



# The Canterbury Potter

Newsletter of the Canterbury Potters Association

July - September 2021

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## Note from the President:

As I write this, NZ is still in COVID 19 lockdown and our rooms are closed. However, I do have some exciting news to share; in our last newsletter I reported that CPA had applied for a grant with Pub Charity Ltd to help in the purchase of two new kilns. I am very happy to report that our application was successful and again I thank Coralie Winn and Ngarita Wight for making this possible. We will be replacing our Kiln 1 with an Potclays EP56 Front Loading kiln and Kiln 3 will be replaced with another Cobcraft Octagon 3. Delivery will be later in October to allow for people to fire their exhibition pots without having the worry of how the new kilns will perform! At the start of Term 3 we made the change to Cone 6 glazes, the remains of our high fire glazes will be available for sale at our auction in September. The Video and Pizza night was a treat, watching old videos of workshops led by Len Castle and John Calver. The opinion of those who attended is 'we should show these more often'. A most enjoyable afternoon tea was held to celebrate Frederika's retirement, with some of her first students coming along to tell a few stories! A 2-day workshop by Renate Galetzka was a grand success, special thanks to Renate for making it so informative and encouraging to all the participants. Our AGM is coming up very soon, I would like to encourage members to think about a turn on the committee. This is not an arduous task; we need people to help with organising the 'behind the scenes' activities to make sure the day to day running of the club goes smoothly. I am available to chat if you need more information on what is involved and a nomination form is attached to this newsletter. CPA's next exciting event is our annual exhibition, it is not long until receiving day for this, our 48<sup>th</sup>, let's all celebrate our pottery world and CPA by making it one of the best.

When the rooms reopen, please remember to be very diligent in scanning our QR code and sign in. We have seen how important this has been in our latest outbreak.

On a final note, apologies to Hakatere Ceramics and Pottery in Ashburton for the incorrect spelling of their group name in the last newsletter.

Happy potting everyone and stay safe!

Trish Morant, President

## HERE ARE THE PEOPLE MAKING IT HAPPEN:

President: Trish Morant – 021 0222 1224

Secretary: Angela Williams

Treasurer: Ann Goldfarb

Membership Secretary: Molly Hindman

Committee: Ngarita Wight, Jacqui Overton, Mary Lou Foate, Alison White, Penny de Jong, Michaels Michaels

# WHAT'S COMING UP:

## Canterbury Potters AGM and Annual Auction - CPA clubrooms

**Sunday 19 September - Auctioneer: Alex Prentice**

AGM begins at 1 pm followed by the Annual Auction. **Doors open at 12:30 pm** to view items for the auction.

This is our only fundraiser for the year, and we rely on your donations of pottery related items (tools, books, clay materials etc) and your bids! We also welcome garden produce, preserves etc. Please get in touch at [canterburypotters@gmail.com](mailto:canterburypotters@gmail.com) if you have items to donate.

We currently have wheels, high fire glazes, raw materials, tools, pots, and sculptures up for auction!

We still need more items so please have a look at home for items you can donate. Proceeds go to purchasing replacement and new equipment for the club.

## Artist Talk & Workshop - CPA clubrooms

**Tatyanna Meharry - Guest selector/Exhibitor for the CPA 48th Exhibition**

### Artist Talk: Friday 15th October - 7-9 pm

*\$10 entry fee* - Tatyanna will be presenting an artist's talk about her influences, her practice and work at CPA clubrooms. Supper to be provided.

### Workshop: 16-17th October - 10 am - 3.30 pm

**Saturday 16 October 2021 – A Curious Practice** : Focussing on learning how to be curious with your materials, Tatyanna will guide participants through the exploration of some local materials and how they can be applied in many ways to create small personal collections of “push pins” and landscape tags. This handbuilding workshop will start by discussing various materials and locations, then process materials ready for use before making “push pins” and ceramic tags in the afternoon and learning simple image transfer techniques for the tags.

**Sunday 17 October 2021 – Shape Finder** : How to create unusual shapes on the wheel. Participants will need to be able to throw cylinder shapes confidently on their own. Tatyanna will guide participants through “throwing off the hump” to create enclosed forms, such as her large “push pin” heads, and will show how to develop shapes and ideas through simple paper techniques and to transfer them to clay. Tatyanna will also demonstrate how to finish shapes using chucks. This workshop will start with simple design techniques, followed by a demonstration before participants begin throwing individually. If time allows, local slips will be applied to the shapes and there will be discussion of firing and fittings.

The workshops will run from 10am to 3.30pm each day. Participants can attend one or both days, the cost for each day is **\$60 or \$110 if attending both days**. Numbers will be limited and places will be available on a first in and paid, first served, basis.

Please email Canterbury Potters ([canterburypotters@gmail.com](mailto:canterburypotters@gmail.com)) with the name of the workshop you'd like to attend in the heading (Curious Practice for Saturday only, Shape Finder for Sunday only or Curious Practice & Shape Finder for both). Information about what you need to bring will be provided when registration of your place is confirmed.

# 48th Annual CPA Exhibition 2021

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We hope you're busy creating and sorting out pieces to submit for this year's exhibition. Thanks to our generous sponsors, Nelson Pottery Supplies, Decopots and the Morant Foundation, there will be exciting awards to be won:

- ❖ Selector's Choice Award - \$300 voucher from Nelson Pottery Supplies
- ❖ Two Decopots Merit Awards - \$250 voucher each
- ❖ Morant Foundation Merit Award - \$200
- ❖ \*Avice Hill Award - \$250 (for first time exhibitors only)

If you have never exhibited in any exhibition before, whether at CPA or elsewhere, you are also eligible for the Avice Hill Award, a discretionary award which may be made for a first-time exhibitor.

We're planning for our usual exhibition opening night at the Museum on Wednesday 10 November, but this is dependent on COVID. We'll need to be in Level 1 to have a function at the Museum – here's hoping we can, but your committee is busy thinking of an alternative just in case! We will keep you posted on alternative arrangements when they are made.

If you would like to exhibit, please complete the 2021 Exhibition Entry Form linked below.

📄 [2021ExhibnEntryForm1.pdf](#)

Bring your pieces and entry form along to the CPA clubrooms on **Thursday 14 October 2021**, either between **11am-1pm** or between **6pm-8pm**.

## Guest selector and exhibitor's workshop

We're excited to let you know that our guest selector and exhibitor this year is Christchurch-based ceramicist [Tatyanna Meharry](#) - who has exhibited widely and whose work is found in galleries and stores throughout New Zealand. As well as selecting and exhibiting, she will also be presenting an artist's talk at CPA on Friday 15 October, 7-9pm (\$10) and leading a two-day workshop at CPA over that weekend of 16/17 October 2021.

Tatyanna's current ceramic practice explores nostalgia and memory for location through the use of local materials. She is inspired by the local environment and uses foraged materials as a starting point for storytelling. She loves to share the magic alchemy of clay and currently teaches ceramics through Clae [Pottery Classes \(generalpottery.co.nz\)](#) as well as being the long-distance provider in Christchurch for the Otago Polytechnic National Diploma of Ceramic Art.

## CPA 48th Exhibition Dates

### Thursday 14th October, 11-1 pm & 6-8 pm - *Receiving day*

Bring your completed pieces and entry form to the clubrooms at either time. CPA closed to members.

### Friday 15th October - *Selection day*

*CPA closed to members*

### Wednesday 10th Nov, 6pm - *Opening of CPA 48th Exhibition 2021*

The opening of the annual exhibition will be held at the Canterbury Museum Visitors lounge.

CANTERBURY POTTERS ASSOCIATION  
48TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

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**11—21** **NOVEMBER**  
**2021**

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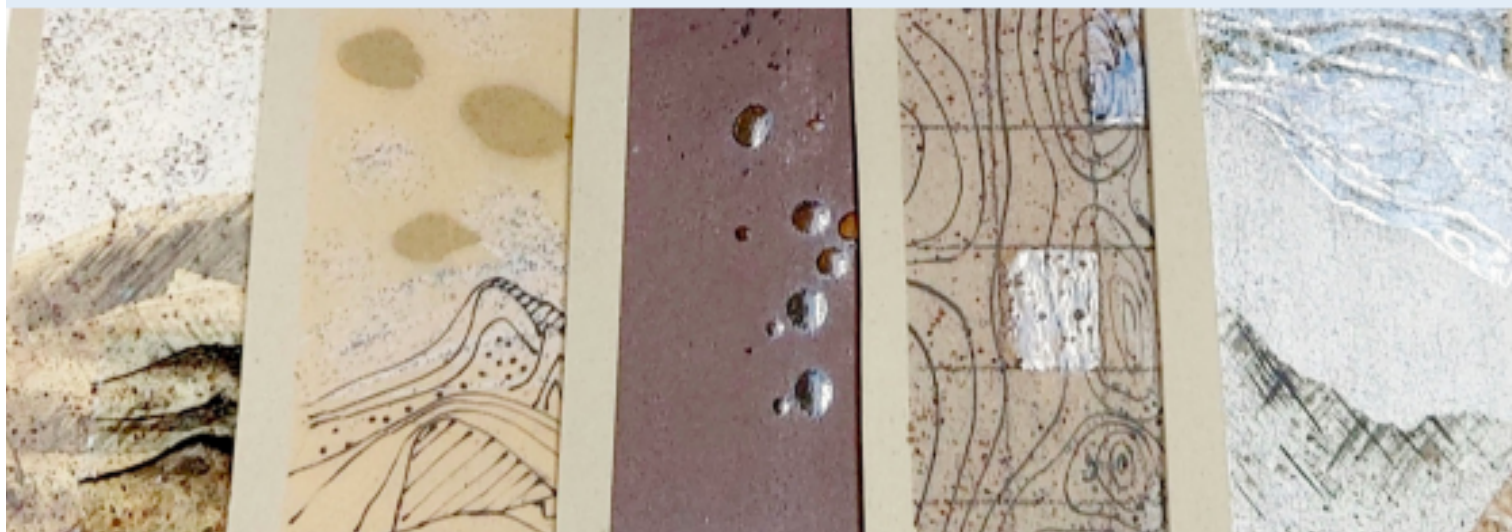
GUEST SELECTOR & EXHIBITOR

**TATYANNA MEHARRY**

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**CANTERBURY MUSEUM**  
**VISITOR LOUNGE**

**FREE ENTRY**  
**OPEN 9-5.30**



# THE LOWDOWN

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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### Membership Info

All renewal of memberships should now have been paid. This is a reminder that this will be the last newsletter you'll receive if not. The access code to the clubrooms has been changed so please contact Molly (0275158844) if you still haven't received the new code.

### Signing In

Please remember to **sign yourself in and out** when entering the rooms. Please also scan in with the NZ COVID Tracer poster on your arrival. This is a very important requirement for potential contact tracing, for the foreseeable future.

### NEW Cone 6 glazes

The change over to Cone 6 glazing has been done. We have some lovely new glazes thanks to the leadership of Hugh Rickard. There is a sample of the glazes on a chart at the end of the Members shelves and each bucket has a colour sample.

Members who are authorised to use the kilns at the weekends can high fire but must supply their own glazes and pay a premium for higher firing as this does cost more to run.

### Handwashing and Washing Dishes

Please make sure you wash your dishes well after use, this may mean also boiling the jug. Please don't use the kitchen sink to wash your hands of clay.

### Interesting Links

Check out Bernard Leach's grandsons pottery and [Leach 100: Celebrating A Centenary Of Inspiration & Exchange](#)

Rex Valentine has been a well-known Canterbury potter and CPA member and president. Linked is an interview with Grant Banbury for the Christchurch Art Gallery's Bulletin newsletter: [A Passion for Clay and Pots | Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū](#)

### Send in your photos!

We would love to share your work on our social media pages! Send us your photos of pottery activities, works in progress, finished pieces, or any exhibitions you may be involved in. You can submit any photos or short videos to [canterburypotters@gmail.com](mailto:canterburypotters@gmail.com). Please include your @instagram tag (if you have one) and a short description of the image.

\*If your images contain other people and club members, please make sure you get their permission before sharing or posting these.

### Grant for new kilns

We have recently received a grant from **Pub Charity Ltd** to go towards the purchase of two new kilns for the



CPA clubrooms. They will replace the existing kilns 1 and 3. We gratefully acknowledge Pub Charity Ltd support and the participating venues. We would like to thank Coralie Winn and Ngarita Wight for their work in making the application.

### CPA Committee Nominations

For all nominations for a position on the Club Committee, please complete details in the form below and submit to [canterburypotters@gmail.com](mailto:canterburypotters@gmail.com)

[Nomination Form for Election to Club Com...](#)



## New Ceramics NZ Rep

“ I have had my hands on clay since I was about 25 on and off. Have returned to the joy of clay to now play in the clay after a break of many years. For about ten years I worked full time as a maker of domestic ware and sold from various shops around Canterbury and from my gallery at home.

I realize that many things have changed and there are not so many of the rules of the former days and enjoy exploring this aspect. I was lucky enough to train with Chris Weaver and many other potters and in return I am always willing to share knowledge and support emerging potters which we have many of in the Hakatere Pottery Club that I belong to.

I look forward to meeting with other potters around Canterbury and sharing knowledge. I am at present exploring the use of locally produced clay and making glazes to fit. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can support you in any project.

Enjoy potting! ”

Lois Orchard CANZ

[loisdianneorchard@gmail.com](mailto:loisdianneorchard@gmail.com)

## Welcome New Members!

Georgina Sandilands, Deborah Tsavousis, Donna Yee, Samuel McLaughlin

## Halswell Pottery Group 50 anniversary

You are invited to celebrate the opening of our exhibition. Drinks and nibbles provided. Plus-ones welcome. RSVP to [halswellpotters@gmail.com](mailto:halswellpotters@gmail.com) by 15th September. See flyer below for details.

## Frederika's Afternoon Tea

It was a wonderful turnout to celebrate Frederika's retirement from tutoring at CPA. It was very entertaining listening to the stories from some of her earliest pupils to some of her last students. All agreed how lucky we were to have had a NZ master potter teaching us. Frederika will be missed in the teaching role at CPA but I am sure she will be there for any question we need answering on our pottery journey. Thank you Frederika for all the years you gave to CPA, enjoy your retirement.



# — Halswell Pottery Group —

## 50th Anniversary Exhibition Opening Night



September 24th, 7pm - 9pm  
9 Candys Road Halswell



You are invited to celebrate the opening of our exhibition.  
Drinks and nibbles provided. Plus-ones welcome.  
RSVP to [halswellpotters@gmail.com](mailto:halswellpotters@gmail.com) by 15th September

## Exhibition Dates

September 25th, 10am - 4pm

September 26th, 10am - 4pm

October 1st, 11am - 7pm

October 2nd, 10am - 4pm

October 3rd, 10am - 4pm

Raku firing, handwork and wheel throwing demonstrations will be held on September 25th and October 2nd alongside the exhibition.




## Member Feature

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Our talented CPA member Thomas Strange has been featured in *Avenues* Magazine. Read more about Thomas and his brand "Strange Ceramics" in the full article [here](#).



[www.strangeceramics.com](http://www.strangeceramics.com)

 [@strangeceramics](https://www.instagram.com/strangeceramics)



## Workshop Reflection - Renate Galetzka



Over the weekend of 17th-18th July CPA hosted local potter Renate Galetzka who ran a workshop on production pottery.

Renate has been producing bespoke pieces for local restaurants and private commissions for a number of years. Over the two days she guided us through each step of the process in which she takes to produce small scale production ceramics for her clients.

Demonstrations, presentations, group discussions, numerous tidbits of information made for a workshop enjoyed by all, with the second day concluding with Renate taking the role as client and challenging us to each produce a prototype for her!

Thanks Renate!



# Pottery Store

[www.potterystore.co.nz](http://www.potterystore.co.nz)



## Pottery Store

We are Botpots supplier in Christchurch and the south island and we aim to make everyone muddy!

We stock Laguna, Botpots, Primo and Potclay clays. We also have tools and glazing available. Check us out on our website at [www.potterystore.co.nz](http://www.potterystore.co.nz).

We are located at 3 Arawa Street, Shirley, Christchurch. Contact us (Yassi) 020 4026 4422.

Opening Hours:

Monday - After 5pm/Appointment only

Tuesday - 10am-6pm

Wednesday - After 5pm/Appointment only

Thursday - 3pm-6pm

Friday - 10am-6pm

Saturday - Appointment only

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