

newsletter

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monthly newsletter & journal



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Upcoming Dates to Note in Your Diary Now!

29 Oct	Ceramicus closes – <i>please pick up your pieces 3pm-5.30pm at NZAFA!</i>
8-12 Nov	Anagama Firing
19 Nov	Anagama Unloading and BBQ
25-26 Nov	Richard Stratton Slab and Slip Trailing Workshop
2-3 Dec	Richard Stratton Slab and Slip Trailing Workshop
18 Dec	Last Club Firings for 2017
Regular events:	
Fridays	Club night at the rooms - share food, wine, tips, or just your company!

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Ceramicus 2017

Ceramicus 2017 is going well, with lots of visitors coming to see both Ceramicus and the Watercolour exhibition. A big thank you to all WPA members who helped make Ceramicus a success!

Photos from Opening Night:



- Justin Lester, the Wellington Mayor, who gave the opening speech
- Elaine Marland, the WPA Vice-President who welcomed us
- Richard Stratton, our guest exhibitor and selector
- Te Arikirangi Mamaku, our MC, from Mamaku International who also sponsored the He Kōrero Waihangā Uku Award: Māui Pōtiki
- Cam Munroe, our other guest exhibitor



Paul Thompson the deputy director of Wellington Museum, with Richard Stratton and Te Arikirangi Mamaku, presenting the Wellington Museum Premiere Acquisition Award to Oliver Morse

Congratulations to Award Winners:

- **Oliver Morse** - Wellington Museum \$1,000 Premier Acquisition Award Winner
- **Karin Amdal** - Vessel Award for Excellence in Wheel-Thrown ceramics
- **Barin Das** - New Zealand Artist Magazine Merit Award for Excellence in Wheel-Thrown Ceramics
- **Peter Rumble** - Maurice Bennett Memorial Award for Excellence in Hand-built Ceramics
- **Paula Weir** – New Zealand Artist Magazine Merit Award for Excellence in Hand-built Ceramics
- **Karen Taylor** - the He Kōrero Waihanga Uku Award: Māui Pōtiki
- **Lisa Henderson** - Nelson Pottery Supplies Award for Innovation in Ceramics
- **Grace Sharp** - Waikato Ceramics First Time Exhibitor Award 2

PLEASE...

Could all exhibitors collect their unsold pots from the Academy Gallery on Sunday 29th of October between 3pm and 5.30pm?

Your help in taking down the exhibition would be appreciated.

Any Spare Paint?

ANY interior/exterior GLOSS paint you can spare. ANY colours (except tartan!).

The new kiln room shelves will be painted during the 2017 - 2018 kiln firing intermission. Paint donations can be stored in the shelves just inside the kiln/glaze room's main door alongside the Test Kiln shelving.

We thank you very much in advance of your kind donations!

The Kiln Firing Team



Club Firings December-January - Advance Notice

ADVANCE NOTICE: The last Club Firings for 2017 will be loaded on Monday 18 December. Your pots from these firings will be ready to pick up on Thursday 21 from 3pm.

IMPORTANT: ALL pots must be removed from the kiln room by Sunday 24 December to allow for shelving and painting to be completed. Any pots left will be removed to the roof of the substation where they will be "open to all takers".

FIRST CLUB FIRINGS FOR 2018:
Monday evening of 15 January



Richard Stratton - Slab and Slip-Trailing Workshops

Don't miss out on Richard Stratton's two weekend workshops on slip trailing and using pre-decorated slabs:

- **Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th November**
- **Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd December**

Cost: \$160 for members (covers 2 weekends)
\$200 for non-members (covers 2 weekends)

This will be a fascinating series of workshops, where participants will learn and partake in the production of coloured slips, and make slip trailed and feathered designs on clay slabs. They will also learn how to make and use tools that are relevant to slip decoration. Both of these techniques will be discussed as to their histories and modern interpretation. On the second weekend participants will put together complex shapes out of their pre-decorated slabs (either using Richard's templates or creating their own).

The workshops will be on consecutive weekends to allow for slab making and drying on the first weekend, and slip trailing and joining on the second weekend. The skill level is intermediate to advanced.



Contact Kate to register: wellingtonpotters@gmx.com; registrations close **Friday 17th November**. Further details of the workshop are available from Kate.

13th Anagama Firing and Beyond

The anagama kiln is loaded and the 100 hour, or thereabouts, firing will start on Wednesday 8 November and finish on Sunday 12 November.

Logging Operations and Parking

If you are participating in the firing or simply planning to visit, be aware that there are night and day logging operations going on at the property during the course of the firing. This means logging trucks are using Horokiwi Road.

The particularly narrow section of road between the Hillcroft Road turnoff and Te Haunui (476 Horokiwi Road), the site of the kiln, is controlled by temporary traffic warning lights. These flash when a logging truck is on this section of the road. Pull over to left-hand side of the road at the lights and wait until the truck has passed and the lights cease flashing. If for any reason you encounter a truck, you will have to reverse to get out of its way.

When on site park in the area beside the kiln shelter and the greenhouse, not by the road. More comprehensive information will be provided separately for participants.

Kiln Opening and BBQ: Sunday 19 November

We plan to remove the wicket (door) at 10:30 am and start unloading the kiln at 11 am followed by a BYO BBQ at noon. These events are open to any members curious about anagama firings as well as those who entrusted their pots to the kiln.

14th Firing

Several truckloads of logs have been delivered to the site by Graeme Houston in preparation for next year's firing - the 14th. Chainsawing enthusiasts, assisted by Graeme, have reduced the logs to manageable proportions and the lengths of wood have been neatly stacked. Splitting will follow. Weather permitting we should have ample opportunity to prepare the firewood, allow it to dry and deposit it in the kiln shelter. Dry firewood is a key ingredient in successful firings.



Fodder for the 14th Firing...

Alan Ross
Anagama Coordinator

Library Matters



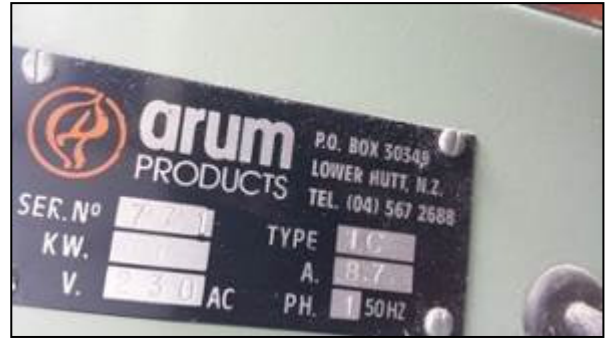
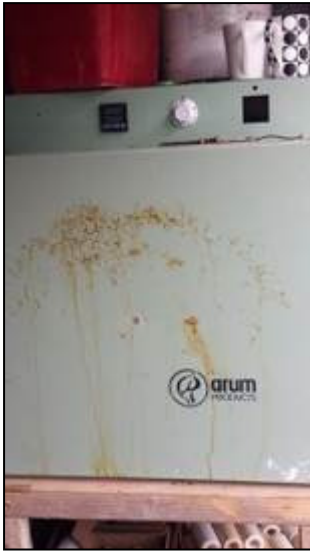
- We've had a generous donation of books from Anneke Borren who is selling up, retiring and about to become itinerant. Thank you Anneke. When they have been processed, you will be able to borrow them.
- Remember when you take books out that you need to issue them to yourself - and the method is "old school" - literally.
- Please have a check at home to see if you have books that are lingering or you have forgotten. We really want them back. Check the bedside table. There are lots out at the moment, and other people may be waiting.

Vivian Rodriguez
Librarian

Kilns for Sale

Two kilns for sale:

- A large gas kiln, standing on feet. It requires a crane to lift out of building next to garage - \$50.
- A small kiln (see photos next page) - \$50.



Jackie Rodriguez
021 145 1631, KoruHub 04 383 5757

Potters Aprons

I am a potter in Gisborne and I make Potters Aprons as well. They are available in various colours, currently navy, fawn, yellow and dusky pink. I don't sell them direct as the courier charge through Trade Me is cheaper than any other courier

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/SearchResults.aspx?searchString=potters+apron&type>

- Medium weight cotton fabric with slight stretch
- New - Made in New Zealand
- length from top of bib to hem 39 inches, body is 26 1/2 inches across, ties 37 inches long
- split front going around side leg for good coverage when sitting at wheel
- adjustable neck strap
- colour - Fawn (Colours vary and new colours will be added from time to time; if you want a specific colour, just ask)



I am happy to combine postage with other items. Just select postage on the largest item and I will advise courier charge after you have completed your purchases.

These are new products and as they sell one, I list another.
If you wish to ask any questions I can be contacted via email or phone 021 26 27 258.

I appreciate your support.

Chris Henwood

Proposed Pottery Programme for 2017

Regular events

- Classes
- Friday Club Night – share wine, food, tips – or just your company!

October

- 14th - 29th, Ceramicus Exhibition open to the public

November

- 8th, Wednesday till Sunday 12th, Fire Anagama Kiln
- 19th, Sunday, Unload Anagama, & BBQ

- 25th-26th, Saturday-Sunday, Slip Trailing & Slab Workshop with Richard Stratton

December

- 2nd-3rd, Saturday-Sunday, Slip Trailing & Slab Workshop with Richard Stratton continued
- 18th, Monday, last Club Firings for 2017
- 24th, Sunday, last day for pots to be removed from kiln room

January

- 15th, Monday, first Club firing for 2018

If you have any suggestions for the WPA programme please contact the WPA club.

What would you like to see? What do you want to learn, what are you interested in?

Let us know, at wellingtonpotters@gmx.com

Pottery Classes

- **Mondays 9.30am – 11.45am, 6th November for 7 weeks. Throwing for Beginners with Galit Maxwell**, for WPA members new to the wheel or would like to improve their basic skills; covers the practical skills of wedging, centring, throwing cylinders & bowls & trimming. Students will learn about different types of clay & variety of techniques. Contact galia@ihug.co.nz to enrol. Cost for 7 weeks course \$200, to be paid in advance. Clay & firing costs extra.
- **Mondays 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Handbuilding and Throwing with Anthea Grob**, 8 week sessions 16 October 2017 (class is full; see **Community Education Centre** cec@whs.school.nz to join waiting list).
- **Tuesdays 5.30pm - 7.30pm, Throwing, All Levels, with Mauritz Basson**, 8 week sessions from 17 October 2017 (class is full; see **Community Education Centre** cec@whs.school.nz to join waiting list).
- **Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm, Throwing, All Levels, with Mauritz Basson**, 8 week sessions from 17 October 2017 (class is full; see **Community Education Centre** cec@whs.school.nz to join waiting list).
- **Wednesday 6.30pm – 8.45pm, 8th November for 7 weeks. Throwing for Beginners and Advanced Beginners with Galit Maxwell**, for WPA members new to the wheel or would like to improve their basic skills; covers the practical skills of wedging, centring, throwing cylinders & bowls & trimming. Students will learn about different types of clay & variety of techniques. Contact maxwellgalit@gmail.com to enrol. Cost for 7 weeks course \$200, to be paid in advance. Clay & firing costs extra.
- **Thursdays, 9.30am – 11.30am, 19th October for 8 weeks, Handbuilding with Peter Rumble**; contact **Community Education Centre** cec@whs.school.nz to register.
- **Thursday 7.00pm – 9.15pm, 9th November for 7 weeks. Throwing for Beginners and Advanced Beginners with Galit Maxwell**, for WPA members new to the wheel or would like to improve their basic skills; covers the practical skills of wedging, centring, throwing cylinders & bowls & trimming. Students will learn about different types of clay & variety of techniques. Contact maxwellgalit@gmail.com to enrol. Cost for 7 weeks course \$200, to be paid in advance. Clay & firing costs extra.
- **Fridays, 9.45am - 12pm: 20th October for 8 weeks. All about glaze with Anthea Grob. For WPA members with some experience. All about getting your own glazes.** Suitable for potters who have used club glazes and want to know more. Contact grobanthea@gmail.com, or 9726672 within office hours. Cost for 8 week course: \$200, to be paid in advance. Clay and firing costs extra.
- **Saturdays 8.30am - 10.30am: 21st October for 8 weeks. Beginners Mixed Handbuilding and Throwing classes with Anthea Grob** (*times changing to 8-10am if a club workshop held in the Rooms). **For WPA members who are new to clay.** Contact grobanthea@gmail.com, or 9726672 within office hours. Cost for 8 week course: \$200, to be paid in advance. Clay and firing costs extra.
- *note courses can only go ahead if there are sufficient enrolments, otherwise the course will be postponed or cancelled and enrolment fee refunded

For further information on all courses, please email Wellington Potters Association (wellingtonpotters@gmx.com).

New Members

Wellington Potters welcomes new members: application forms from wellingtonpotters@gmx.com.

Latest new members: Emma Bailey, Rachel Furniss, Ann Kendon, Lilian Klein, Natalia McAllansmith, Mikel Brandon & Amy O'Connell, Pancha Narayanan, Amy O'Halloran, Helen Player, Kate Ryan, Fiona Short, Danielle Staveley, Tania Strauss, Michael Stewart.

About Us – Location, Contacts, Social Media Info

FEE PAYING BY Internet:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wellington-Potters-Association/213144062066063>. If you have any pottery inspiration, cool videos or articles, or upcoming exhibitions, email your idea through to Chris Dunn – cdunn@ihug.co.nz

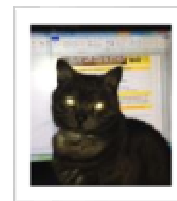
WPA Website: The WPA website is at <http://wellingtonpotters.org.nz/>, send contributions or suggestions to webmaster@wellingtonpotters.org.nz.

Buying Clay: WPA has clay for purchase by members, but organising that purchase does rely on the time and availability of a few of our hard-working club members. To organise clay purchase, email Chris Dunn cdunn@ihug.co.nz, or talk to one of the class tutors.

Suggestions Box: Suggestions about what needs doing, or better ways of organising the club – see the Suggestion Box on the front table upstairs.

Articles for the December Newsletter need to be emailed to the Editor's cat by 25 November 2017

(Elaine Marland <marland@xtra.co.nz>)



As a club we try to keep our fees down while still covering costs.

If for financial reasons you feel excluded, please contact the President.

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