

Otaki Potters

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Greetings!

I can almost hear the rustle of Christmas paper being ripped off presents. THAT time of the year is looming up again.

Brent is back in fine form after being well travelled and what an adventure he had. See the newspaper article on the notice board.

The **Kapiti Arts Trail** has been and gone; great to hear that some of our potters did really well.

If you want to join us at the **Christmas Doo** you need to register and pay by 24th November. It would be good to see you there. Partners are welcome.

Our two major events are coming up. The **Public Raku** focusses on getting people involved and promoting the club rather than being a fund raising activity. We keep it affordable for families and try to make it a fun day for everyone. The Festival of Pots and Garden Art is our fund raiser for the year as well as giving members an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work. We hope that we can rely on your support.

We have the **Public Raku** on December 5th. Thank you to those who have got in behind this project. We hope all members will contribute in some way. Beryl has been ringing around and making up the rosters. We still need people to cover pots coming out of the kilns so if you are not on the list and would like to help please contact Beryl or me. **We do need donations of pots** for the club stall so if you have contributions please leave them in the marked boxes in the drying room.



Orb by
Colleen de Vere

The kilns have been working at capacity so it is important that you have your work in for the **Festival of Pots and Garden Art** in plenty of time. Firings will continue through the holiday break.

We have a very dynamic committee working on the festival and it's quite energising to be part of such an enthusiastic team.

Right now you can show your support by getting the postcards and posters out to places far and wide, through social media etc and of course contributing work. We hope every member will have work on display. If you need advice with pricing etc contact Brent, there will be people available to help.

There is now a baby grand piano at Anam Cara which is available if we have competent pianists. If that's you or someone you know could you please contact me. I think it would be great to have local talent providing some entertainment during the Festival.

After doing a stock take we have decided to change the way we sell and record clay. As from December 1st clay will need to be paid for at the time of purchase. If you cannot get your clay supplies at the designated times (club day) you will need to

Dates to Remember :

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| ♦ Christmas Doo | 27th November |
| ♦ Public Raku | 5th December |
| ♦ Cleaning bee | 12th December |

ring me or Margaret Hunt and arrange a time to meet at the rooms. Clay prices will be listed on the website www.otakipotteryclub.org and a list of the clay stock and prices can be emailed if you contact Caitlin. NB: Students will be able to purchase during class times

Kaye and Jeavons have been doing great work in re-cataloguing the library and plan to have it on the website by the end of the year. It will also include a list of the clubs DVD's. There is a catalogue of the Clubs Dvd's (which also includes a synopsis of the Dvd) in the library. The Dvd's are available from Margaret Hunt.

Don't miss the Friday morning **class's exhibition** at the Otaki Library. A great effort Margaret and the team.

Congratulations to **Ern** who now has 87 candles on his birthday cake.

Recently we joined David Simmonds and his family to farewell Jean, an amazing lady who overcame adversity to achieve what she set her heart upon. A life well lived; we will miss Jean, she was a great supporter of the club. Our thoughts are with you David.
- Rod.

3 x pots by Diane Irwin



May Hastings



Helen Welch



Molly and her Bird
- Thursday night class.



Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2016



Anam Cara,
150 Rangioru Rd, Otaki.

Saturday 23rd - 31st January 2016.

Opening Night 22nd January 7pm

The goal of the festival is to provide a great experience for the visitors while promoting potters and artists in their work.

This will be the eighth festival organised by the Otaki Pottery Club. Last year over 3000 people visited the event, paying a small entry fee - school aged children admitted free. The entry fee included a raffle ticket and this year the prizes include a Fiona Tunnicliffe piece. Sales were up on the previous year and we are hoping to increase those results again this time by encouraging more artists, showing a wider range of work and increasing visitor numbers.

We look forward to seeing you there.

WANTED

Plinths: We need additional **plinths** for the Festival. If you have any that we can borrow please contact Maureen on 3640577

Pianist: There is a beautiful grand piano at Anam Cara needing a pianist to liven up the rooms during the Festival. If you can play with more than 2 fingers or know of any one who would be willing please contact Brent.

CHRISTMAS DOO



Byron's Restaurant

Friday November 27th.

Drinks: 6.30, Dinner 7pm. \$35 per head.

Associate members and partners welcome.

Register with payment either to Joy or by writing your names on the list beside the door.

Christmas Hams.

Payment with order to Rod please. Orders close December. 2nd.

Information in rooms or contact Rod.



Anneke Borren's Annual " OPEN WEEKEND"

..... is going to be held on the **last weekend of November**, as is her tradition 27 28 29, *Fri. Sat. Sun. From 10a.m. Till 7 p.m.*

She exhibits all her pots outside, weather permitting, as well as inside her Lockwood house, which means you can see her valued collection of New Zealand pottery, built up over the 50 plus years of her career.

Also her display cases of " the first of the idea" her own work, starting from her first pot, when she was twelve!

Wholesale prices straight from the studio to the client.

Eftpos , and cash accepted, as well as the old fashioned cheque.

Limited parking at the top, for drop off only please, otherwise an invigorating walk with a gorgeous view to compensate for the effort, at arrival.

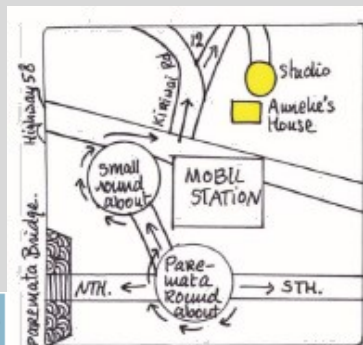
ANNEKE BORREN

12 KIRIWAI RD.

PAREMATA

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Turn right on the roundabout, before the Mana bridge, the road behind the Mobil station is Kiriwai rd., up the hill.



All work is for sale and may be taken home immediately.
EFTPOS, CASH & CHEQUES ACCEPTED

INVITATION TO: Anneke Borren's 'OPEN STUDIO' 2015

View her New Zealand
ceramic collection in-house

FRI 27/SAT 28/SUN 29 NOVEMBER
10am-6pm daily



WHERE:

12 Kiriwai Rd, Paremata, Porirua City

Of interest.....

- ❑ **Barry Brickell interview on RNZ [postcast](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/spectrum/audio/201776571/barry-brickell-turns-80)**

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- ❑ And another link to:
a [delightful story about an innovative ceramics teacher](http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-34775411),
<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-34775411>

When it comes to creating a great work of art, practice makes perfect, writes Matthew Syed.

A design college in the United States has just started a new exhibition about creativity, which will run till January. It is called "Permission to Fail". The curator asked a group of 50 prestigious designers and illustrators to send in their mess-ups, rough drafts and preliminary sketches so that they could be put on display.



War Horse -
Judy Page



Michelle Read



Children's workshop

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2016



Christmas is almost upon us. My family will be arriving soon to take over the house and my time. It'll be great to have them around, but there will definitely be no time for potting. So I have to be prepared now.

I guess that you're all in a similar situation, so travel safe and have a great festive season.

The Festival of Pots and Garden Art is not until Wellington Anniversary weekend, but you should be preparing yourself for displaying and selling your craft now. Presentation is important. Follow the Festival of Pots website for information on what is required of you. Biz has been doing a great job keeping it updated.

Don't be shy about displaying and selling your Pots. Remember that you are probably your own worst critic. There's always someone out there who would love to have your creation. It doesn't matter what skill level you have. The Festival is for everyone. As well as being a fund raiser, It's an opportunity for you all to participate.

The rosters for the Festival have been displayed in the Club rooms, for you to fill in the time slots that suit you. You'll also be contacted by the various team leaders. We really need your help. The funds that we raise allow us to keep the Club subscriptions down, as well as having provided kilns, wheels. Next year we're looking at updating the heating system in the rooms with a heat pump system.

The Festival committee is quietly working behind the scenes to ensure that all runs smoothly: Advertising; equipment; contacts; guest speakers; contracts etc. It'll be great.

Cheers
Brent

Festival Committee

Brent Craig	- Convener
Ann Porter	- Accounts
Marion Mealings	- Gate and Sales
Paula Archibald	- Café
Maureen Hunter	- Indoor Display
Biz Hayman	- Website



A collection of work
from the last gas firing

Last one for the Year !

Cleaning Bee.

12th December 2015.

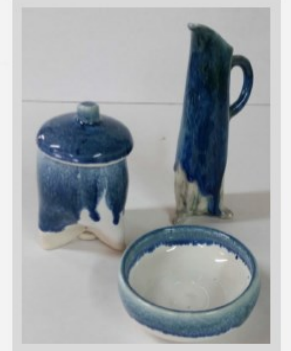
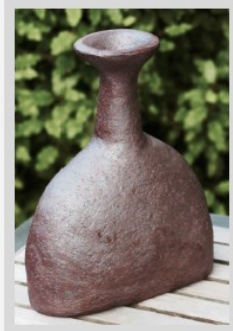
Rosters are on the noticeboard. If you put your name down please let Stephanie know if you cannot come

Otaki Pottery Club

Would like to invite you to an exhibition at the Otaki Library showcasing work by students of Margaret Hunt.

16th November - 7th December.

Weekdays : 9am - 5pm Saturday : 9am - 4pm



The exhibits include some of the different techniques the class has studied over several years. This includes various handbuilding and wheel thrown work decorated using Lithography, Sgraffito, Water etching, Textures, coloured clays, slips glazes and oxides. The work has been fired in Gas or Electric kilns, Raku or Pit fired .



Photos of the exhibition.



Notices

- A reminder to those who enrolled for the **Kay Bazzard Workshops** in February and March next year need to pay by the end of November to secure your place.
- Our **financial year ends** on 30th December. All outstanding money owing to the club needs to be paid before this date.
- **Please Respect Class times**
 Monday: 3.30-5pm
 Monday 7-9pm
 Tuesday: 7-9
 Thursday: 7-9pm
 Friday: 9.30 – 12.30

} While Monday is a club day/ night if you are not part of the class please be considerate.

NB: Should you have a reason where you need to enter the rooms during the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday classes please contact the tutors.

Dragon - Murray Hopping



Duncan Smith



The OPC Public Raku



will be held on the
5th December.

We need as much support from members as we can get to make this a great day.

Orbs - Bonnie Wooller...
for the fops raffle



Notice from the Accounts team *Rabbit with a Carrot*

Please can you advise Accounts (Ann Porter or Joy Snaddon) or leave a note on the notice board if you made a **"Rabbit with a carrot"** or if you were in the **Fiona Tunnicliffe workshop** and know who made this. Unfortunately someone else was charged for the firing costs so it needs to be rectified.

WE are still looking for...

The clubs black painted wooden boards to display work on in exhibitions. Unfortunately these have been borrowed or misplaced and we need to find them. If you can help out please contact me or Kaye Stead.