



ASP NEWS

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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	



Helen Perrett - Andrews Award winner 2008

Happy New Year to you all.

And belatedly a photo of Helen who took out the Andrews Award for last year - a valuable prize of \$2000 and a deserving winner.

Hope you all had a good break over the summer. The ASP staff are back at work again so the place is open and welcoming to anyone who wants to come and get back into the clay. We look forward to seeing you here.

Missed a couple of thanks last newsletter, inevitably, and so I'll sort that out now:

To Tony Bacon for keeping the website looking fantastic. He reminds me that it will always only be as good as the stuff that goes into it, so we in the office vow to be very conscientious this year. By the way if you spot any interesting internet pottery clips send them in - we're hoping to set up a section

for these that we'll change from time to time.

To Western Potters for their generosity in providing the underglazes for the Big Clay Day Out.

To Judy Rae for services to the ASP library - she's keeping that well organised and is very good at getting the books back on time. There will be some with sand between their pages this month.

The library has been renovated and rearranged and made very comfortable and easy to use - a lot of the clutter has gone (where?) and there's a new ming blue on the walls. Huge thanks to the team of Anita, Helen and Jo-Anne for their spontaneous New Year's gesture. We are hoping to complete the archiving of our video records soon and then we'll have a library of DVDs that will be able to be borrowed. Sadly we missed out on a grant for our archiving and history-recording project and we will have to await the word from our budget folk before we know exactly how much we are able to do. Our 50th anniversary is coming in 2011 and we are aware of the need to commemorate that.

Get along to the Sculpture on the Gulf walk on Waiheke, it's a challenging exhibition and a great walk. The dates: Friday 23 January - Sunday 15 February, 9am - 6pm daily for 3 weeks only. 60 or so major sculptures from some of NZ's top artists.

There's a major conference being held in Sydney 17-20 July this year: "Facing the Future", the Australian Ceramics Triennale (website: www.australianceramicstriennale.com) and there are guest demonstrators coming from all around the place. It will be a good chance to see Virginia Scotchie, Takeshi Yasuda and Marek Cecula in action. There are others in the pipeline. If you want to go, there are cheap fares for these dates on the internet right now.

ASP classes

Classes at the ASP are filling - there's still room in Thursday morning and evenings and Tuesday morning. The Absolute Beginners is OK for space too. Here's the timetable for the ASP classes this year. A couple are already full so hurry along if you want to get in.

Monday morning and evening:

Term 1.	2/2/09 - 6/4/09
Term 2.	27/4/09 - 29/6/09(9)
Term 3.	20/7/09 - 21/9/09
Term 4.	12/10/09 - 14/12/09

Tuesday morning and evening:

Term 1.	3/2/09 - 7/4/09
Term 2.	28/4/09 - 30/6/09
Term 3.	21/7/09 - 22/9/09
Term 4.	13/10/09 - 15/12/09

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Wednesday morning:

Term 1.	4/2/09 – 8/4/09
Term 2.	29/04/09– 1/7/09
Term 3.	22/7/09 – 23/9/09
Term 4.	14/10/09 – 16/12/09

Thursday morning and evening:

Term 1.	5/2/09 – 9/4/09
Term 2.	30/4/09 – 2/7/09
Term 3.	23/7/09 – 24/9/09
Term 4.	15/10/09 – 17/12/09

Wednesday evening 6 week beginners class

Term 1.	11/2/09 – 18/3/09
Term 2.	1/4/09 – 6/5/09
Term 3.	20/5/09 – 24/6/09

A petition from the UK

Please could I ask you to sign the petition we have at No 10 Downing Street. The link is below, and I would be grateful if you can encourage others to sign it.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/CeramicsHarrow/>

Situation Vacant

Friendly soul to be co-director of the ASP Centre - main areas of involvement will be the Diploma Course and the newsletter. There will be regular kiln firings, and a constant stream of interesting people to deal with. It is a varied and interesting position requiring one and a half days per week with the odd extra hour or two from time to time. There will be extensive guidance given to help you settle in and you will be working with a dedicated and good-humoured group of people. It would be useful if you have had experience with firing different kilns and basic computer expertise (database and publishing) as well.

Contact the Centre 6306942 or email asp@ceramics.co.nz for salary details and job description.

NZ Steel Gallery

On the 9th of January we will be re-opening the New Zealand Steel Gallery for 2009. We are hosting an exhibition of artists whom we specifically invited due to their high calibre of work and also because they are local. The aim is to showcase these artists to all of you who are actively seeking to invest in local art. You will not be disappointed by this collection of work; it is diverse, challenging, interesting, beautiful and examples of exceptional talent in New Zealand.

www.franklinarts.org.nz

Bill Van Gilder

He does a TV show about clay in the States and has expressed an interest in coming here. Here's a message from the irrepressible Peter Knuckey who put him on to us:

HI PETER! GOOD to Hear From YOU, after all these years! OKAY, I will pass on your Interest to Bill Van Gilder! YES, Bill has a Varied Background, encompassing English, Japan, U.S.A. traditions, with many unique Techniques, and a great Potter for WORKSHOPS! He Sends out a KIT, He has when the time comes, outlining what he does and Needs/ Expects, etc, for his workshops! He is a true Professional in the U.S. sense!

In the Meantime, I Wish YOU and ALL at Auckland Studio Potters, a Great Christmas and a Happy and Fulfilling NEW YEAR 2009! Best Wishes from PETER.

www.peterknuckey-ceramics.com

We'll keep you posted. Check him out on Youtube.

Waitakere Artists Open Studio

The weekend of March 7 and 8, 2009.

Search in <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz>

This year over 200 artists are taking part throughout Waitakere and the event, which runs from 10am-4pm each day, will be the largest of its kind in the region.

A brochure will be produced and the public will be able to take themselves to specific studios at their leisure.

Bus tours will be operating departing from Corban Estate Arts Centre from 10.30 and 1.30 and visiting various studios. (Bus tours are \$15 and are 2 1/2 hours long. Bookings recommended).

For sale:

The Art of Firing by Nils Lou for \$75. Brand new. Email: mahmoodali@xtra.co.nz or Ph: 0211839950

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