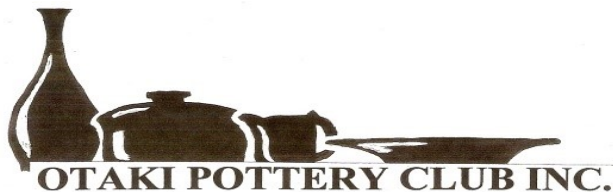




# Otaki Potters

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings!

Summer is over; so is daylight saving. The Easter eggs have all gone as well. Term two is upon us, or probably will be by the time you get this. Otaki College celebrated 60 years and we have been there for exactly half of it. A lot of people have passed through the club over its 30 years existence and all have made a contribution to its being. We need some current members to step up to help organise some sort of celebration. Contact Brent if you have ideas and are willing to help.

Now that the gates at the College are operational, I find that parking at the front of the school, near the tennis courts and walking in is the best option if you want to spend some time in the rooms while the College is in operation. For a quick pop in to drop things off or pick things up the 12 noon -12.15 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays is a good option.

At its meeting in April the committee agreed to proceed and negotiate a short term lease to assess the building at the race course and give members an opportunity to visit the premises. All going well this is likely to happen in July.

The mentoring group programme has been extended to give participants time to complete their project and present their completed dinnerware for evaluation and a pot luck dinner with Bruce Walford on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. I am still looking for a mentor for the next session.

If you are interested in attending the Erik Omundsen demonstration and/or hands-on workshop in November, please contact Margaret Hunt this month so we can decide whether or not that this workshop will proceed.

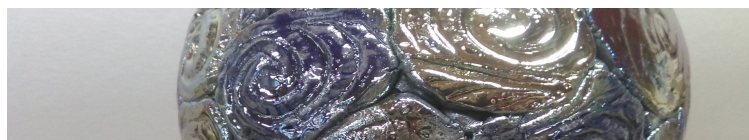
Some people in the mentoring group have been exploring and experimenting with Deco Glazes. There are a series of test samples laid out in the glazing room for members to

view for a short time. These glazes work best at either 1200 or 1220 degrees C on a white/pale clay. The plan is to make these glazes available to members to try while stocks last. We will produce an information sheet for people to follow to get the best results. We don't intend to provide Deco Glazes for general club use. Members can purchase these direct from Decopots in Palmerston North. If you need further help contact me or Paula Archibald.

Classes will recommence in the week beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>. I think all classes are full but if you need more information contact Margaret Hunt.

Because of restricted access we now need to arrange our clay and bulk supplies 3 months ahead so we begin term two well stocked. Thanks to David Timperley for doing the hard yakka.

Festival of Pots – if you are willing to take responsibility for a specific aspect of the festival please contact me this month. We need someone to manage the café (not do all the cooking); someone to look after security including parking; someone to manage cleaning, someone to manage the website, someone to organise the opening night and someone to liaise with the guest artists. You are not expected to do all the work but manage a group



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Pit Fire Workshops - 4 & 18 May, 9am to 1pm  
Next Gas Firing - Thursday 30 May

of volunteers.

Welcome to our newest members - Marie Mehèust, Trevor Wright and Michelle Gordon. We look forward to enjoying your company at the rooms.

Kaye has been given good news and is preparing to move house. Michelle is itching to get her hands back into clay so we hope to see her back in the rooms this term. Brent has done his babysitting duty in Australia. Caitlin continues her trip around Scandinavia and is due back at the end of May. Our condolences to Bonnie Wooller and family at the passing of her father recently.

So let's get those hands into clay.

Happy Potting,  
*Rod*

### OTHER NOTICES

- \* **Please check** to see if you have PW20 Bag numbers P329; P353 and P354 and contact Rod.
- \* **Missing!** - 2 black slip trailers from the glazing room. Please return asap.
- \* **Free** - one black plastic pallet. Contact Rod.
- \* **We need....** Newspaper and old towels.
- \* **Next gas firing** : 30 May. Pots to be on the shelves with clearly labelled tickets by noon 19 May.
- \* **CLUB DAY:** Sundays from 10am.

### NOTES FROM THE GLAZE TEAM

- Murray Hopping and Helen Walch

#### Safe handling of glazes during application

Some of our 1250/1260 glazes contain appreciable amount of toxic oxides and carbonates, most often those of barium, chromium, manganese, cobalt, copper, and lithium. We mark these glazes as being "Not Food Safe" and strongly recommend that they not be used inside bowls and other tableware used for food.

While OPC members take these warnings seriously, they happily mix and handle the same wet glazes with bare hands. Remember, you are responsible for your own safety when glazing pots. Please wear disposable gloves – we provide them free – and dispose of them after ONE use.

#### Glazes made in the past month

Low fire glazes (1080-1100 C) - lead bisilicate+chrome (yellow), Potters Palette+copper (Emerald), Potters Palette+chrome (Lime), Abbots Clear+copper (Very Pale Green), Abbots Clear+cobalt (Pale Cobalt Blue).

Other glazes – Cone 6 Shiny Clear (1200 C), Satin Black (1250 C), Abbots Clear and Abbots White (1100 to 1250 C).

Murray

*Hurry! - Last chance to register your interest!*

### ERIK OMUNDSON WHEEL WORKSHOP

Erik is from Hawaii and visiting New Zealand later in the year. We have been offered the opportunity to have him for a two-day workshop on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The first day will be a demonstration of making large pots and "loose" pots for 15 people. Day two will be a hands on workshop for 10 people. The fee for day one is \$35; for day two is \$40. For both days \$75.

Erik Omundson heads Donkey Hill Arts and Ceramic Department in Hawaii. In 1995 he came to New Zealand to be Mike O'Donnell's apprentice at Tarariki Pottery in Paeroa. In 1997 he worked as Barry Brickell's thrower and wood kiln firer. At Driving Creek Erik produced a

formidable amount of work both sculptural and domestic. He stayed 13 years then returned to the US.

You can go online and see some of his work.

If you would like to attend this workshop please register your interest. We need to determine if there is enough support to proceed.

Please contact Margaret Hunt at [mhunt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz)  
Phone 06 364 8053 or 0274 502 726.





*Some great work from some of our members -*





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Property Maintenance: Brent Craig and Russell Kitto

Keys: Stephanie Tidman

Clay: David Timperley



### *An opportunity to work with children -*

*Adi Leason at Witohu School has invited us to help with a clay project with year 6 students. Working with children is great fun and if **you** are interested, please let Rod know and he will give you the details.*

*Thank you!*

### **OPC Website - help needed**

We badly need a volunteer to maintain the Club Website.

If you would like to help in this way, please contact Rod or Caitlin when she returns from her travels. 😊

### **REMINDER**

Please ensure that **the rooms and equipment are left clean and tidy** and that all lights are off and windows closed when you leave.

**If you need clay**, please contact Rod (0274 457 545) or Margaret (027 450 2726).