



# The Canterbury Potter

Newsletter of Canterbury Potters' Association

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The year passes with frightening rapidity... it can only be a matter of days before we start seeing Christmas decorations in the malls!

The Canterbury Potters Association 44th Annual Exhibition is almost upon us. (Opening 15th November 6 pm and runs from 16-26th November). It was a tremendous pleasure to meet this year's selector, Sue Newitt (some of her work can be seen here: <https://rubycoastarts.co.nz/sue-newitt-potter/> and <http://www.ceramicsnz.org/MembersPages/Member.cfm?memberID=728&regionName=Nelson/Marlborough&action=list&MenuGroup=Membership>)

I am really looking forward to seeing all the selected pieces properly displayed. Sue also held a workshop the weekend after the selection which was very well attended.

Hot on the heels of the exhibition will be the Christmas Pottery Market (Sunday December 10th) at which members can sell their wares (email if you are interested and organise a stall). One week later (Sunday 17th Dec, 11:30-2:30 pm) is the Class exhibition and the End of Year Celebration, bring a plate and I hope to see you there.

A thank you to those who attended the quilt presentation, a commando raid outside of the potters comfort zone. My work colleague Wendy Williamson spoke on quilting techniques and displayed some of her work. Wendy really enjoyed seeing our club rooms and meeting everyone.

### **Administrative matters:**

I am pleased to announce that our new committee members are investigating setting up our own CPA website which will enable members to advertise their pottery for sale if they so desire as well as showcasing some of our members work. Watch this space!

Unfortunately our financial audit is very late with year. This is due in part to our contact at Staples and Rodway leaving and not telling anyone. We now have a new contact and hopefully our accounts will be audited with dispatch especially as we have signed up with Xero accounting which has gone a long way to simplifying our accounts and making audits easier (a big thanks to our Treasurer, Toni for all her work in this area). Once this audit is forthcoming we will need to organise a special AGM to approve them.

### **Practical matters.**

We have installed two new wheels and retired two that were becoming worn.

The slab roller will soon have new canvass.

We have new shelves for the gas kiln.

Steve Dench has been working on a new Raku kiln and we are currently discussing the best means of supplying the kiln with gas.

Due to the wax frying pan being left on in the past we have installed a cut-off switch for the power plug that actuates after 20 minutes and an RDC (Residual Current Device) has also been installed to prevent electrocution. PLEASE do not try and circumvent these safeguards by plugging the wax into another plug, these safeguards have been put in place for your protection.

Due to items going missing we have placed a lock on the outside storage shed door.

Very best wishes and happy potting!

**Darren A. Saunders, CPA President and Clay Master**

# NEWS

## END OF YEAR FUNCTION & CLASS EXHIBITION

17th December- 12-3 pm

It is that time of year again when we get together for our final year celebration and see what classes have been making. Families and Friends are welcome. Please bring a small plate to share for lunch.

## BISQUE AND GLAZE SHELVES

Please make sure you take your bisque and glaze work home or if in a class put it back on your class shelf. Our shelves get cleared at the end of the year. Any pieces left, sadly go into a bin.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We warmly welcome Dianne MacDonald, Yi Lin Mukhia, Jacqui Overton, Takaaki Sakaguchi, Marion Tiplin, Tessa Chisholm, and Chris Murphy.

## CPA INSTAGRAM

We have set up an Instagram page for the CPA, with hopes that like Facebook, this platform will allow us to promote our workshops, events and the incredible work of our members, to a wider audience. If you would like to share a photo of your work, an event or a snap of a class at the CPA please email us with your photo and a short caption. Please follow us and help us spread the word of pottery in Canterbury! Find us at: [@canterburypotters](#)

Don't forget our Facebook page and members-only group. (On Facebook request to access this.) It's a great forum for questions, advice or swapping materials.

## NEW PAYMENT PROCESS

Our new payment process for your firing, clay, workshops, subscriptions and incidental costs is working well. Thank you to everyone who has followed this process.

You'll find the process pinned up on the wall beside the new firing book and clay book, and we have also reproduced it on the back page of the newsletter, so you can have a read of it at your leisure.

## CLUB ROOM SIGN IN

A reminder to everyone to please make sure you sign in and out at the club rooms any time you are there.

## CONGRATULATIONS JACQUELYN!

Congratulations to our member Jacquelyn Greenbank, her work titled *Judith* (below) has been accepted into The Portage Ceramic Awards 2017.



Are you an exhibiting potter? Have you been to an interesting workshop or exhibition? Something to sell, or wanting to buy something? Have you read a great (pottery-related) book or seen something interesting online? We'd love to hear about it!

We put out a newsletter four times a year, and would appreciate your contributions. Contact Lorraine Bonisch [lorraine.bonisch@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.bonisch@gmail.com) and don't forget photos.

## EXHIBITION 2017

Opening night Wednesday  
15th November 6pm

Spring - and therefore our exhibition - is well and truly upon us so by now! The selection has been made, and now we eagerly await the opening night to see all of the amazing work that has been submitted this year. A big thank you to Sue Newitt and all of the team involved in organizing this year's exhibition. We hope to see you all at opening night!

## VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

No exhibition can happen without a cast of enthusiastic volunteers behind the scenes. Most jobs have been filled but we are looking for three people to provide a plate full of nibbles for opening night if you can help out please let Trish or Ngarita know.

Thanks to the people who have given their time to help so far.

## SELECTOR'S WORKSHOP

It is a sign of how strong our club is right now, that the selector's sold out without us even advertising it! Sue Newitt shared her incredible knowledge with us all over two days last weekend. Come along to the exhibition to catch a glance of her amazing work. A snapshot of the workshop is pictured below:



CANTERBURY POTTERS ASSOCIATION  
44TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

16–26  
NOV 2017

CANTERBURY MUSEUM  
VISITORS LOUNGE

GUEST SELECTOR & EXHIBITOR

**Sue Newitt**





## NOVEMBER

Wednesday 9th CPA Committee Meeting 6-7pm ish

Wednesday 15th at 6pm CPA Annual Exhibition Opening  
At Canterbury Museum until Sunday 12th November.

## DECEMBER

Friday 8th Gas kiln firing after 12.30

Glazing (anytime) and loading of kiln on 7th December at 7 pm.  
All welcome please email [canterburypottters@gmail.com](mailto:canterburypottters@gmail.com) if interested.

Sunday 10th Christmas Pottery Market

Organise a stall to sell your pottery, for others to give a handmade gift this Christmas. This is a new idea this year - let's give it a try!  
Expression of interest sought. Email us or put your name on the noticeboard.

Wednesday 13th CPA Committee meeting 6-7 pm ish

Sunday 17th Class Exhibition and  
End of Year Celebration 11.30-2.30pm

Get together to see what other classes have been up to, and to celebrate a year of potting. Bring some food to share for lunch.  
All welcome.

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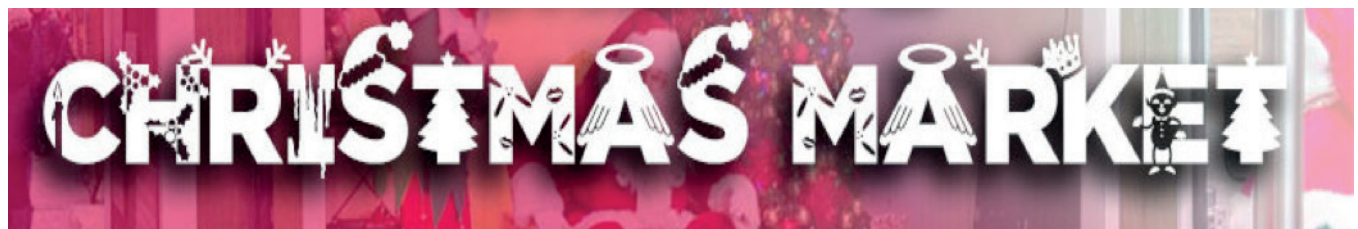
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## And now for something completely different...

CPA was delighted to welcome Dr Wendy Williamson, by day a senior scientist, who also creates some remarkable quilts as a hobby.

In the past we have been regularly inspired by the practitioners of other crafts at the Avice Hill Fair. Artists such as Brendan Adams combining media such as metal and wood with ceramics. So with this in mind, our President Darren asked Wendy to give a presentation on the making of quilts and show some of her work. Many quilt patterns resemble ceramic mosaics and tiles, not to mention her lovely colour combinations...

Wendy's presentation was held at CPA on Wednesday 20th September at 7 pm. Keep an eye on the CPA Facebook, instagram and upcoming newsletters for more unique and exciting workshops!



## Sunday 10th December 11am to 3pm

**UPDATE:** Wow! Thank you so much for the great response to our fabulous Christmas Pottery market idea! It looks like we will have a very successful event on our hands.

We are delighted to see so many of you interested, but there is still room for plenty more! This is your chance to show and sell your creations, perhaps clear your shelves a little and share your craft with the appreciative buying public (and friends and family of course). Each person would provide their own table/sun umbrella/gazebo or picnic blanket. (You could also share a table with others, that's fine too.)

Put your name on the list in the clubrooms or send us an email and we will contact you with details shortly.



We have a new system for invoicing and receipting at the CPA, so please follow these instructions and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

If you are buying clay, or paying for firing, rent, or kiln firing, you need to complete an invoice. Payment type (cash, cheque, internet) needs to be indicated on the invoice. One copy of the invoice is retained by you - the remaining two copies are left in the invoice book.

Please don't fill out an invoice if the amount is less than \$10. You can put multiple items/payments on one invoice. You can keep track of your firings on your own firing sheet (in the book by the firing book), and complete an invoice when the total is \$10 or more.

#### **CASH OR CHEQUE PAYMENTS**

If you are paying for an invoice by cash or cheque, you need to write a receipt

The receipt should state your name, invoice number and amount. You retain one copy of the receipt, one copy goes in an envelope/cash bag with the cash or cheque, and placed in the safe.

#### **INTERNET PAYMENTS**

You do not need to write a receipt for internet payments. Use the invoice number as a reference when you pay.

#### **FIRING RECORDS**

If you are firing your work, please record your firings on your own firing sheet.

- Create one from the blank sheets in the pink lever arch file - file it alphabetically by surname in the folder.
- Once your firings reach \$10 or more, please fill out an invoice, a receipt (if required) and pay.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Toni on 021 769 623