

POTTERS PRESS



Kia Ora Potters,

Tena koutou katoa, Wow another amazing week at the studio, I feel truly blessed to work in such a supportive and creative environment. Thank you one and all for all your hard work support and pure aroha for what you do. It has been a very busy studio this week; with gorgeous pieces popping up on the work shelves for collection. OMG we have some very talented people in our classes this term. I hope everyone is enjoying their term so far, please do let me know if you have any ideas for the society fundraising or have any questions.

A few little notes, if you know where the sieve for the kiln sand is, or the kiln room big blue rubber gloves are please return these to the kiln room. They are missed: 😞

The clay cupboard while still looking relatively healthy, is starting to empty out, fear not! Decopot to the rescue with another load coming in next week. I have also ordered some brown clay from bot pots but have heard a whisper that some more brown clay will be available via Decopot soon. Do be sure to pop in and get your share. Just to let you know how we do pricing: Firstly, we aim where possible to buy in bulk, this way we get the clay a bit cheaper. We then add on average \$3.50 per bag for freight and \$3.00 per bag for admin. So, if a bag costs us \$19.00, we sell this bag for \$26 to cover our costs. Please be mindful that **yes**, we do need to cover our costs.

The Garden Party is not too far away, pencil the 5th April 2020 into your social calendars as it is sure to be a fabulous afternoon event.

Tickets will be on sale next week. \$15 per person or \$40 per family.

Join us for an afternoon of nibbles, raffles, music, art and loads of items on offer. We look forward to fundraising for the society, celebrating the summer and sharing an afternoon of art and conversation. Buy your tickets from the office or online at <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event2474>



2020 Diploma has begun

It was the first day of the Diploma 2020 today, it is great to see returning students and welcome new students to our society. If you have been thinking of doing the diploma or want to learn more about how to study a Diploma in ceramics with us, head along to <https://www.op.ac.nz/study/creative/art/programmes/ceramic-arts/>.

Last chance boxes: Please do pop into the studio Monday – Friday 10 -4pm to collect your pieces. Please be mindful that we are not able to store your works for long periods as we simply do not have the space.

Windows: As it's been sooo hot lately, please do open the windows, close the curtains and pop the fan on in the studio if you are in the studio to work next week. A note to remember is to always please close the windows if you are the last to leave.

Cleaning up after yourself

Please make sure you please clean up after yourselves and your children. Please place all dishes in the dish washer. As a community centre all dishes must be washed thoroughly with super-hot water, to assure any bugs don't hang around and get passed through the society. We do not have people employed to clean up each day after everyone and no one likes cleaning up after others. So Please; Please; Please; be mindful. We are a community, if we all clean up that little more than our own mess, we will maintain a beautiful clean welcoming space for all to enjoy and create in.



Raku Firing: If you would like to do Raku firing, we do have a kiln for hire here at the WSP. **The Cost:** We will need to charge a per hour amount to cover an experienced supervisor + gas. This amount is to be discussed at the next committee meeting and I will report back on the decision. The process is simple, you would pay for your pieces as per the firing sheet, including glazes and the Raku hire is extra. As we are a part of a larger community of Art providers, we have been asked to be mindful of all users to the Ward land Arts Centre, therefore we have agreed to only fire on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays or after 5pm the rest of the week .

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Gas Kiln – is still Out of operation until further notice, the fitters are coming in during the week to do their final measure up and will be replacing the chimney as soon as possible.

Firing

Please ensure you measure your pieces accurately and pay for them each time: If you are running a firing sheet this is to have a \$.00 balance or be in credit. Unfortunately, we simply cannot afford to carry people's costs. We pay our kiln technician to assure that your pieces are fired and cared for with minimal breakages. He is here to advise you and support the society with firing. We have priced firing to assure his wages are catered for along with the glazes, tools, power and other sundries. We do not make a profit from firing in fact the complete opposite, however we would like to break even.



Raffles We are looking to fundraise for ongoing costs at the Society, as a part of this fundraising incentive we are looking for donations of Art, \$, gift baskets, or services. We will use these items as raffles to raise funds for the Waikato Society of Potters. If you would like to contribute, please pop an email to manager@waikatopotters.co.nz or stop in and visit Bea in the office.

Have your say: To have your news included in the newsletter, please email a photo (JPEG) and



blurb. We would love to share your potter's thoughts, recipes, things to do, places to go, handy hints ect. To have stories included please do send them through to manager@waikatopotters.co.nz, by Wednesday each week.



Invoices:

As of February 2020, if you are invoicing the WSP for your services please have your invoices in to manager@waikatopotter.co.nz in **the first week of each month**. This is so our treasurer; Sarah can have time to process the accounts ready for the committee meeting each month for acceptance and payment on the 20th of the same month. Should your invoices arrive late do not worry these will just roll over for payment to the month following.



The aprons have been flying out the door which is so cool, and I must say it is really awesome to see them being worn around the studio. 😊 We still have a few left so if you are looking for that certain gift to give a fellow potter or simply just for you. These are for sale at the office.

Private tutorage Available:

If you are interested in learning sculpture and hand building and improve your attention to detail on a one on one basis. Come and have a chat to Wihelmiina in her studio (studio3, right next to the office) Tuesdays, Wednesday's and Thursday's between 9.30-3pm. To book your place, pop in and see Wihelmiina and her work.



What's On:

We are happy to open on Saturdays and Sundays for members; however, we need volunteers to make this happen.

Saturday 22 February 2020 Play with Clay 10 -1pm Hosted by Heather and Wilhelmiina Nerikomi Workshop Members \$30 per day non-members \$40 per day	Sunday 23 February 2020 Throwing Taster Session with Libby Cameron
Monday 24 February 2020 Wheel thrown Pottery 9.30am - 12.30pm Open Studio 1 -4pm Sculpture 6-9pm	Tuesday 25 February 2020 Hand Building 9.30 -12.30pm Open Studio 1 -4pm Play with Clay 18.30 – 9pm
Wednesday 26 February 2020 Play with Clay 9.30 -12.30 Open Studio 1- 4pm Wheel thrown Projects 6-9pm	Thursday 27 February 2020 Open Studio 9.30 -12.30 Pottery with Jenni 1pm -4pm
Friday 28 February 2020 Diploma Day – Studio is Closed Intro to Pottery 6-8 pm	Saturday 29 February 2020 Play with Clay 10am -1pm Hosted by Heather Sherwood Nerikomi Workshop Members \$30 per day non-members \$40 per day



Potter's Mark

It would be great to have all pots fired in the Club kilns to bear a Potter's Mark. We do not yet have a register; However, this is where we should aspire to get to. I will pop a book next to the sign in sheet for you to fill out and add your own mark.

If you Don't have a potters Mark, this is your opportunity to make one up. It could be a symbol, your initials; it need not be flamboyant, but something that identify's you as a potter. We may get to a point where some 'tweak negotiations' may be required if there are two marks the same. But let's deal with this when and if, it happens.

Why do we need this? It helps to identify the maker in the event of damage. It also helps to identify poor glaze practice. This is not about 'naming and shaming' – unless you become a repeat 'offender'!!! - but about assisting you in developing proper glaze practices and techniques. – Borrowed from Wellington potters Association as it's a great Idea.

The Ceramics Association of New Zealand proudly presents

Feast (Together) –The George Festival of Tableware

6-9 August 2020

This years festival and National Tableware Competition will be held in the Canterbury-West Coast region at the beautifully restored historic Arts Centre *Te Matatiki Toi Ora*. To register and for more information see the festival website: www.nztableware.com Online entries open March 16th! This is a wonddrful opportunity to get creating



ABSOLUTELY YOUR LAST CHANCE TO VIEW PORTAGE CERAMIC AWARDS 2019

from 22 November 2019 - 23 February 2020.

If you are in Auckland it is well worth the veiwing



Arts in the Park

Saturday 22 February 9 -2p Norris Ward Park

Loads of stalls, raffles, food and family fun.

Hamilton Pottery Tools will have tools available for sale at this market on Saturday. Bring your cash and reusable bags. Stop and say hi to Susannah at the Hamilton Pottery Tools stand, Susannah is bringing the entire range!

www.hamiltonpotterytools.co.nz

Te Kowhai Country Market

The Waikato Society of Potters has a powered stall at this amazing and huge market. If you would like to sell your pottery with friends, and demonstrate your work, please contact Susannah on susannahsalter@gmail.com You will need to borrow a trestle table and a gazebo, but there will be no fees to pay. The market has 155 stalls and attracts 5,000+ local people. It's a great day out - follow us @Tekowhaimarket on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/Tekowhaimarket/>



Arts for Health Community Trust presents

ARTS IN THE PARK 2020

Quality local art & crafts ready to buy,
try a mini art class, delicious food,
family fun

SAT 22 FEB 2020 • 9 AM - 2 PM •
WARD PARK HAMILTON (OPP GIRLS HIGH)

FREE Entertainment & Music

A Word from Creative Waikato

We have a large black plinth in our space and are looking to get that moved as soon as possible. Please let Bea know ASAP if you would like to collect this from Creative Waikato.

New leader for the waka

Creative Waikato has a new leader at the helm with the CEO appointment of Dr Jeremy Mayall. The composer and performer with a doctorate in musical composition began his position on 3 February 2020.

His understanding and love for the arts as an artist himself will give a new lens to the leadership position. He's been a staunch collaborator in the Waikato creative sector since ages ago which also gives confidence that he will be an incredible driver through our next important phase of growth, both for us and the region as a whole.



CREATIVE WAIKATO : TOI WAIKATO

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 – Hine | **Theatre & dance** | Feb 20 - Feb 21

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 - Tattletale Saints | **Music** | Feb 21

Frankton | **Visual art & photography** | Feb 21

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 - Clover On The River | **Music** | Feb 22

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 - Collision | **Music** | Feb 22

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 – Wild Dogs Under My Skirt | **Theatre & dance** | Feb 22 - Feb 23

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 – Old, Bold and Going Nowhere | **Theatre & dance** | Feb 27 - Mar 1

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 - Ship Of Dreams, Delaney Davidson | **Music** | Feb 27

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 – Chick'n a Box | **Theatre & dance** | Feb 28 - Mar 1

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 - Nadia Reid | **Music** | Feb 28

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 – Kingdom of Katz | **Theatre & dance** | Feb 29 - Mar

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 - Fly My Pretties | **Music** | Feb 29

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 2020 - Remote | **Music** | Mar 1

Jack Ansett: In His Prime | **Theatre & dance** | Mar 6

Putaruru

Two Kiwi Classics In Concert for The First Time | **Music** | Feb 29

Glass Art Studio – Casual Position

Are you interested in art? Are you a maker of art/craft or a DIY enthusiast? Can you hold a paint brush steady and operate small power tools? Do you consider yourself a details person? Are you curious and willing to learn new tasks? Do you want to work in a fun, relaxed environment? Di Tocker is looking for the right person to assist her in her Cambridge Studio on an ongoing casual basis, to make Cast Glass Artworks. Previous glass experience is not required. The role is hands on working with materials such as wax, plaster and glass. You will be required to wear a dust respirator some of the time – this and other safety gear is provided. I need you to bring lots of initiative, a practical mind, a fun attitude and the ability to multi-task. This is an active role, standing and moving all day. Heavy lifting is required – up to 30kg. To understand more about what happens in my studio, visit www.ditocker.nz Flexible hours, approx. 9am – 3pm, approx. 2 days per week as required, school holidays off. di@ditocker.nz



A word from decopots.

Many of you will know that as the tableware factory gets busier, we struggle to meet demand for some of our clays, especially PW20. We have contracted our European supplier to formulate an equivalent to PW20 and the result (6 months in the making) appears to far surpass PW20 in performance. We will call it PW20-Pro.

Paul has mentioned If PW20 is an important body in your system, please make sure that you have tested the new version before the transition is complete. Your feedback will be appreciated - your vote of confidence in the new material will hasten its introduction and brighten your lives!

We have dispatched a sample for you to try.

For those potters who received a bit of the product could you please let me know your thoughts and experiences.

A Word from Community Waikato

Funding and Financial Support Workshops

Look after your finances; learn how to fill out a successful application form; how to sell your project to the funder; tips on getting prepared; and more

[Register now](#)

Leadership Learning Programme for Community Organisations

Wednesdays in March (4, 11, 18 and 25 March), 10am - 12noon, Community Waikato, \$150pp for the four days and ongoing follow up

Facilitated by Dr Maureen Marra, in this Leadership Learning programme you will learn how to:

[Read more](#)

Responsive Trade Education

Responsive Trade Education (R.T.E.) offers help and support to families and caregivers of teens, 16-19 yrs old, that have slipped through the education system. Particularly those who have been challenged by the school environment. R.T.E's wrap around support service grows, educates, and empowers students for a successful future whilst they achieve skills for life with NCEA L2 and NCBACTS L2. We also provide the same pastoral care to clients of MSD, helping them grow in confidence and gain skills to achieve and maintain employment, allowing them to contribute to the community. For more information contact rae@rte.co.nz

Final Word

2020 Classes are now available for booking via <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz> [Events Pronto - Waikato Potters](#)

Important Dates and Events for 2020

Next Committee meeting 17 February
at Trust Waikato

Garden Party – 5 April

AGM – 28 April 2020

49th WSP Exhibition – November 2020

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Waikato Society of Potters Presents

TERM 1 2020; We still have a few places left in the following classes, this term.

Visit <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/waikatopotters>

Play With Clay 2020

Level: Not tutored: all levels welcome. Hosts: Margaret, Yasmin, Heather, Alex, Wilhelmiina and Libby

Tuesday's evenings 18.30 - 21.00 - Wednesdays 09.30-12.30 - Saturday 10.00-13.00

Cost: \$10 per session (\$5 with full membership)

Workshops for Term one

Nerikomi Workshop - Coloured Clay with Alex Wilkinson.

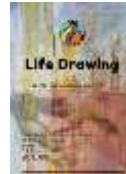
Four Saturdays in a row from **15th February** - Saturday 7th March 2020 - 2.30 - 6:30pm

To book your place <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event2269>

Live model Drawing with Susannah Salter

14th March 2020 – 2pm - 6pm

To book your place <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event2355>



Ceramic Jewellery Making with Yasmin Davis

21st March 2020 - 2pm - 6pm

To book your place <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event2369>



Box making with Diane Parker

28 March 2020 – 2pm - 6pm

To book your place

<https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event2377>



Lids, Handles and Spouts with Therese May

18 April 2020 – 2pm - 6pm

To book your place

<https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event2378>



Other things to do:



Good George Dining Hall & Brewery Specials

From \$10 pizzas to 2 for 1 desserts and more - check out the weekly deals on offer at Good George Dining Hall, Hamilton.

Sunday Funday at Hamilton Golf Club

Enjoy 9 holes of golf for \$10 every plus \$10 pizza or 2 beers for \$10 every Sunday at Hamilton Golf Club

Have an amazingly wonderful weekend and a gloriously potty week.

Nga mihi nui,
Waikato Society of Potters

