



Welcome to the Christmas 2023 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 Christmas Newsletter. This will be the last newsletter for 2023. What a year it has been. Hopefully the weather will be sunny and warm for Christmas. I know that some parts of New Zealand have had their share of too much rain. With flooding and storm damage.

With the pressure on and Christmas just around the corner it was bad luck that my husband Jeff and I came down with covid on our 48th Wedding Anniversary. We spent 5 days together just like a second honeymoon but with a bad cold. We coped well and worked together to help the time go fast and smoothly. Lots of movies on Netflix etc. Light meals and rest.

Whatever 2024 has in store for us is guess work. I know that whatever it will be we can all muster on and make the best of it.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024 everyone.

Let's hope that peace and harmony will prevail and the wars across the globe will cease.

A preview of what's in our Newsletter

- Unit Standards.
- Hutt Valley Porcelain Art
- Tauranga Porcelain

Unit Standards Updates

This year's "Unit Standards" judging took place on Saturday 11th November 2023. As with previous years this was held at Sandra Austin's home in Maungaraki. Judging began at 10.00am and ended with the AGM.

The results for this year's Unit Standards were very good with 20 pieces passing out of 21 entries. A particularly good effort was made by everyone.

I look forward to next year's entries with anticipation.

PATNZ Presidents Report.

This year I have been able to pass on what I learnt at the APAT Exhibition in Melbourne to our members of the Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Association. It was very satisfying to show these new techniques, and it also helped me remember what I had learnt.

I was involved in teaching (a paint a coffee mug) in one day at Monica Martin's home.

I also demonstrated Di Curtin's various techniques at two different club days.

One on the Warriors of China and the other on running colour for a watercolour effect and lastly running inks for background drama.

In 2024 the APAT Exhibition is in Cronulla, Sydney. At this stage there are two people from Tauranga planning to attend. It would be

wonderful to have a New Zealand Group participating again.

If you were a member of an APAT region in Australia, you can now re-register with that region. i.e. Queensland, Victoria, NSW, Adelaide or Western Australia. This offer has been available following the resignation of New Zealand from APAT. PATNZ was formed following this separation.

If you do decide to rejoin APAT, you are also able to exhibit your work at APAT EXHIBITIONS.

Di Curtain confirmed that PATNZ members are welcome to Exhibit in October 2024.

Look at the website www.apatconvention.com to see what accommodation is available and what mini workshops are on offer. There will be more information in the New Year.

Come on Ladies how about having an enthusiastic group of NZ artists at Sydney and show the Australian ladies we still have got talent.



Regional Round Up

Tauranga Porcelain

Tauranga Porcelain Artists Greetings from all of us in the Bay of Plenty. The Club finished up for the year at the end of November, with a great group of ladies attending a lovely luncheon at one of our local Garden Centres, food and company was fabulous. Earlier in November we had a mini exhibition at the Bethlehem Palmers Garden Centre. A beautiful display of our member's latest works. The Exhibition was named 'Oil on Porcelain' and the criteria was objects only- (no plates). We had a stunning display of very beautiful and interesting pieces. We had many positive comments and good interest in our craft. The year has been "normal" in the sense that the outside distractions have not affected us too greatly, as in the past couple of years. Perhaps we have turned the corner and can look forward to some of the same for the coming year. We have had lots of Club demos with myself and other Club members sharing techniques. Marg demonstrated air brushing, we also covered dry

dusting of metallic's and the use of lustres and gold. More recently Dawn Sawers inspired us all with her glass painting. With notes and Wine glasses from her stash she encouraged us all to try- (no excuse not too!) I found it quite challenging but with some practice managed to turn out some interesting pieces. The Club members too embraced the challenge and before long everyone was painting on glass. Although we are all on a break for now we have another exhibition to work towards next year in May. This is a great event to look forward to with new ideas and challenges and no restrictions on categories this time. Have included some photos which may be of interest. Happy painting. Maria King Tauranga Porcelain Artists – president



Tauranga Porcelain Club Luncheon



Maria King Diploma of Porcelain Art Certificate

Congratulation to Maria King in passing all of the Unit Standards and has now been presented with her Diploma in Porcelain Art. Well done Maria.



Glass Painting



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Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Report From Monica Martin

Here we are well into the so-called summer – the



weather is warm but not without wind and rain when the lawns need to be mowed. I hope it will be much more settled by the time the BIG man in RED comes to visit.

We have had a request from members to learn the art of Raised Paste so at our **September** club day the afternoon was spent designing the pieces that will be decorated. It was interesting to hear how some folk don't like the traditional scrolls etc. so I for one am looking forward to being re-educated in a modern take on a traditional technique. We

will let you know the outcome!! I am sure they will be Fabulous.

Once again, our group presented a lovely Exhibition. There was a good variety of work, from Zentangle to Portraits, one fire bushland mugs and others in between. It's such a sad feeling once this event is over as it feels as though the year is almost over. BUT WAIT –

Our Christmas get together was at the Rustic Kitchen once again and Tania did us proud with all the trimmings of Christmas Fare. The friendship, chatter and good food was enjoyed by all.

On that note it's time to sign off and get this to print – from everyone at Hutt Valley PAA we wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy Christmas –

Monica

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**Freddie the ELF is
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Monica with Sandra Lawson with her Certificate for passing her Landscap. US



Lorraine Harlen, Jill Thompson, Marlene Abbott



Lee Harvey, Anne Edghill



Sandra Austin, Lynette Smith



Christine Handley



Sandra Austin



Lynette Smith



Lorraine Harlen



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Dunedin Porcelain Arts

Report from Elizabeth Gray.

Have been to Balclutha again, this time on 15th September to celebrate President Joan's 90th birthday which was at the end of August. We had a scrumptious shared lunch and were each given a small white tile and shown how to paint leaves, etc. At our next meeting we painted coasters with holly leaves and Christmas designs. Eight members joined in our annual Christmas Lunch at the ""Spitfire" . Mosgiel. Great lunch enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be on the last Friday of January 2024. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Gray Secretary/Treasurer.



Dunedin Porcelain Club Luncheon



Advertise in our Events Calendar

Don't forget our newsletter is all about YOU! We want you to be involved with the creative input of producing our online newsletter and events calendar which is also printed for artists and

friends who do not have regular access to a computer. So, if you know anyone who would love to receive our newsletter by snail mail, please email me sandra@artonporcelain.co.nz or pop over and use our contact form on our website. We would like to extend an open invitation for anyone to send us details of any events you would like included in our newsletter



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.

Sandra Austin President PATNZ

A promotional poster for the "fired up" CONVENTION & EXHIBITION held from 23-26 OCT 2024. The poster features a large, abstract, marbled-style background image. In the center, the words "fired up" are written in a large, stylized font, with "PORCELAIN ART TODAY" underneath. A circular section titled "GUEST ARTISTS" highlights "Clotilde Ruegg-Ruffieux" and "Sandra Bernaitis", along with a note about ten feature artists presenting PaintAlong sessions. Below this, there are several smaller circular portraits of artists and their hand-painted porcelain pieces, including a blue bird and a floral design.

Enjoy an exciting and refreshing programme - participate, share and learn through various

- Demonstrations
- Displays
- Workshops
- Schools 27-29 Oct 2024

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Join us in October 2024 at the beautiful Rydges Cronulla Beach. Find out more via our website.

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