

WPA Newsletter

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Key Dates

8 Mar – BBQ & Anagama Talk, p. 2
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6-7 Apr – Pit Firing Workshop, p. 4
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<http://wellingtontotters.org.nz/activities/calendar/>

Volunteers for Africa!

Well no, for WPA actually; many thanks to the volunteers who turned up to the **Volunteers Meet and Greet** on February 9th, both current and prospective volunteers. There was a fantastic spread of cakes, and our special thanks to our baking volunteers!

It was a buzz to see so many people, and to have so many names put down on our volunteer sheets. We are hoping for a lot of involvement this year; its going to be a busy year, with more members than ever before, big plans for building maintenance and renovations, plans for fundraising; all while keeping the club running, the kilns firing, the glazes made, classes and workshops going...

It's a big job, but many hands make light work, and with everyone joining in to do a bit, we can get there; and have some fun along the way!



Fire up the BBQ, and your Imagination, 8 March at 6.30pm!

Hot Stuff on the Barbie...with wood kiln tales from WPA's resident pyromaniacs! Get the low-down on what this **ANAGAMA** thingie is all about.

Mal Sole and Peter Rumble will give a talk about wood kilns and the upcoming annual firing of the Japanese style anagama kiln at Horokiwi, one of the last of this type operating in New Zealand.

What's the format? Introductory briefing, discussions, question time, information about which clays to use and why, suggestions as to which type of pots suit wood-firing, pictures and examples of anagama pots. There'll be plenty of food for thought AND for your tummies because there'll be a barbecue to make sure you don't go hungry. We'll supply the tucker; you bring your own beverages.

Let's be seeing you on Friday evening, March 8, from 6:30 until – formally – about 8:00.

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Please let us know if you intend to attend...so that adequate catering can be arranged. Email Peter Rumble at: sales@rumbles.co.nz.



Throwing Bootcamp with Rhonda Edwards 23-24 March

Rhonda Edwards will be providing one of her inimitable workshops on Throwing on 23rd and 24th March; her workshops are always enjoyable, don't miss out! Further details to come, meanwhile keep an eye on the WPA website at <http://wellingtonpotters.org.nz/activities/workshops/>.

Security at the Rooms

Please remember not to leave your valuables lying around the rooms. There have been thefts lately; lock up your stuff (there are lockable cubbies provided, for use on the day) or leave it at home; and please make sure that the rooms are locked up if you're the last to leave! Security is everyone's responsibility. We want our club to be a safe space not a target for thieves!

Exciting New Clays Available!

German clay is now available to WPA members. This is an initiative by our colleague Rhonda Tracey who has selected, ordered and organised shipping of two tonnes of various clays from the respected German clay supplier Witgert-Tonbergbau. She has also up-front funded the venture so WPA will only have to reimburse once sales are completed, meantime producing a tidy profit that can be put towards other projects about the rooms...or put towards funding the next clay shipment.

And, is there more good news? Yes! These clays, packaged in easy-to-handle 10kg bags, are selling for between \$12 and \$18 per bag...compare those prices with what you are currently buying!! There are 12 clays but 19 variations across those. For example, the "White 11" clay comes in four variations offering no grog or various mesh grogs at varying percentages. Talk about CHOICE!

Some of our more accomplished colleagues have been given samples and they will, very soon we hope, give their verdicts on the qualities of these clays. Eventually there will be samples to view once they've been fired and various glaze tests have been completed. If you have already bought some Witgert clays please *report your findings too. Your feedback will assist in determining which of these Witgert clays will be chosen for the next shipment.

Go to the WPA website for the pricelist and also to <https://www.witgert-tonbergbau.de/english/products/plastic-bodies> for more information (*email your reports to rhonda@thecraftkit.com).

All clays are available for purchase in the garage, contact one of the class tutors, or Peter Rumble. They must be paid for through the WPA Eftpos system and noted in the sales book.



Witgert Clay

Tester packages also available 1-2kg @\$2/kg

White 11

- No Grog - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) – Code/Location: WZ/Bin E(A) - Price: \$18/10kg
- 25% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: W02/Bin F(B); \$15/10kg
- 25% Grog 0-0.5mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: WZ05/Bin E(B); \$18/10kg
- 40% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: WZ05/Bin H(A); \$18/10kg

White/Cream 225

- 25% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6 (max temp 1150) - Code/Location: WCZ/Bin B; \$12/10kg

Anthracite (dark grey) 116

- No Grog - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: AZ/Bin C; \$18/10kg
- 25% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250)- Code/Location: AZ02/Bin J(A); \$18/10kg

Extra Black 9

- No Grog - Cone 6 (max temp 1150) - Code/Location: XBZ/Bin D(A); \$18/10kg
- 25% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6 (max temp 1150) - Code/Location: XBZ/Bin J(B); \$18/10kg
- 25% Grog 0-0.5mm - Cone 6 (max temp 1150) - Code/Location: XBZ/Bin D(B); \$18/10kg

Buff 2

- 25% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: AZC/Bin F(A); \$15/10kg

Red 10

- 25% Grog 0-0.5mm - Cone 6 (max temp 1150) - Code/Location: TZ/Bin I(B); \$15/10kg
- 40% Grog 0-0.5mm - Cone 6 (max temp 1150) - Code/Location: TZ/Bin I(A); \$15/10kg

Red 322

- 25% Grog 0-0.5mm - Cone 6 (max temp 1150) - Code/Location: BRZ/Bins A & K; \$12/10kg

Special Effect Clays

Wine Red/Chocolate 16

- 40% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: BR02/Bin H(B); \$15/10kg

Grey/White Marbled 29

- 25% Grog 0-0.5mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: GWMZ/Bin H(B); \$22/10kg

Salt and Pepper 31

- 25% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: S&PZ/Bin G(C); \$18/10kg

Brown/Chocolate Marbled 4

- 25% Grog 0-0.5mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: BGMZ/Bin G(A); \$22/10kg

White with Spots

25% Grog 0-0.2mm - Cone 6, 7, 8 (max temp 1250) - Code/Location: W02/Bin F(B); \$18/10kg

Richard Stratton's Mould Making Workshop

Richard Stratton's workshop on mould making on 26-27 January was a hive of industry; it looks as though everyone had a great time!

From Tim Hawley:

"A very worthwhile course especially for someone like me who has not been potting for long and for me it opened up doors that would not otherwise have been open. Richard is to my mind one of our finest potters, and it was a challenging but great weekend".



Pit Firing Rained Off...

The planned pit-firing workshop on 23rd and 24th February didn't go ahead thanks to the rain; however a group of keen prospective pit-firers attend the preliminary workshop held by Chris Dunn on 3rd February, and learned a lot about preparing works ready for a pit-firing. It was a fascinating session, and the amazing slides of Chris's pit-fired works were inspiring. We've got our pieces fired and ready for the re-scheduled pit-firing on 6th & 7th April; and now we've got time to make some more pieces, so we're probably going to need a bigger pit!

Elaine Marland



New Elected Artist at NZAFA



Congratulations to WPA member Chris Dunn, who is a newly inducted "Elected Artist" member of the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts.

Chris is pictured with his three works at a recent special unveiling of new inductees work; one of his pieces sold almost immediately!

The work of Chris plus other Academy artists is currently on display at NZAFA, in the "Elected Artist Showcase" currently showing at the Academy, which runs through until 24 March.

Workshop tour to Jingdezhen

In April 2019 Marian Howell of Marian Howell Ceramic Tours will be leading a 15 day small group ceramic tour to China including a 6 day hands on workshop in Jingdezhen. Participants will enjoy demonstrations by master artists in Mould Making, Teapot Making, Pigment and Carving Decoration, Tissue Transfer and Brush Making and then have time to practice these techniques in the studio.

Marian has led two previous groups there and they had a lot of fun and laughs as well as learning many technical skills, and they also loved the amazing atmosphere of Jingdezhen – a town that revolves around ceramics. The group will also visit Shanghai, Hangzhou and the ancient village of Yaoli plus enjoy local food and banquets throughout.

The workshop will cater for all levels of experience and they also invite non-potting partners to join in the tour. Marian is limiting the workshop numbers to ensure that everyone can obtain full benefit.

For more details a pdf brochure can be downloaded from:

[http://opulentjourneys.com.au/art & craft tours/Ceramic-Tour-to-China-2019/46/](http://opulentjourneys.com.au/art%20&%20craft%20tours/Ceramic-Tour-to-China-2019/46/), or they can contact Marian personally via email or phone as per below.



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About the tour leader:

This tour will be led by the well-known Australian Ceramicist, Marian Howell, who will provide expert commentary on ceramics during the tour. Marian is a past president of the Australian Ceramics Association and former Head of Ceramics at the National Art School and The Ceramics Design Studio, Sydney

Proposed Pottery Programme for 2018/19

Regular events

- Classes
- Tuesday mornings – share morning tea, and pick up some tips from the experts!
- Friday Club Night – share wine, food, tips – or just your company!

March

- 8th, BBQ & Anagama Talk
- 23rd – 24th, Throwing Bootcamp with Rhonda Edwards

April

- 6th – 7th, Pitfiring workshop with Chris Dunn (continued from February)
- Dates tbc, Workshop with Sam Duckor-Jones

August

- 4th, Anagama Receiving Day
- 5th – 11th, Anagama Loading
- 14th – 18th, Anagama Firing
- 25th, Anagama Opening and BBQ

If you have any suggestions for the WPA programme please contact the WPA club. The WPA calendar is also online at <http://wellingtonpotters.org.nz/activities/calendar/>; further details on workshops are at <http://wellingtonpotters.org.nz/activities/workshops/>.

Pottery Classes 2019

The regular classes at Wellington Potters are organised through the **Community Education Centre of Wellington High School**. These are open to members as well as non-members. For further information, see <http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/course-catalogue/160-make>; for seeing when classes are on, and for more information about activities at the rooms, see the WPA Online Calendar at <http://wellingtonpotters.org.nz/activities/calendar/>.

- **Mondays started 11 Feb**, 9.30-11.30am, CEC Pottery - Throwing with Galit Maxwell (no class 25 Feb & 18 Mar).
- **Mondays started 11 Feb**, 12-2pm, CEC Pottery - Throwing Japanese style with Lyuba Zhilkina.
- **Mondays started 11 Feb**, 5.30-7.30pm, CEC Pottery - Hand-building and Throwing with Anthea Grob.
- **Mondays started 11 Feb**, 7.30-9.30pm, CEC Pottery - Throwing: Next Step with Mal Sole.
- **Tuesdays started 12 Feb**, 5.30-7.30pm, CEC Pottery - Throwing: All Levels with Mauritz Basson
- **Tuesdays started 12 Feb**, 7.30-9.30pm, CEC Pottery - Throwing: All Levels with Mauritz Basson
- **Wednesdays started 13 Feb**, 9.30-11.30am, CEC Pottery - Throwing for Beginners with Galit Maxwell.
- **Thursdays started 14 Feb**, 5.30-7.30pm, CEC Pottery - Throwing for Beginners with Galit Maxwell (no class 21 Feb).

- **Thursdays started 14 Feb, 7.30-9.30pm, CEC Pottery - Throwing Japanese Style: Next Step with Lyuba Zhilkina.**

New Members

Wellington Potters currently has a waiting list for new members; for application please email wellingtonpotters@gmx.com.

About Us – Contacts, Social Media Info

Internet Payments (if you don't use the rooms – Eftpos is preferred):

Wellington Potters Association; Account Number: 02 0568-0024590-00.

IMPORTANT: all payments made at the rooms are to be by Eftpos **ONLY**.

Location, Mailing Address, Phone & Email: see front page of Newsletter.

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 – chrisdunn6@gmail.com.

WPA Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the **April 2019** Newsletter need to be emailed to the Editor (Elaine Marland elainejmarland@gmail.com) by **25 March 2019**.

WPA Committee/ office holders: see below.

WPA Online Calendar:

<http://wellingtonpotters.org.nz/activities/calendar/>

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

Clay Purchase: WPA has clay for sale to members, but the process does rely on the availability of a few of our hard-working club members. To organise clay purchase, contact one of the class tutors. For sales and clay queries, contact Peter Rumble (021 067 8099) who is often at the rooms.

Membership Costs: 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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