

The Canterbury Potter

Newsletter of Canterbury Potters' Association

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What's coming up...

Soup night and mug/bowl swap Wed 31 July 6.30

Soup provided - please bring a bowl or mug to swap, and something sweet to share.

Gas and raku firing

5 October all day

This will be your last chance to gas fire or raku your work for our exhibition!

CPA Exhibition receiving day

Thu 10 October 11am-1pm and 6-8pm

CPA Selection day

Fri 11 October all day

Selector's workshop

12 and 13 October

CPA Exhibition Opening

Wed 13 November

Canterbury Museum Visitors' Lounge

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Thu 14 - Sun 24 November

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End of year celebration and class exhibition

Sun 1 December 2-4 pm

For all students and members, bring some of your class work to show and enjoy afternoon tea with fellow potters.

Christmas pottery market

Sunday in December 10-3pm

Hugely successful for two years now, here's your chance to showcase and sell your work.

Soup night and mug/bowl swap



Wednesday 31 July at 6.30

Join us for our popular mid-winter event. Bring a hand-crafted soup bowl or mug to swap. It could be one you have made, one you have in your collection or a thrift shop or market find!

We will provide four soups so all preferences will be catered for. Bread is also provided.

What to bring:

- A bowl or mug to swap
- A soup spoon
- Something sweet to share for after

We look forward to your company!

THE LOWDOWN -

things you need to know

Welcome to CPA

New members to join us over the past few weeks: David Coster and Chris Moir, Dot Maguire, Kelly McPhail, Bleuette Hille, Paolo Brozzo, and Yutak Son. We hope you enjoy your time with us!

New committee members and office bearers

It was great to see so many members at our AGM last month. New members elected to the committee are Jacqui Overton, Donna Willocks and Angela Williams. Thanks to existing committee, Secretary Sharon Worthington and Treasurer Ann Goldfarb for agreeing to continue their roles. We now have a two-for-one deal President, with Ngarita Wight and Trish Morant agreeing to share the role. On behalf of the club, we would also extend our sincere thanks to Darren Saunders as he steps down as President for the past three years. Darren, we all appreciate your hard work and commitment to the club – not to mention your unique sense of humour! (The extra work undertaken as a result of the burglary is particularly appreciated.)

Recent burglary

You are all well aware of the burglary we experienced recently. We want to thank you all for your patience as we update our systems and change the way we operate, in the hope we won't have to deal with this again.

Clay trap, drainage and plumbing issues

Great news that we have resolved this longstanding issue with a new system under the sink in the workroom and another in the glaze room. The down side is that EVERYONE must now remove their clay waste/slops each time they use the rooms. You need to bring a towel to wipe clay off your hands, and a lidded container to carry slops. (There are some Cookie Time buckets on the bench - just add \$2 to your firing sheet if you want one.)

Please don't steal our stuff!

It is hard to believe, but as well as our recent burglary, over the past year a number of items have been "borrowed" from the club and not returned. These include (among other items):

- A large number of books from our library, including some that are quite valuable
- Mugs and bowls from the kitchen (including some made by Peter Lange),
- Barry Brickell DVD "Fire and Ice".

Our books/magazines, equipment and materials must not leave the rooms, unless you have permission from a committee member. They are for everyone to enjoy and use, so if you have "borrowed" these, please return them immediately. It is not nice to know that someone feels they can take from our club rooms.

Wooden pallets, anyone?

We have some old pallets down the side of the clubrooms. If you want them help yourself, or we'll dump them.

Facebook and Instagram

Send us your (ceramic-related) images and news that you think our followers might be interested in: upcoming exhibitions, markets, workshops and other opportunities, or interesting ideas and inspiration.

Pick up your pots please

Please, please don't leave your pots at the clubrooms. The club, classes and kilns are really busy, and there are huge numbers of pieces going through our firings. Some pieces seem to have taken root on our shelves. If these are yours, please remove them to free up space for other people.

CPA unplugged!

To those who had not noticed, we no longer have a phone. Now that everyone carries a cellphone, it has become an unnecessary expense – there are better things to spend our money on!

Goodbye to our cleaner, Rosie

After many years keeping the clubrooms clean and tidy, our cleaner Rosemary (Rosie) Thompson is retiring. We have really appreciated your hard work, Rosie, and we look forward to seeing you at our social events.

Kids' classes

There are still a few spots available in our popular after school childrens' class. Do you know of an aspiring young potter, or have one at home? The class runs from 4pm to 5.30. For more information, contact tutor Adrianne Goodwin by email at adriennemgoodwin@qmail.com.

People power needed - can you help out?

It's great to have classes full and so many new members, but this increases the workload for our committee and volunteers. We are always needing members and friends who can offer help with one-off tasks. Some jobs we need help with are archiving our collection, as well as anyone who has skills and experience as a carpenter, or other trades to assist with building and equipment maintenance.

Glaze room tidy up

With so much going on in the club, our glaze room was under quite a bit of pressure. We have had a big cleanout and reorganization in the last week. Many thanks to Loretto, Donna, Angela, Jane and Ngarita, and especially to Hugh who built us the fantastic new shelves to control the chaos.

CPA archives online

The Christchurch Art Gallery now has our exhibition catalogues online – almost all of them going right back to 1964. You can see them at https://christchurchartgallery.org.nz/about/library/canterbury-potters-association If you have a missing catalogue please contact the Art Gallery to fill the gaps.

Clubroom availability

The clubrooms and classes are extra-busy these days, so here is a reminder of when the clubrooms are available for members to use:

TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Morning	Class from 10am	Class from 10am	Available from 10am	Class from 10am	Class from 10am	Class from 9am – 12n	Available
Afternoon	Class	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
		from 1pm		from 1pm	12n –3.30pm	1	

- Every Wednesday is Club Day (from 10am)
- Rooms not available Sat and Sun during workshops (See programme)
- Committee meets second Wednesday of each month from 6-7pm.
- Terms follow primary school dates. Rooms are usually available during term breaks.

And here are the people making it all happen...

Presidents (we have two!)

Ngarita Wight ph 0226329186 Trish Morant ph 981 6355

Secretary

Sharon Worthington

Treasurer

Anne Goldfarb

Past President and Clay Manager

Darren Saunders

Committee

Grace Campbell, Lorraine Bonisch, Jacqui Overton, Angela Williams, Donna Willocks, Mary Lou Foate

Tutors

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CANZ (formerly NZSP) news

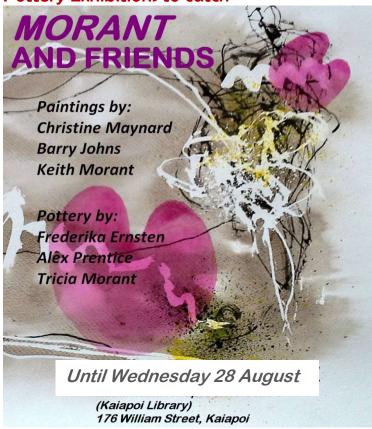
Check out Ceramics Association of New Zealand on facebook to see what is going on with other potters around the country. There are some great technical resources here as well.

Tatyanna Meharry is now our Canterbury rep on CANZ, representing clubs and potters at a National level. You can contact Tatyanna at info@thebusyfinch.co.nz. Our thanks to Jane McCulla who is stepping down.

Market Opportunity

Some of you may be interested in selling your work at the Villa Maria College Christmas Fete on 1 December. \$50 for a 4x4 site. If you are interested, contact Belinda on 021766243 or email admin@vmcltd.co.nz.

Pottery Exhibitions to catch





Transience features the work of these local artists:

Gaby Reade, Barry Johns, Jenny Taylor, Racheal Western, Lisa Power, Ruth Killoran, Helen Stevenson, Gus Milne, Esther Gane, Jane Zuster, Clare Wilcox, Christine Maynard and Jane McCulla.

CPA 46TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Thu 14 — Sun 24 November Canterbury Museum Visitors' Lounge

We are delighted to announce that well known Auckland potter, Elena Renker has agreed to select our 2019 exhibition and be our guest exhibitor. Elena's strong, functional forms are thrown and altered, then gas or wood fired with luscious shino glazes. (Find out more, and see more examples of her work on her website: www.elenarenker.com/)



In her own words:

"My focus has been on making functional ware that can be used in everyday life. I aim to make work that is beautiful to look at, feels good in the hand and is pleasant to use. I think functional wares should be made with their purpose in mind, a vase should enhance the beauty of the flowers, not compete with it, and a bowl or plate should compliment the food served in it.

But for me a tea bowl is probably the most fascinating and intriguing thing to make, an object of contemplation combining functional and sculptural elements. A tea bowl allows for the greatest artistic freedom within the confines of strict rules. It has to be well made and well balanced, not too heavy, not too light and to feel good in the hand."

Elena will give a Friday evening talk and a two day workshop the weekend of 11-13 October. Watch your emails and the club noticeboard for more details when we have them finalised.

The exhibition committee is already working on this important event. As always we will be asking for volunteers to support us with the many tasks involved in holding a successful event. Watch out for the list on the noticeboard, and put your name down for any jobs you think you can help us with.

IT'S TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT YOUR EXHIBITION PIECES TOO. THERE ARE GENEROUS PRIZES FOR OUR AWARD WINNERS, INCLUDING AN AWARD FOR FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR.