

Otaki Potters

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Greetings

This is the time of the year when energy levels rise and people seem to come to life. This has been evident in the rooms. The place has been buzzing and the kilns are working to capacity. Members on the **Kapiti Arts Trail** are well and truly into it and it is heartening to see people actively working towards the Festival of Pots and Garden Art.

The **Public Raku** on Saturday December 6th and **The Festival of Pots and Garden Art** are two major club events coming up which require your support.

Beryl is preparing the rosters for the **Public Raku**. We hope all members will be available to help in some way so please keep the date free and make yourself available. If you can't help on the day perhaps you could assist with baking for the food stall.

If you can help distribute posters please collect them from the clubrooms and just write on the sheet where you intend to put them. If you are prepared to put one in the window of your car that would be helpful.

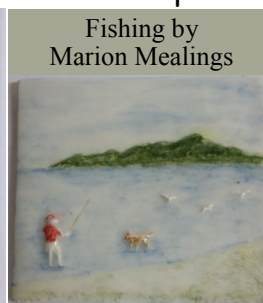
We need help with making pots so if you are willing to take clay home please let me know and I will leave some out.

We particularly need wheel pots, cylindrical shapes are better than bowls and plates. We also need pots for the club stall. If you are prepared to make something please put "OPC" on the bottom and we will credit you for clay and firing.

The Festival of Pots and Garden Art will be held at Anam Cara, January 23rd to 30th. There is no limit to the number of pots you can put in but we do hope every member will exhibit at least one piece. You should have received information regarding the event along with registration details. You will get an update soon requesting your confirmation to participate. In the meantime it is important to let people know it's coming up. There is promotional material in a box near where you sign in. We need to get these out to cafes, libraries, work places etc. so we need



Kereru by
Diane Irwin



Fishing by
Marion Mealings

Dates to Remember :

- ◆ **Term 4 Adult classes resume week of** 28th October
- ◆ **Kapiti Arts Trail - weekends of** 31st Oct/ 1st Nov
7 th Nov& 8th Nov
- ◆ **Christmas Doo** 27th November
- ◆ **Public Raku** 5th December
- ◆ **Cleaning bee** 12th December

your help with this. Can as many people as possible get it onto social media? The Festival of Pots website and Otaki Pottery Club website have been updated; please check them out and share.

<http://www.otakipotteryclub.org/>

<http://www.festivalpots.com/>

...also on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/festivalpots>

The convenors of the various areas of responsibility are meeting this week then we will start to make up rosters. We have included a list of convenors so if you have a preference you can contact them otherwise someone will tap you on the shoulder before Christmas.

Brent Craig	- Convener
Marion Mealings	- Gate and Sales
Paula Archibald	- Café
Maureen Hunter	- Display

Our **Christmas Doo** this year will again be held at Byron's on Friday November 27th. There is a cash bar. Members, associate members and partners are welcome. It's a great way to meet other members and celebrate the Christmas Season. Please register early and pay when you put your name on the list (or contact Joy).

Over the years the club has been blessed with people coming into the area with expertise that they are willing to share with others. Recently Biz Hayman and Graham Rockett became members. Biz has a doctorate in design and has a particular interest in ceramics. Biz is one of those people who needs a project to get their teeth into so she volunteered to upgrade and manage our websites and also act as the liaison between the club and exhibitors for the Festival. Her enthusiasm and creative energy is inspiring.

Graham has 27 years of managing ceramics departments in tertiary institutions the UK. He is highly skilled and knowledgeable all aspects of ceramics. He and his wife Helen live at Waikanae Beach. Graham is currently working in administration at The Learning Connection.

Jean Simmonds is unwell and in hospital so our thoughts are with her and David.

Sadly, May Hasting's mum died recently. May's mum would often come and sit in the Friday morning class while May potted away. Our thoughts are with May also.

Don't forget the Kapiti Arts Trail on the first two weekends in November; brochures are available in the rooms. Whanganui Potters are also having their Pots in the Garden on the first weekend.

HAPPY POTTING.



Sandra Sinclair.



June Hogan.



***Lisa Seymour is our new cleaner
and she is doing a great job.***

Lisa comes in for two and a half hours once a fortnight on a Sunday morning. It is important that members keep the rooms clean and tidy between her cleaning sessions.

Jenny Daysh

has sent us a card. You can find it on the noticeboard.



Judy Page

WE are still looking for...

The club's 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.

Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2016



Anam Cara,
150 Rangiuuru 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 were 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.



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.

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2016

So you want to exhibit & sell your pottery ?

Can we help? Probably not, but we know people who can.

We've done it a few times and have been through the highs & lows associated with any process which involves exhibiting & selling.

What we'd like to offer is:

- ❑ help labelling & pricing your items.
- ❑ How best to display them.
- ❑ Offering you cards on which you can write your own details & prices, & then have them laminated (for a small fee- Cost of the laminate).
- ❑ How to write up your biography (so, people will know who you are).

The countdown has begun, and we're going to need your help.

Shortly you will be contacted and asked if you can help. Saturday & Sunday are the busiest days (& Anniversary Monday). Please give whatever time you can, as it all contributes. (remember: it's better than selling raffle tickets). There is a small team operating quietly behind the scenes to make it happen.

It's all for the benefit of the Club, and with the prospect of replacing our electric heaters with a heat pump in the near future. Everything we do to raise \$\$'s helps, and save our annual power bill.

Lastly. It just takes that first step. That first sale. To give you confidence in the fact that your hard artistic work is appreciated by others.

Brent - Convenor



<http://www.tlc.ac.nz/enrolment/scholarships/>

The Learning Connexion in Lower Hutt about **the availability of study scholarships...** so necessary given the cost of study and the enormous student debt amounts resulting through study these days!

"Just to let you all know that scholarship applications are open for the month of October.

The online application form will become live to the end of October on this link:

<http://www.tlc.ac.nz/enrolment/scholarships/>

If you know anyone who may be interested in studying and finances are holding them back, please let them know about this great opportunity."

- Cheers Graham Rockett



Paula Archibald

Mahara Gallery...

..is showcasing a number of artists from the region including **Margaret Hunt, Michelle Retimana and Liz Earth.** It is well worth checking this exhibition out.

Mahara Arts Review

2015

You are warmly invited to the opening of Mahara Arts Review 2015 at Mahara Gallery on Saturday 3rd October at 5pm



Diane Connal, Brett's head on black pillow



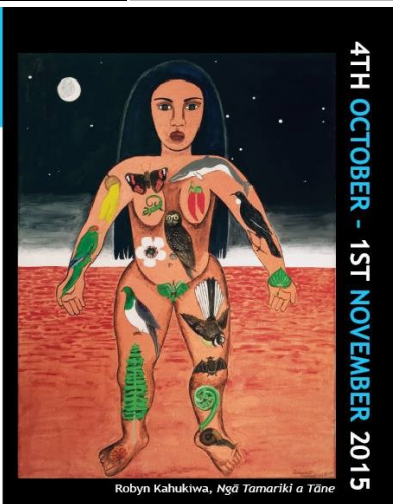
Phil Quinn, Remembrance

Six Artist's Awards selected by guest curators Brian Wood and Lyndsay Knowles will be announced, and have been generously supported by the following sponsors:

Open Award \$1,000 by Sir Noel Robinson
Highly Commended \$500 by John Mowbray
Student Award \$250 by Barry Herbert
3D Award \$200 by Kapiti Signs
2D Award \$200 by Artel Gallery + Store
Special Merit Award \$200 by Picture Perfect Framing

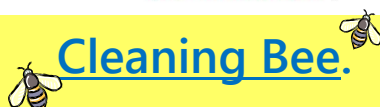


Linda Mikkelsen



Robyn Kahukiwa, Ngā Tamariki a Tāne

Last one for the Year !



12th December 2015.

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



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.

We need:

- ⇒ Donations of baking
- ⇒ Donations of pots for Colleen's stall.
- ⇒ People to help with the food stall
- ⇒ People to help with the firings
- ⇒ People to manage the display / marketing stalls



**CERAMICUS
2015**

Guest Selector + Exhibitor
JENNIFER TURNBULL



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**OCTOBER NOVEMBER
2015**

New Zealand Portrait Gallery
Shed 11, Wellington Waterfront

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLAY WORKSHOP TERM 4

Mondays 3.45 – 5pm Children 5 - 7yrs. 4 sessions. \$20 per child.

- ◆ Fee covers all costs for workshop.
- ◆ Payment with enrolment please.
- ◆ Workshop commences the week beginning 28th September.

To enrol contact: Margaret Hunt
mhunt@xtra.co.nz 06 - 364 8053.



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Kāpiti Arts Trail 2015

Timing: The Trail will run over two weekends – the first two weekends of November.

Dates: Saturday 31 October & Sunday 1 November; and Saturday 7 November & Sunday 8 November.

Be sure to mark these dates in your diary and for updates go to:

<http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/whats-on/things-to-do-in-kapiti/Kapiti-Arts-Trail/>

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