in Wellington. Maurice was known as "the toast man" after his large murals made from pieces of toast. Maurice was a member of our club for some time. He was a keen raku man, we know him best for his raku fish.

Joy Snaddon is being moved from Horowhenua Hospital to a nursing home. This is quite distressing for her as she was looking forward to getting back to her own house. Joy has been diagnosed with Dementia. Joy gave a lot to the club over the years and we thank her for her contribution and wish her well. Margaret Hunt and Sheryl Julian are regular visitors.

Margaret Hunt (ceramics) and Juliana Jarvie (printmaking) have their exhibition opening at Artscape Gallery in Centennial Park Otaki this Thursday 23rd at 7pm; you are most welcome to come along.

The heat pumps are doing a great job! HAPPY POTTING.





Bruce Walford:

Making Waka using moulds

20th and 21st 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, mhunt@xtra.co.nz

Cleaning Bees 2016

Last Gas firing

Cleaning Bees will be held on: 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

- Pair of Specs left in the rooms if these are yours you will find them with the pens etc in office area.
- Club Raku 16th July 10am 3pm Shared Lunch
- **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.
- **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 ... no stools in the glazing room they are a hazard.

Please leave the rooms clean and tidy.