

Otaki Potters

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Greetings!

Spring has sprung and we are fast heading into the "Busy Season". We have our **Club Raku** for members and adult students on the 16th October, the **Kapiti Arts Trail** follows on the last weekend of October and the first weekend in November.

On the second weekend in November we have the **Pit firing** at Awatea Lodge for members and adult students. The pit goes down at 10am on the Saturday and is opened at 5pm on the Sunday followed by a pizza party. You need to register for this event as it will only go ahead if there is enough interest. You can add your name to the list on the wall behind the wheels or email Margaret mhunt@xtra.co.nz.



Duncan Smith

The **Public Raku** will be held on Saturday 3rd December. Mike and Judy Page are working with Beryl to convene this event. This is our annual "hands – on " pottery event for the community. We rely on member's support so you will be contacted soon so that rosters can be made up and tasks allocated. If you are new to the club this year we welcome your participation; it's

a great way to work with other members.

By now, if you exhibited last year, you will have received a communication concerning the **Festival of Pots and Garden Art**. Arrangements are in full swing and it won't be long before you are contacted as rosters are prepared. The most important thing is not to leave the firing of your work to the last minute. We encourage all members to participate. If you need help or advice don't hesitate to ask. Posters will be available before the Arts Trail. There are cards available in the rooms now. Potters throughout New Zealand are welcome to exhibit.

Greg Barron and his wife Jin Ling from Whangarei are our guest potters for this Festival. The exciting news is that Greg has agreed to run a two day workshop during the first week of the festival. Greg is a master potter and has won prestigious ceramics awards. While the prime aim is to attract potters from the lower North Island to the event, it is a great opportunity for our members to see a master potter at work.

Adult Classes are coming to an

Dates to Remember :

Cleaning Bee	24th September
Childres Workshop	27th September
Next Gas firing	13 th October
Raku	15th October
Pit firing	12th and 13th November

end for the term. Current participants have priority for term 4 if enrolment and payment is made in the last class for this term. Classes commence on 17th October.

There are two **children's holiday workshops** on Tuesday 27th September. The rooms will be closed to members.

There are still vacancies in the cleaning bee on 24th September and there are only 15 places on the cleaning bee on December 15th. We are going to have a cleaning roster for the toilet, which we have access to courtesy of Otaki College. Some people may prefer to do their cleaning bee this way. Cleaning once a week for 4 weeks. Jeavons has bagged October. November and December are up for grabs; contact Stephanie or put your name on the roster which will be on the notice board soon.

Thank you to those who provided the committee with feedback on the **Courses Policy**. All letters and emails are tabled, discussed and acknowledged. The committee ratified the policy



Margaret Hunt

on September 15th. and it will be implemented in January 2017. There is a copy on the wall behind the slab roller and some near the sign in book. Email copies are available on request from Caitlin: otakipotteryclub@gmail.com.

The missing toilet key hasn't turned up, but we now have a replacement in a new location behind the door. The College would like us to make every effort to locate the missing key.

Thank you to those who bring in newspaper and ice cream containers. We still need sheets, rugs, or blankets to protect the plinths.

Gas firings, until the Festival, will be held when there is sufficient work on the shelves.

You can do your bit by cleaning up after yourself and leaving the place clean and tidy. Please remember to wipe down benches with a wet sponge THEN wipe down with a dry towel. Please put glaze buckets away and mop the floor in the glaze room. Thanks.

If any member living in Otaki has ready access to a trailer that the club can use on the odd occasion, could you please contact me?

To Biz, Jude, David Styles and anyone else who have had an operation or an illness, we wish you a very speedy recovery.

I did enjoy the first episode of The Great Pottery Throw Down. I hope that you managed to catch it. - Rod



Monday morning beginners wheel class with Linette. Michelle Reid and Stephanie's terracotta cylinders.

Festival of Pots 2017

Dear Otaki Pottery Club member,

I wish to encourage you all to join us at the Festival of Pots and Garden Art. The dates are the 21st – 29th January 2017 (Wellington Anniversary weekend), at Anam Cara, 150 Rangiora Road, Otaki.

I encourage you to display & offer your pottery for sale. Don't be shy. You're probably the worst critic of your own creations, anyway. But you'll find that a discerning purchaser will treasure it. You just have to find the courage to take that first step & start selling your creations. We've all been there.

Anam Cara is a wonderful environment for such a beginning. All exhibitors have the same opportunities. There are a wide range of skill levels represented & no one is excluded. It's also a great opportunity for the Otaki Pottery Club to gain a higher profile in the art world of our region.

We have received many accolades from members of the Public, praising the Festival of Pots, for its location, timing, variety of exhibits and an atmosphere that encourages them to look forward to this yearly event. It has created a great profile for the Club & its members.

The Club benefits from the income generated which has enabled us to purchase new equipment, like the heat pumps, and the new Shippo" wheels. More importantly we can keep your fees down to an affordable level. I remember trying to sell (or rather buying my own) books of raffle tickets. I hated it, as did many others.

Help is also required with the running of the Festival. You will be approached by a committee member, and asked to contribute some of your time. There has been a tireless team working behind the scenes ensuring that everything should run smoothly. Shortly there will be a blank roster on the clubroom wall, asking for you to select a 3 hour slot that suits you. If you have any skills; such as data imputing, cleaning the building daily, baking, etc please contact me.

I know you joined the Club to be a "potter", and this Festival could be seen as outside "our brief", but the benefits to you, far out way the negatives. (remember no raffle tickets to sell!!!)

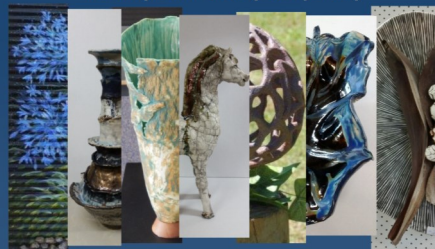
Help is available to assist you with the "mystery" of pricing & labelling of your pots for sale. Check our website: festivalpots@gmail.com. Or: contact either myself or a member of the OPC committee.

I really wish to encourage you to join your Club at the Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2017.

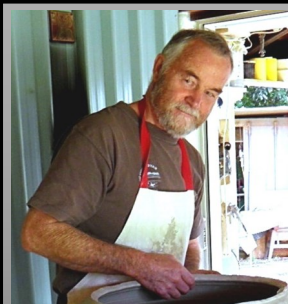
Cheers.

Brent Craig (Convenor).

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2017
Saturday 21st - Sunday 29th January



www.festivalpots.com
Anam Cara, 150 Rangiora Rd, Otaki



OTAKI POTTERY CLUB Inc.

Presents in conjunction with the Festival of Pots and Garden Art

Greg Barron *Master Potter*
2 DAY WORKSHOP

JANUARY 2017
23rd & 24th
10am - 4pm

Outline of Workshop - This is a demonstration workshop only.

The workshop will include demonstrating throwing techniques; making larger forms, followed by manipulation, altering and decorating. Also making of smaller works, incising, texturing and other surface treatments. During the workshop Greg will discuss his approach to clay and glaze technology – quite basic and easily understood. Along with production of clay he uses in his workshop from local deposits. Building of workshop equipment including kilns, spray booths, pug mills, blungers etc. Lots of question and answer time will be available. There will also be a slide show of Greg's work showing his personal development over time. It will include material from time spent travelling and working as a potter in China, showing both the historic and modern aspects of Chinese ceramics.

Members \$90.00 Non Members \$115.00 - Full payment with enrolment. Non refundable portion \$25.00

Contact for enrolments:

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Notices

- ♦ We need **newspaper** and **ice-cream containers**.
- ♦ **Raku**. For club members and adult classes. Saturday October 15th, 10am – 3pm. Shared lunch.
- ♦ Next **Gas firing** : When there is enough to fill a kiln.
- ♦ **For sale**: 4 Cowley **electric wheels** in good condition. Contact Warren Baillie 027 251 4767
- ♦ **Monday club night has moved** to Friday night due to the increase in the wheel class size.
- ♦ Please remember to park in **designated carparks**. There is no parking on the gravel area outside the rooms or next to the old kiln shed.

Please leave the rooms clean and tidy.



Plates - Jenny Turnbull

CLUB RAKU

Raku firing - October 15th

Club members and Adult class students
10 - 3pm - shared lunch

Blankets needed

Any old blankets or fabric pieces that are suitable to wrap the new plinths in to protect them while in storage and when being transported.

