

# The Canterbury Potter

Newsletter of Canterbury Potters' Association

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# What's coming up...



#### THIS SATURDAY

# Spring clean day Sat 28 September 12.3 opm-3.3 opm Please come and help out if you can!

#### Gas firing

Sat 5 October all day

This will be your last chance to gas fire 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

## An evening with Elena Renker: Slideshow and Talk

Fri 11 October 7pm – 9pm

Come and hear Elena talk about her art and practice.

All welcome. \$10pp. Supper provided.

#### Selector's workshop

Sat 12 and Sun 13 October — all day



#### **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 8 December 10am-3pm

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

# THE LOWDOWN – things you need to know

#### Membership Reminder

Subs for 2019/20 are overdue. Thanks to those who have paid. Please let us know if you do not wish to continue your membership. If you haven't paid, this will be your last newsletter.

Remember, you need to be a financial member to exhibit in our exhibition...

#### What would you like to learn: a specific skill or technique?

Let us know if you would like to learn a new skill, increase your knowledge in an area, or perhaps you have an idea who you would like to lead a future workshop or demonstration. The committee represents you, our members, so please tell us what you want.

#### Clay slops

With the clubrooms so busy, our plumbing, drains and gardens can no longer manage disposal of clay slops. EVERYONE must now remove their clay waste/slops each time they use the rooms. 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.)

#### Wooden pallets, large plastic buckets for recycling anyone?

We still have some old pallets down the side of the clubrooms, as well as plastic buckets that could be handy to recycle clay in. If you want them help yourself – they will be going at our upcoming spring clean

#### Facebook and Instagram news

We are delighted to have a dedicated person for social media- many thanks to Anna for helping us out with this. Our Facebook and Instagram news can promote:

- upcoming exhibitions and ceramic-related events you may be involved in,
- markets, workshops and other opportunities,
- interesting ideas, cool videos and inspiration.

Please send any items to Anna at anna@birdonabanner.co.nz.

## Pick up your pots please

Please, please don't leave your pots at the clubrooms. The end of the term is approaching and we need all glaze and pieces to be removed. We also need space free for our upcoming exhibition selection in October. Some pieces seem to have taken root on our shelves - please remove them to free up space for other people.

Also make sure you have named your pieces with a class mark and your personal mark – unidentified pots will not be fired. Please put your mark and name on the blue paper on the bench near the firing books.

#### Kids' classes

There are still a few spots available in our popular after school children's' class in Term 4. 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@gmail.com.

## Cleaning the work benches

Our big work benches were resurfaced earlier in the year (thanks, Michael!) and we want to take care of them. At the end of your class or work session, please use plenty of water and a splash of Handy Andy to wipe down the benches, then immediately dry them off with a towel. (The Handy Andy acts as a deflocculant and lifts clay from the bench surface much more effectively than water alone.) This method reduces smears of clay that the next class has to deal with. Thanks for your help with this!



Can you help out? A busy club with full classes is a beautiful thing, but it does put pressure on a handful of volunteers.

Please consider giving a few hours to support your club.

#### Exhibition help needed!

You'll also see a form to put your name down if you can help us with our exhibition. Please have a look to see if there is something that you can help us with.

#### Desperately seeking a Secretary

Unfortunately, our secretary has resigned due to unforeseen circumstances, so we are desperately seeking a new one! It's not a huge role, but we can't run the club without one. The role involves:

- checking with committee members for agenda items,
- preparing the agenda for the monthly meetings (on the second Monday of each month),
- taking the minutes of the meetings and sending them to the committee,
- clearing our PO Box twice a month, leaving the mail at the club rooms.

The role should take between two and four hours a month, and requires some basic computer literacy. Please contact one of our Presidents if you can help out.

#### **Building Maintenance person**

We need a couple of handy souls with DIY skills (carpentry, basic mechanical, etc) who can attend to small jobs from time to time - fixing a table, repairing a shelf, checking wheels etc.

## Spring clean working bee September 28 12.30-3 pm

There will be a working bee on to clean up the back shed area and maybe wiping down windowsills, removing cobwebs, tidying the garden etc. If you have an hour or so to spare, we would really appreciate your help!

## HERE ARE THE PEOPLE MAKING IT ALL HAPPEN...

#### Presidents (we have two!)

Ngarita Wight ph 0226329186 Trish Morant ph 02102221224

#### Secretary

Currently vacant...

#### **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**

Michael Michaels 021 0764643 Frederika Ernsten 03 313 6509 Margaret Ryley 03 313 8406 Jane McCulla 0226353911 Hugh Rickard 03 326 4255 Alyse Oliver 021 110 3552 Mary Lou Foate 03 355 5968 Andrew Carran 021 0265 5395 Adrianne Goodwin 021829707



# Here's what's been happening at Canterbury Potters ...



We had a lovely afternoon recently with some of our life members and friends, catching up, reminiscing and helping us identify some of our many photos from days gone by.

Back row from left: Rosemary
Thompson, Margaret Ryley, Sally
Connelly, Jim pollard, Rosemary
Perry, Marie Rusbatch. Front row:
Frederika Ernsten, Nola Barron,
Maureen and Murray Johnston.



The gas firing group has been busy with some very successful recent firings, as part of a process of upskilling potters to fire the kiln, and documenting the process for others to follow.

President Ngarita Wight and Kilnmaster Bridget Anderson are seen here discussing the outcome of our most recent firing.

We plan to have another firing on 5 October – just in time for our exhibition selection. Members of the gas group should contact the club to express interest if they have pieces they would like to fire.





**Above:** Our flotilla of bisque-fired voyagers from our fantastic workshop with Jane McCulla earlier this year.

At left: Here are some of our landscape bowls in progress during our workshop with Tatyanna Meharry. We learned how to use found materials from around Canterbury and the West Coast as inclusions in clay, and in unique, individual slips which we used in a stencilled surface treatment.

It was great to see the different ways that each participant interpreted and applied the techniques Tatyanna taught us.

# CPA 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EXHIBITION



Selection day is almost upon us! We see some wonderful work going through the kilns, so it is shaping up to be great! To all our new members, please don't be shy about exhibiting! It is a great experience to see your work in the museum, and there is a generous prize for one first time exhibitor!

You will have received an entry form by email. There are also some at the clubrooms, and they will be available on submission day, just in case!

The exhibition committee is hard at work on this important event. As always we need volunteers to support us with the many tasks involved in holding a successful event.

See the list on the noticeboard and please consider offering us a little of your time.

#### **CPA CLUBROOM AVAILABILITY**

Here's 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 from 1pm	Available	Available from 1pm	Available 12n –3.30pm	Available 1	Available
Evening	Class	Class 7-9pm	Available	Class 7-9pm	Available from 6pm	Available	Available

- Every Wednesday is Club Day (from 10am)
- Rooms not available Sat and Sun during workshops (See programme)
- Terms follow primary school dates. Rooms are usually available during term breaks.
- Committee now meets on second Monday of each month 5.30 7pm.



#### Check out our noticeboards

We have sale items, upcoming workshops, exhibitions, our constitution - even a recommended Christmas recipe on our noticeboard for everyone to read. Don't forget to check when you are at the clubrooms.

#### Welcome to new CPA members

New members to join us over the past few weeks are Annabelle McLennan, Brita Corbett, Kerry Haveron and David Herman. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

#### Elena Renker Workshop and Artist Talk

We had a great response to our exhibition selector's workshop. The workshop is full with a waiting list. If you missed out, make sure you come to Elena's artist talk on Friday 11 October 7-9 pm at the clubrooms. \$10 pp - supper to be provided. Don't miss this this great opportunity to hear directly from this popular and talented NZ Potter!

#### **New Ceramic Suppliers**

General Pottery in Ferry Road and can supply tools, clay, glazes and other ceramic-related items. Go to the Facebook site for opening hours <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WorkspaceStudiosChristchurch/">https://www.facebook.com/WorkspaceStudiosChristchurch/</a>

#### **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





# **Annual Exhibition 2019**

# Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October9am until 3pm

Mt Pleasant Community Centre McCormacks Bay Road, Mount Pleasant

Guest Exhibitor - Neil Hey



# **Halswell Pottery Group**

**Exhibition at the Fo Guang Yuan Gallery**Open to the public from Tuesday 8 October
The Gallery is on the corner of Harakeke St and Riccarton Rd.