

New Plymouth Potters Inc

Newsletter

Newsletter - February 2012

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New Members

Welcome to Marita Green who has recently moved to New Plymouth from Taupo, Kevin Phillips who has rejoined the club after a short absence, and also Kelly Corlett.

Recent events

Birds of a Feather Exhibition

Club members did us proud by entering some great pieces in this year's Real TArt Challenge. Be sure to take a visit before the exhibition closes on 10th March.

Gillian McMillan's visit

Thanks to everyone who supported our club evening on Thursday 16th February to welcome Gillian McMillan from Vancouver, who was in the middle of a short tour of the North Island with her husband Alan. Her Powerpoint presentation showed her work as a potter in Canada, revealing how she developed her current range of jug-birds.



While talking about her beautiful pieces, she generously shared some of her tricks and also her slip recipes, copies of which are available at the workrooms for our use. If anyone missed her visit and would like to see her presentation, please contact Cecily who has a copy on her computer, together with a presentation on TriCity Potters, the pottery guild that Gillian is a part of.

Pit Firing - Louise McFetridge's home

Louise organised another attempt at a pit firing at her home in Lepperton on Thursday 23rd February after the first one was washed out in December and yet again the weather failed us by sending torrential rain! A few stalwarts gathered on Saturday 25th and a successful firing resulted. See the next newsletter for a write-up.

Public Classes

Graham & Christina have kindly agreed to tutor a small group on a Monday evenings (in conjunction with the newer members) as demand for the public class was underwhelming. We work to keep this important revenue earner going ...

Monday & Thursday Groups

These groups are back in full swing. Our thanks to all the experienced members who share their knowledge so willingly.

Vicarage

We've had many positive comments about the Vicarage's re-vamp and would like to put a notice in the Tuesday Daily News announcing our new look ... however, we seriously need more work in there please help !

We're also looking for some old wooden frames to hold the Vicarage photos & plans - if you have any you can spare, please let Cecily or Jan know.

Vicarage Roster March

3	Marjan Harding	18	Bronia Des Forges
4	Anthea Stayt	24	Jan Russell
10	Louise McFetridge	25	Maria Brockhill
11	Wendy Boulter	31	Elsie Morgan
17	Jan Pidwell		

If you're unable to manage your duty, please arrange an alternative yourself and let Gail know.

Upcoming events

Hearts in Craft - 1 March

Whitebait productions will be filming at the workrooms and at Real TArt on Thursday 1 March from 9:30am. Thanks to those members who have agreed to take part. Details of the screening of the piece, which will be included in a programme to be shown on TVNZ7 in April, will appear in the next newsletter.

Club Raku Thursday 22nd March

A raku firing is scheduled for Thursday 22nd March but will obviously depend on the weather. All members are welcome.

Percy Thomson's 10th Birthday Anniversary Exhibition - 30th March - 22nd April

New Plymouth Potters has been allocated a table area as part of the Percy Thomson 10th birthday exhibition - no hanging work please, as wall space will be reserved for 2D pieces. Entry forms are available from the work-rooms - there is no entry fee and commission is 30%. Work must be delivered to the club by Monday 26th March at the latest.

Real TArt News

Real TArt Gallery have introduced a new challenge exhibition to our calendar - in May they will be hosting "My Cup of Tea" which will work along similar lines to the current "Birds of a Feather". **The final date for delivery is Tuesday 1st May** - entry forms will be available in the work-rooms or from the Gallery in the next week. The Gallery is also in the process of firming up their agreements with artists and have asked all members who exhibit to complete an artist's agreement - forms are available in the work-rooms or at the Gallery.

Equipment for sale / donation

We have recently received donations from various sources which are available to members at reasonable prices - take a look at the work rooms. There are also some kilns on offer - see the notice board for more details as well as well as a silent auction for a sturdy square table.

Information

Does anyone know whether (& where) any raw materials are available for digging around Taranaki - either clays or glaze materials? Some members are interested in including local materials in their work. Please let Cecily know.

New Plymouth Potters Inc - 2012 Diary

March	Fri 16th - Sun 18th	Woodstoke	Annual NZSP Conference in Wangamata area
	Mon 19th 5pm	Committee meeting	
	Thurs 22nd 10am	Club raku firing	Details available from Thursday group early March
	Mon 26th	Percy Thomson's 10th Anniversary Exhibition - delivery of work	Exhibition open to all members to celebrate Percy Thomson Gallery's 10th Anniversary. Entry free, 30% commission, entry form available from NPP work-rooms.
	Fri 30th		Exhibition opening
April	Mon 16th 5pm	Committee meeting	
	Wed 18th 7pm	Club evening	Luster evening - bring small glazed articles suitable for application of lustres. Contact Anthea for more details.
May	Tues 1st	Real TArt Challenge - My Cup of Tea	Final date for delivery of work for Real TArt Challenge - 3 pieces of which 1 may be a set, entry \$5 - entry forms available in workrooms or at the Gallery
	Sat 5th & Sun 6th	Market Weekend	Annual Mothers Day Market Day
	Mon 14th 5pm	Committee meeting	
	Wed 23rd 7pm	Club evening	Kathy Gates will lead a discussion on the food safety of glazes - essential information for anyone making pieces that could be used for food (even if you intend it to be sculptural)
June	Mon 11th 5pm	Committee meeting	
	Thurs 21st 6pm	AGM and 40th Anniversary	Mid-winter celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Incorporation of New Plymouth Potters
July	Mon 9th 5pm	Committee meeting	
August	Fri 3rd Aug - Sun 2 Sept	Annual Members' Exhibition & Workshop	with guest exhibitor Duncan Shearer
	Sat 4th & Sun 5th	Exhibition workshop	Wheel throwing workshop by Duncan Shearer
	Mon 13th 5pm	Committee meeting	
September	Mon 10th 5pm	Committee meeting	
	Fri 14th	Lysaght Watt Exhibition	Exhibition entry forms in - forms available July
	Fri 28th	Lysaght Watt Exhibition	Final day for delivery of work
	Sun 30th	Lysaght Watt Exhibition	Exhibition opening
October	Mon 15th 5pm	Committee meeting	
	Fri 26th - Nov 16th	NZSP Regional Exhibition	Percy Thomson Gallery Stratford - open to all members of NZSP resident in Wellington & Western Districts
November	Mon 12th 5pm	Committee meeting	
December	Fri 14th	Christmas lunch	

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