



Welcome to the Mid Year 2021 issue of 'PATNZ' Create the official newsletter of Porcelain Art Teachers NZ *Inspire, Inform, Educate!*

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Hello Fellow Artists

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2021.

It has almost been a year since my last newsletter. There have been a few hiccups along the way with life, family and stuff determined to slow me down. As we get older many little things get out of kilter and need attention which is often a slow process. Getting appointments for tests and fitting in with work and essential living is often quite a stressful time so something had to give. Following lock down last year it was imperative that I rebuild my business which had been halved overnight. I had to put PATNZ into hibernation in the meantime. 2021 lockdown was spent catching up on home chores and NOW finally PATNZ administration.

I hope everyone is still painting and continuing to find all the joy this wonderful art form gives us all.

It would be so lovely to hear from everyone! Especially from the groups around our beautiful country. I know some of the groups hold small seminars and paint-ins and also have guest speakers etc.

It would be lovely to have a report from each of you telling us what your group has been doing and a photo or two to let us see and perhaps gain some inspiration. It is important that we share ideas as they help us to stay fresh and motivated. It is always great receiving emails

and letters and wondering what we will see when the envelope is opened. It is an excitement of years gone by when every letter was opened with anticipation.

It is with sadness that some of our senior members have passed away in the last 12 months. Even though they have not painted for some time these ladies are often in our thoughts and conversations in class or over a cup of coffee.

Our condolences go out to their families and friends.

A preview of what's in our Newsletter

- Unit Standard update.
- Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Association
- Zoom class with Melanie Foster
- Painting tips with Monica Martin

Unit Standards Updates

This year's "Unit Standards" judging will take place the weekend Saturday 13th November 2021 As with previous years this will take place at Sandra Austin's home in Maungaraki. The day will begin at 10.00am. It is also encouraging to note that the number of participants has increased this year. The committee wishes them every success.

Units this year include:

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| Unit 3 | Pen and Wash |
| Unit 4A | Animals |
| Unit 4B | Birds |

Unit 5	Fruit
Unit 6	Portraits
Unit 7	Landscape/Scenes
Unit 8	Geometric Design
Unit 9	Abstract
Unit 10	Modern Topic

As with most years some of these are resists. There are always students at different places in the programme so it is always a great pleasure to see what effort, styles and ideas come from doing the Unit Standards. It's not always easy to get it right first time. Many of us experienced the dreaded failure and know how demoralizing it can be, but the joy of passing is much greater so perseverance is well worthwhile.

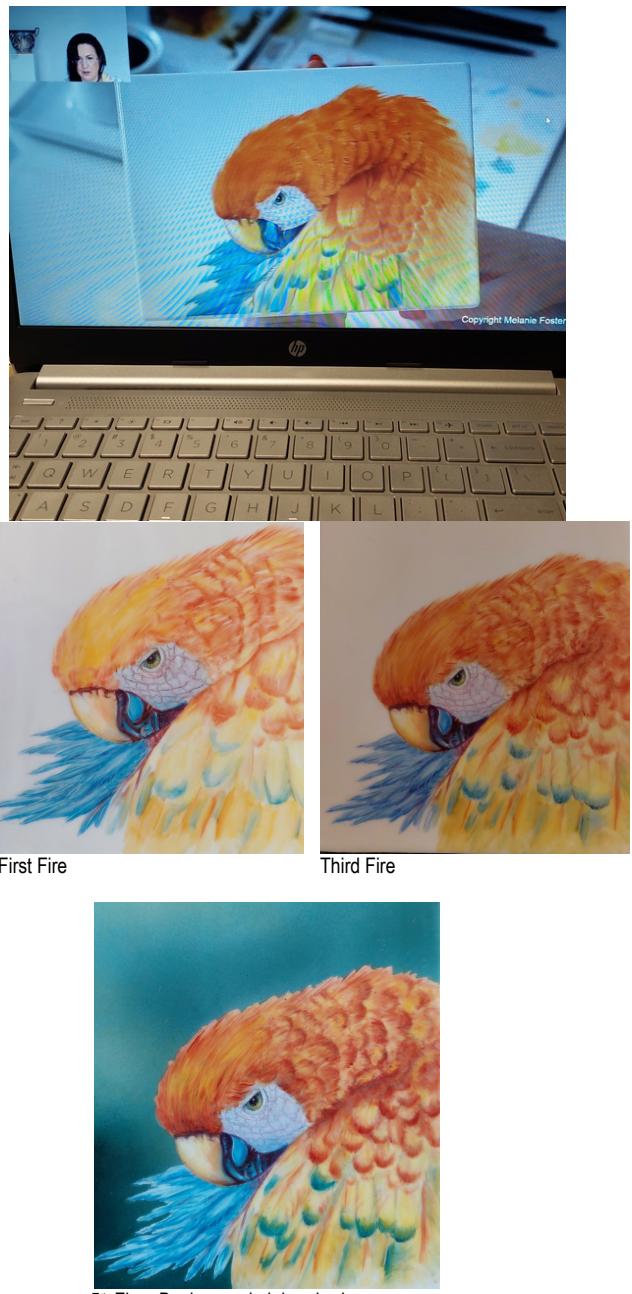
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As usual this will follow the Unit Standard judging and begin at 2.00pm. It will be at Sandra Austin's home -- 45 Oakleigh Street, Maungaraki. All members are welcome to attend but please advise Sandra if you intend to join us.

Zoom Class with Melanie Foster

In June this year Melanie invited me to join one of her Zoom classes which I managed to do.

It was a fantastic experience and I was able to keep up and paint along with her. It's a bit like speed painting in parts but you can send photos back to Melanie afterwards via WhatsApp or email and she answers any questions you may have. Due to the time difference the classes run from 9.00pm and go to 1.00am in the morning. It was quite exciting as I was on line and connected to other painters from different countries. The class I was in had ladies from Norway, India and Canada. We were able to talk to each other after the class was finished which is a great way to connect to likeminded people. I really enjoyed it and it is not as expensive as you would think. Most classes are about 40 Euro (\$65.63NZ). Melanie sends instructions plus line drawings and a photo of the piece you will be painting. It was well worth the late night and it very easy to follow the information on how to connect to the class. Melanie's son has done a great job which made it less stressful. The painting classes are all done via email.



Painting with Monica!



HELPFUL TIPS AND HINTS

I am not sure where to begin this time as there is such a lot, we could all learn and I know many of you have more knowledge than I do.

I spent lockdown trying to find space in my painting room and oh what a job. I seem to have accumulated little notebooks and pieces of paper with notes and ideas on from some of the ladies I have received product etc from. I hate just throwing things away in case there is information on those pieces of paper that just might be of interest in the future. I have filled almost two note books full. One I have written out notes and the other I have glued in typed papers AND guess

what I have already needed to look something up!!

So, the moral of this story is don't throw things away – they may be useful.

I still have a folder to finish but I feel as though I am on the homeward track. Once completed I will tackle the folders of designs that I have accumulated over the years but I really need to paint, paint, paint to keep up my skills with brushes and pens etc.

Please let me know if there is a specific topic you'd like researched.

Regional Round Up



Hutt Valley Porcelain Art

Our now small group of 9 painters was working so hard to complete pieces for our Annual Exhibition when we went into lockdown and below are a few of our pieces.

We have had a good year with different topics at our monthly club days.

We began our year with an open day at Hutt Art Society (HAS) rooms where members of the public came and had a go at all art forms and crafts. It was stressful but exciting to see what others could do on a small tile. We had a small corner in the gallery showing different techniques and also had a DVD playing which was well received.

In February we had the ladies from Diplomatic Spouses Assn. join us for a day of painting. They penned a peony in water based medium and then painted the flower. This was a lovely day and it was a pleasure teach enthusiastic ladies to pen and paint the peony.



Plates painted by Ladies from DSA

It was a lovely day with 12 pieces completed for the ladies to take home after firing of course.

HVPAA also had a clay play day making flowers and pieces to enhance our modern pieces, an IMARI workshop and a talk on portrait painting by David Balm from HAS. All interesting topics.

The following photos are of pieces all ready for the 2021 Exhibition that was cancelled due to the arrival once again of COVID 19 and the dreaded Delta Variant. We were so lucky here in Wellington as it could have been a lot worse.



Sandra Austin

We all sympathise with Auckland and hope that we are at the end of any more lockdowns as every one will have had their vaccinations. Please stay well and safe. **Monica**



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We would like to extend an open invitation for anyone to send us details of any events you would like included in our newsletter



Sandra Austin President PATNZ

The magical heart of ArtOnPorcelainNZ beats with Encouragement, Love of our Art, Respect, and Kindness to All! Please keep that in the forefront of your thinking.



Monica Martin



Lynette Smith

