

Otaki Potters

May 2024

Dear members, as we lead up to the AGM, I take this time to reflect over the past year and can only be staggered at where we are now. I take my hat off to you all for contributing to making this one of the best clubs in New Zealand.

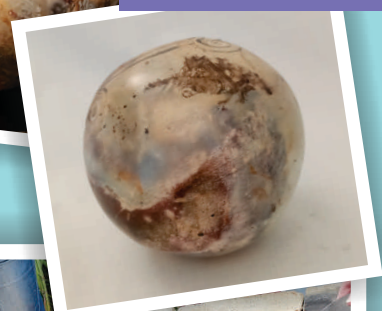
At our last committee meeting it was with great sorrow that we acknowledged 2 resignations. Allie (secretary) and Jenny (education) who have contributed so much to the sound running of the club and I know that even though life has meant that they can no longer give the extra time to the management of the club that they will continue to care for the club in the ways that they can. The committee is delighted that Katherine Joyce-Kellaway has now joined the management team. Brings me to nominations! These will be open for Committee officers' positions soon. If you are interested or wish to nominate someone and are unsure of the process, please have a chat to either Sue or myself. I thank those who have come to me recently to enquire about how they might help the club.

The club held 2 events for its members recently- the pit firing held in Te Horo and the Raku at the club. Both these events were well attended and there were some spectacular results. Thank you to Rod and Paula for managing the pit firing – as always with these two much was learnt. And big thanks to Shona for holding yet another very successful and very well organised Raku.

I want to thank Elizabeth Charleton for her weekly "Things You Need To Know". Elizabeth is doing a wonderful job gathering the information to keep us all informed on what the week/month holds. Please do read as it contains very important club notices including a timely reminder to pay your subs.



PIT FIRING





Photos! We have been advised that as times are changing, we need to be careful about publishing photos, only publishing if the artists have given their permission. We are working on a way that we can simplify this for the club and will be in touch soon with a way forward on this. The Gallery contract will be changing and will need you to agree (or not) to the publication of photos of your work.

Kath has done another amazing round of talks with KCDC in relation to the continuing funding of the Star Glaze event. A big thank you to Kath and to Sue and Rod for their convening of this. See website for details.

Paula Archibald and Sarah Bromley will run the children's classes privately this term or until the understanding on which the club runs these is resolved.

Adult Classes resume in a week with most of the classes full.

Thank you Derryn for enrolling the club in the Arts trail – some time away but the paperwork needs to be done as those of you who will be exhibiting well know.

We are sad to learn Bruce will be leaving us, and New Zealand, to build on his life in Australia. Bruce has been an inspiration to many of the clubs' members and we will deeply miss him. He has offered to run a few informal mold making, and wheel demonstration get-togethers so keep an eye on TYNTK and the website for information.

We have a vintage car club visiting us on the 30th of May for a clay play date. Sue and Derryn will be managing but if you would like to help, please contact either of them.

Jenny Rose who many of you will know as a long-time member of the club has donated her pottery equipment to us. This also very generously includes her raku kiln. We are grateful to Jenny Rose and look forward to seeing her in the rooms again soon.

We continue to battle our rubbish problem. One condition of the funding we received enabling us



KAKU



Karens image on one of Harriets pieces

to tidy up and fence the recycling area was that we would also make sure we presented a good face in the grounds of the Otaki Maori Racing club. This we are not doing. We need someone to take this area of responsibility on – Rod cannot and should not do everything. Solutions are, possibly, to improve the rubbish systems in the rooms and set up a better rubbish collection system. Is there someone willing to take this on please.

Thank you to Jeavons, Ian and Anne for installing the shade cloth on the fence.

The driveway has stalled – our contractor has run into staffing problems. Rob is liaising with him, and we hope to have this completed soon. Thank you for your patience here.

On a positive note, the committee accepted a quote for the painting of the building. We will update you with start dates soon.

Wishing you all well and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Caitlin



Great estimation of shrinkage by Graham on this pot with black Tenmoku base



Pit fired work by Paula

Star Glaze Festival - 28-30th June. This will open with a Dawn ceremony at 6am on the 28th. There will be awards for most interesting displays, emerging artist, and a special Matariki award. Register early. \$60 per space, Commission 15%. Please refer to the website for complete information and registration form.

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CELEBRATES MATARIKI

Star
GLAZE

MID WINTER CERAMICS FESTIVAL
JUNE 28 -30, 2024 | 10AM - 4PM
ŌTAKI RACECOURSE

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We are grateful to Bot Pots for their generous support of our Star Glaze awards this year. Let's extend our appreciation to this wonderful company by showing our support.

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Supplying everything from raw glaze materials to top quality kilns, our physical and online shop is like a potter's candy store. The friendly team are all potters and run studios themselves, so they understand what you need to get the best out of your precious creative time and materials.

Our newest brands include Mudtools and Keane midfire clays alongside our original great products: Nidec (Shimpo) wheels and kilns; Laguna, Primo and Macs Mud clays; Coyote, Abbots and Terracolor glazes; Frema slab rollers and tools; and of course, Potclays kilns and clay from the famous Stoke on Trent itself.

Hop onto the website and get inspired and if you're ever in the area, pop into the Bot Pots shop and see the team – we'd love to meet you and hear about your pottery journey!

RAKU POT MAKING Friday 3 May from 5:30pm

With our public Raku event scheduled for December, we need to make sure there is enough bisqueware available to sell on the day. Please come along to the clubrooms on Friday 3 May for an evening of fun, fish and chips and pot/flatware making.

We need people who can make small pots/vases and flatware (templates provided). There will be plenty of clay for everyone and to say thanks we'll have fish and chips for dinner – please sign up so we know how many to order dinner for 😊.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Message from Elisabeth

Kia ora,

I hope this email finds you well...a quick update on art events for 2024!

My most recent exhibition 'The Kilns Project,' is in the last month of exhibition at Toi Mahara Gallery in Waikanae, closing date is 28th April. Here is a link to my exhibition pieces and research portfolio for those who can not make it: <https://elisabethvullings.co.nz/the-kilns-project/>

This coming weekend I am part of the Wellington Art Show, a 3 day event showcasing around 100 artists, held at the Takina Centre in Wellington (opposite Te Papa). I will have a range of new and recent paintings for sale and will be on site for the entire weekend. The VIP preview and opening celebration is Friday 19th April (tickets are still available but selling fast!) and show days are Saturday 20th (10am - 8pm) and Sun 21st (10am - 4pm). Here is the link for tickets: <https://tickets.theartshow.co.nz/buy-wellington-tickets>

And lastly.....our whanau (Rory, the kids and I), are heading overseas from mid July - October, 2024, on our big OE, reconnecting with relatives, travelling around Europe and gathering inspiration for future art works. I will be back (just) in time to open my studio for the Kapiti Coast Arts Trail in November where I will be exhibiting a range of new works - paintings and ceramics.

I would love to see you at any of these events if you can make it! Alternatively, if you would like to visit my studio on the Kapiti Coast before we leave in July just flick me an email or give me a bell and we can easily arrange a visit.

*Nga mihi nui,
Elisabeth Vullings (Lissy)*

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ROOMS **Manager Needed**

SOCIAL MEDIA Wendi Lindsay

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Children/Youth Derryn Robson

TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

This months exhibitors

Potter: Harriet Bright
Artist: Karen Stevens

Featuring pottery, drawings
and collaborative pieces

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

New Members: Welcome to Tracy Riley
Tania Hannah, Jackie Haddow, Marci Tackett,
Allanah Kalafatelis, Siana Butterfield, Jen
Corbett, Amanda Wood, Rachael Hennan
and Richard Dann

Friday 3rd May - Community Raku Bisque-
making evening

Saturday 4th May - Cleaning Bee 10am start

Monday 6th May - Term 2 classes start this
week

Saturday 11th May - Downdraft Gas firing

Saturday 18th May - Bonsai workshop

Sunday 19th May - Pit Firing with Chris Dunn
Session 1

Sunday 19th May - AGM 3.30pm at the club
rooms

Saturday 8th June - Garden Orbs workshop

Friday 28th June - Star Glaze Dawn
ceremony 6am

