

A **BIG WARM WELCOME** to the students of the Otago Polytechnic Course.

We wish you all the best and welcome you to our Club!!!

We've got so many exciting events planned for this year - check them out below!!!

Get involved - meet the members - and get potting!!!

A Note From Lynn
(President) ...

We will be starting Wednesday evening classes on the 14th May, with Alan Ballard as tutor. Classes will run concurrently with the Wednesday morning class terms. Times for these will be 7pm until 9pm. As Rodger is unable to take Saturday classes due to his health problems, we hope these evening classes will be able to serve as a satisfactory replacement for those unable to attend daytime classes.

The fees will be the same as morning classes. If you are interested it would be helpful if you could let Sarah or Alan know.

Thank you to all who have been doing duties in the gallery. Unfortunately Joy is having a lot of trouble getting the weekend spots filled in, and would be grateful if members could do just one each a month - then problem solved. We do need to keep the gallery open during the weekends, as we advertise it as such. A thought - by going out and spending time doing a duty at the club, it can be very relaxing - no housework or lawns to mow that you need feel guilty about not doing. Plus it is giving you time to do your own pottery. Please don't wait until she has to phone you. Go out and write your name down, or phone and whoever is there at the time can do it for you.

The A.G.M. is coming up fast. If you have the club at heart and feel you would like to join the committee, why not ask a member to nominate you.

Sarah will have the forms ready at the club within the next few weeks.

Regards Lynn

What's Happening ...



note - the Woodfiring and Raku are on the same day ... a fun day!!!

Wood-firing - with Alan Ballard

Glazing - Wednesday 30th April (10-12noon)

Firing - Saturday 3rd May (all day)

\$5 per person who participates and fires an item.

If you can't make it to the glazing you can contact Alan (or a member of the Wednesday morning class) and they will arrange for your item to be glazed, ready for firing (must be bisqued).

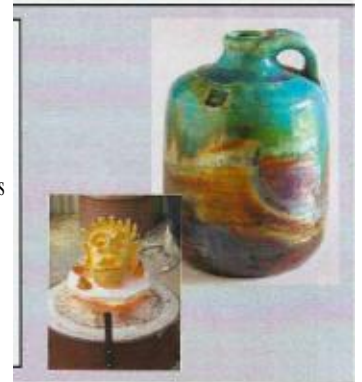
All club members welcome-beginners or experienced

Raku Day - with Rita Edgar Saturday

3rd May (all day from 8am)

\$5 per person who participates and fires an item. Bring bisque fired item-glaze the same day. Items are fired using gas, firing takes approx. 30 minutes per lot-so results can be seen same day-very exciting! Approx. 6 firings during the day.

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Evening Classes - with Alan Ballard

7pm-8pm

Term 2 - Wed. 14th May - Wed. 2nd July Term

3 - Wed. 23rd July - Wed. 10th Sept

\$60 per term - Craft Potters members \$70

per term - non-members

Beginners and experienced potters welcome.

Workshop-Paul Winspear

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th May (2

Day Workshop)

\$50 - Craft Potters members

\$60 - non-members

This is a hands-on throwing workshop, where Paul will be teaching us how to easily throw large pots.

Register and pay to secure your place.



Workshops:

As you'll see the committee has worked hard [especially Lynn] to arrange interesting workshops this year to keep you busy.

Many members joined Jenny Miller for her workshop on the 15th of March, with fantastic results! !

Paul Winspear is running a 2-day workshop on the 17th and 18th of May. We also have Ross Richards booked to run a Scraf-fito Decoration workshop in August.

New Members:

Welcome to Miyuki and Kazuhiro Abe, Susie Carrington, and Heidi Baker - new members to Craft Potters.

Please make our new members feel welcome, and offer assistance when possible.

Miyuki, Kazu, Susie and Heidi please don't hesitate to phone or email any of the members if you'd like information, or if we can be of assistance.

We hope you'll join us on one, or all of the advertised Club days (raku, wood-firing, pit-firing days) it's a fantastic way to meet the other club members. You're welcome to join in, come along and watch, or just pop in for a coffee and bite to eat.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

'Specials' Section in the Gallery:

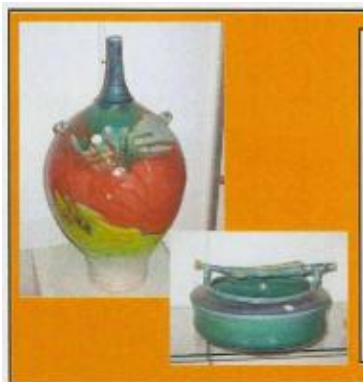
It was agreed that a 'Specials' section be established in the gallery (in the area to the left of the reception desk, in front of Alan's wheel).

Pieces for this area are still subject to checking by the Quality Controller-currently A vis Blowers.

They can be good seconds (acceptance at the discretion of the Quality Controller), or pieces that have sat around in the gallery for a long length of time with reduced prices.

This gives us the opportunity to continue using the eye-catching 'specials' sign that is placed on the grass verge, when the gallery is open.

What's Happening (cont.) ...



Morning Classes - with Alan Ballard

10am-12noon

Term 2 - Wed. 14th May - Wed. 2nd July Term

3 - Wed. 23rd July - Wed. 10th Sept

\$60 per term - Craft Potters members \$7D
per term - non-members

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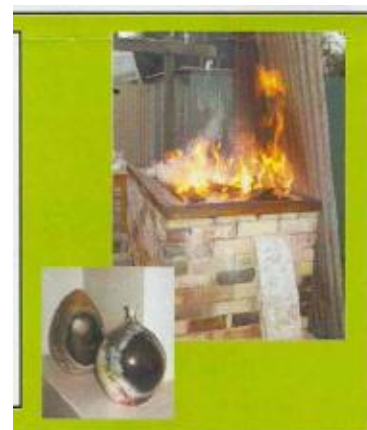
Pit Firing - with Lois Mills

Saturday 14th June (9am awards - bring lunch)

\$5 per person who participates and fires an item.

Items will be stacked along with wood, leaves, silicates, salt etc. The pit is set alight and wood burns down-pit will be opened in the following few days once cooled. Bring some lunch to share.

All club members welcome-beginners or experienced



... mark it on your calendar and get potting!!!

Quality Checking in the Gallery:

All items must be checked and authorised by the Quality Controller-Avis Blowers - prior to them being placed in the gallery for sale.

Please place items on the shelves behind the curtain (near the bathroom --entrance) to be checked. Once Avis has ok'd them they will be placed on the shelves, ready to be put in the gallery by our gallery display people-Rita and Maureen.

If your item is deemed unfit for the gallery - Avis will put a note explaining why it was rejected and let you know. Please respect Avis's experience and knowledge in this area.

Glaze Matrix Software:

The committee has agreed to purchase and install the glaze matrix software on the CPN computer for use by all club members. This software was designed by Lawrence Ewing and is available now.

Annual General Meeting:

The AGM is coming soon (normally end of June).

We need more committee members and volunteers.

Have a say and some input in the running, and direction of the club.

Look out for the nomination formsthey'll be available soon-and join in. It honestly isn't that bad, or time consuming-it's nice to do a bit for your community if you can.

Resignation-from Rodger Fowler:

'With regret, I need to tender my resignation from a lot of my duties; Saturday Class Tutor, Group Demos, Kilns SupeNisor, Kj/n Training and Certifications, Shelf Repairs, Domestic and Toilet Supplies, and most heavy maintenance.

I have been advised to expect up to six months before getting back to some where even close to where I was before hospital I don't Feel too bad but have a severe shortage of energy, and my arthritis is not improving with all of this either. I feel students and groups would be 'short changed by continuing.

Yours sincerely, Rodger Fowler

We thank Rodger for his HUGE efforts over the years, and the AMAZING contribution Rodger has continuously made to Craft Potters.

As you will all realise, Rodger did a vast and varied job for our club, he continuously worked behind the scenes, as well as being the 'face' of the club for many years. He took a variety of different groups - from the very youngest to the old and wise - he introduced many new members to the club via Saturday Class, and helped educate a great number of CPN members in the ways of pottery, and of the do's and don'ts of the Craft Potters club.

Please take the time to thank Rodger personally for his contribution, as **HE DESERVES IT** from each and every one of us!!!

THANKS RODGER!!!

Pugmills

The committee is currently in discussions regarding selling the pugmills. The older one has already been sold, however a decision is soon to be made on whether to sell the newer Venco pugmill.

The pug mills have been abused and misused for quite some time, and Rodger is no longer able to continue maintaining them. As we are currently trying to raise funds to improve space and facilities at the club-the committee are considering selling this pugmill.

Please let us know what you think by completing and returning the below coupon (place in the suggestion box, BEFORE Thursday 8th May).

Jenny Miller Workshop-15th March

A few weeks back a group of us attended a workshop run by Jenny Miller. Many of you will know Jenny by the almost 'human' mice and other animals she has specialised in creating for quite a few years now {chefs, bungy jumpers, parachutists etc}. Back in the days when we regularly held our Spring Exhibitions, she displayed a wonderful group/community of them. Remember the group in the boat?



The first animal we were to make was a dog. Jenny showed us each step before we went on to the next part. If we found it difficult then she would come and help us out. There was no way you would be left behind. Emily had to leave half-way through the morning to attend a funeral in Nelson. You would think that she may have a problem completing her dog, but even though she missed out on a couple of hours of the workshop, she still managed to not only finish one dog, but she also made a second one.



We had a lot of fun - each dog by the end of the day had turned into its own breed. No two were the same. Jon's was still only a pup playing with its ball, Nori's a blood hound. I think most of us had also named our dog.



Once the dogs were completed, we went on to creating a chicken - and not just some ordinary run of the mill chicken. Our chickens have personality - check out the eyes. The wings were an 'eye opener' in the way they were constructed - very clever. We hope to display the pieces once they are all fired - successfully we hope.



Jenny has indicated that she would be happy to hold another workshop, maybe around Spring. If you are looking for a relaxed and therapeutic day, this would be the ideal day. If and when we have a date, we will let you all know. So Jenny if you read this "thank you very much from all of us for a wonderful day".

Lynn



Should we sell the Venco Pugmill? Yes / No (please circle)

Let us know your thoughts: ~~~~~

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Wednesday Pottery Classes

Tutored by Alan Ballard

Morning Classes – 10am-12 noon

Evening Classes - 7pm-9pm



Term Two - Wednesday 14th May - Wednesday 2nd July Term

Three - Wednesday 23rd July - Wednesday 10th September

\$150 for 3 terms - CPN members

\$180 for 3 terms - non-members

\$60 per term - CPN members (on a term-by-term basis) \$70 per term - non-members (on a term-by-term basis)

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Let us know what we can do to make the club work better for you.