



ASP NEWS February 2008

The Newsletter of the
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Studio Opening Hours

Monday	12.30pm - 5pm
Tuesday	12.30pm - 5pm
Wednesday	12.30pm - 5pm
Thursday	12.30pm - 5pm
Friday	12.30pm - 4pm
Saturday	10am - 4pm

Remember to pay \$3 per hour
up to a maximum of
\$9.00 per day

The deadline for anyone kind enough to contribute to the ASP newsletter is the 1st of the month. Regretably we have not had many contributions this month so it is another slim publication. Hopefully there will be fatter ones coming up. And if you haven't paid your subs this will be your last one, fat or thin.

Fijian Adventure

Quentin Whitehouse



I commissioned a gas kiln in Fiji in August and did 10 days teaching: kiln operation, mould making, decoration techniques, glazing etc for a Fiji trust funded by the European Union. Probably the only kiln of its kind in Fiji. The local clay is carried 6 miles on foot to the roadhead. Talented students create art works and also reproduce modern day replicas of the Lapita pottery that came down through the islands hundreds of years ago. The commissioning of the gas kiln enabled student pottery (previously sitting on shelves for up to 2 years) to be processed. I have now sighted pictures of the students' graduation with their finished works. Much kava and beer drinking, pit fired food, and live music that could be heard 5 miles away. Finally sailing out to the reef and swimming under the keel and feasting on a tiny atoll....many new friends.

I gave my Japan talk on a screen under the coconut palms one night with all the students and invited locals.

From Peter Knuckey

Hello ASP! Hope you are all still active in your pottery! I return to Europe in January for several months! I finally have my own WEB-SITE!

www.peterknuckey-ceramics.com

I Wish YOU ALL, Many Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and CREATIVE "NEW YEAR 2008"!

Stop Press:

Richard Stratton will be giving a one-day "Printing On Clay" workshop at the end of March. Details in next month's newsletter.

Centre News:

Peter Lange

Classes are chocka!! Full to bursting, with waiting lists starting for next term already. We are not sure how to deal with this sort of pressure and although it is positive it means that some people are missing out. One thing we have to do is to increase our firing capacity, so the Committee has given us the green light to order a big new electric kiln. We look forward to that - it will give us the option of firing bigger pieces too. The money from the auction is being used for this project.

Our first Members' evening will be later in March and it will hopefully feature a tour of our new website plus a slideshow about a 6 week walking tour of Italy, and maybe a DVD launch if time allows. Dates in the next newsletter.

The maintenance of the Centre is endless and we are delighted with the new system that Mike and Tony have installed to stop the clay drains blocking up. A double trap arrangement. They need any 10 litre buckets they can get.

Our clay supplies are erratic in both cost and quality. Another change of supplier is looming if this continues. We are constantly looking for the best deal for our members; we now sell all clay at normal retail prices BUT if you are an ASP member you get a 10% discount!!

There are a few ASPmembers heading to Christchurch for the NZSP conference at the end of March. Looking forward to seeing Simon Carroll; check out www.simoncarroll.net. It's a surprising and interesting site.

Sad news: Lorraine Firth, wife of the late Ian Firth who was one of our founding members, has just lost one of her sons, Martin, in a drowning accident at Bethells. We send her our deepest sympathy and our love and support at this tragic time. The funeral will be on Friday 15th at 3.30pm, North Shore Chapel, 185 Snapper Rock Rd.

Pottery class

The Papakura Potters Club is organising a glaze firing class, with Brian Gartside, for early 2008, which will run for 4 Wednesday evenings. For expressions of interest, please contact Toos van de Graaf at 09-2786178 or e-mail avandegraaf@xtra.co.nz

Congratulations

To Renee Boyd - winner of the on-line Diploma Students' Award for 2007. Chosen by Janet De Boos from applicants from all of the Diploma courses around the country - our own Renee scooped the pool. Check out www.nzpotters.com

classified

All phone numbers in these sections are in the Auckland free-calling area unless an area code is explicitly stated.

For sale:

New shipment of Venco electronic wireless wheels. \$1500 +GST Contact Peter Collis 4809856

Wanted:

New member for the Warkworth Craft Co-op. Phone Jan 8149701

Wanted:

Electric kiln about 7 cuft. Phone Jan at 8149701

For Sale:

Cotter gas kiln 7.5 cuft plus gas bottles. Phone Ivy 4892724

Wanted for the Centre:

Used 10 litre paint buckets (any condition) for collecting clay from the drains. Also old clay bags - very useful.

exhibitions

Pots of Ponsonby:

"Ceramic Lamps" by Kairava Gullatz - delicately sculpted & carved porcelain 4th -18th February 2008

Masterworks:

"Crystal" Vicki Fanning 14 Feb - 5 March Our first exhibition for the year showcases new wall work by glass artist Vicki Fanning who is rapidly building a reputation as one of New Zealand's most innovative young glass artists. Her work plays with ideas of preciousness and fragility, building up layers of flame worked borosilicate glass to catch the light and impart an exquisite tactility.

Preview Wednesday 13 Feb 5.30pm
"Jewellery Box" by Lisa West.

14 Feb - 5 March.

In our first Jewellery Box of the year Lisa West will show a new body of work utilising non-precious materials.

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ObjectSpace:

Best In Show 2008: New Designer/Makers 29 January - 23 February

For Best In Show 2008 we are very pleased to present fifteen recently graduated makers, artists and designers working in jewellery, furniture, product, object, fashion, art and textiles, whose conceptual and material resolve reflects

a high standard of design.

Malcolm Harrison:

"Requiem" 29 January - 5 April

Requiem is an installation of embroidery and textile works from the 1980's through to 2005 by the late Malcolm Harrison. Working principally in the fields of embroidery and textiles, he was very largely responsible for positioning these fields as areas of contemporary arts practice worthy of critical attention. Harrison was the inaugural recipient of the Creative New Zealand Craft/Object Fellowship in 2005 and the following year he presented Minus Reason, an exhibition of new work at Objectspace.

Joanna Auld: The Loving Cup: 23 January - 23 February. This installation for the Objectspace Window programme explores the phenomenon of the trophy.

Indulgent Recipe

Priscilla Brady

On reading the newsletter, the photo of the anagama reminded me ... seeing as this firing has been put back to March, there is now plenty of "preparation" time:

ANAGAMA DELIGHTS

You need to make:

1 Sleek-shaped decanter with a decent pourer (big enough to store 1200ml)

LOTS of equally sleek-shaped "shot" glasses (remember, this is a wood firing - full concentration required, so..... one shot sizes)

INGREDIENTS

4 egg yolks

400g can sweetened condensed milk

300 ml fresh cream

3 tablespoons chocolate-flavoured dessert topping

2 teaspoons coconut essence

450 ml whisky

Beat egg yolks until thick and creamy.

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Stir in the condensed milk, cream, chocolate topping, coconut essence and whisky.

Mix thoroughly and bottle in your handmade decanter

Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks (fresh cream does not keep well)

I suggest you make this a day or two ahead of when you need it - helps the flavours develop.

This would be very nice with a slice of Margaret Bell's Russian Carrot Pie.

Thanks to Ivy Kirker for her generous donation of a trailer load of useful materials and clay. We wish her well in her retirement; now in her 80s she's certainly earned it.

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