



## Welcome to the December 2019/ January 2020 the official newsletter of Porcelain Art Teachers *Inspire, Inform, Educate!*

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Hello Fellow Artists

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2019.

**W**ell once again it's almost time to say goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020. A new decade with new beginnings and more challenges and many more painting days ahead.

I'm so proud of my committee and all the wonderful people who have kept in contact and supported ArtOnPorcelainNZ this past year. Without your support we would not be as successful as we are now. The membership has grown and we have more members taking part in the Unit Standards Programme.

Christmas is a time of year when we gather with family and friends to celebrate our various family traditions and share time, a meal and exchange gifts to express our love and support for them from our hearts.

As we celebrate Christmas and New Year, let us give thanks for blessings received, for new opportunities that have come our way, and most of all for renewed hope in the coming days. To all our porcelain artist friends and ArtOnPorcelainNZ followers I wish you and your loved ones a sparkling and cheerful Christmas and a very Happy New Year with beautiful moments of togetherness, laughter and love. We wish you health and happiness throughout 2020.

### **A preview of what's in our Newsletter**

- Unit Standards update dates and times.
- Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Association Christmas Luncheon at Te Marua Golf course.
- A report from Sandra Austin on APAT Exhibition Queensland.

### **Gold Coast China Update GST Regulations.**

Email from Sandra De Leacy:-

*'In light of the new rules by the NZ government re GST collection for orders being sent to NZ, I have come to a very difficult decision that I will no longer be sending orders to NZ after next week. The difficulties I have encountered in trying to comply with the NZ Government's requirements serve as a severe detriment to small businesses like mine. It is now simply uneconomic for me to continue to service New Zealand. I thank you for your past custom. If you visit Australia sometime in the future, I can certainly send goods to any Australian Address.*

### **Unit Standards Updates**

PATNZ held our annual Unit Standard exams for porcelain painter around New Zealand and an overseas. Pieces were submitted for six categories this year: Unit 1 Soft Flowers, Unit 2 European Flowers, Unit 3 Pen and Wash, Unit 4a Animals, and Unit 4B Birds.

These are the pieces that were successful:

Sandra Dixon           Units 1 and 2  
Marion Johnston       Units 1 and 2.  
Chiu Hui-Ling           Unit 4A and 4B  
Maria King               Unit 4B



Sandra Dixon Unit 2



Sandra Dixon Unit 1



Marion Johnston Unit 1



Marion Johnston Unit 2



Chiu Hui-Ling Unit 4A



Chiu Hui-Ling Unit 4B



Maria King 4B



## AGM

This was also held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at 2 pm at Sandra Austin's home. A great deal of progress has been made with both PATNZ and ArtOnPorcelainNZ. It was noted that we need to update our website with new pictures photos and also have more people featured. A list of where in New Zealand people can go to

find a teacher or an Association/Club. We will set up a register in the New Year to help direct folk to the closest association. In the past we have had enquires and often I am unable to help as there are places that no longer have an Association. For instance, Whangarei.

In the first newsletter for 2020 we will attach a survey questionnaire for members to fill in and return regarding future seminars, mini workshops and visiting overseas artists. Please do take the time to participate as we value your input immensely

## Advertise in our Events Calendar



Don't forget our newsletter is all about YOU! We want you 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](mailto: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.



## Regional Round Up



### Report from Hutt Valley

After an extremely busy year we had a wonderful Christmas celebration at the 19<sup>th</sup> Haven Restaurant at Te Marua. Nine Members attended and we had a wonderful get together with a celebration of Sandra Dixon achieving her first two Unit Standards and being presented with her certificates. It is always great to see younger painters starting to achieve confidence on their journey into the art world. As usual there was laughter a plenty and much reminiscence of times past and of those members who have left us for greener pastures. The meal was as usual lovely and everybody had their fill – Thank you to Marie and her team at Te Marua.

The first club date for the New Year is the AGM which will be held at the Hutt Art Society rooms on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 1.30 pm. This



will be the day we set out our agenda for the year and we are always looking for new and interesting ideas for our monthly Club Days so please if you are in the vicinity come on in and have a cuppa and a chat.

**Classes:** Porcelain Art classes begin for the year on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 1 pm at the Hutt Art Society Rooms – If you would like to try this wonderful art form please call Monica on 0210733531 or pop in and have a chat.

*APAT Report:* Sandra Austin

***Australasian Porcelain Art Teachers Queensland Inc. 17<sup>th</sup> Exhibition and Convention.***

It is always so wonderful to catch up with friends and fellow Porcelain Artists in Australia. The Exhibition and Convention did not disappoint me in anyway. The Theme for the exhibition was Water and the quality of pieces on show were amazing. Anything that remotely relates to water in flora, fauna, oceans, fish, rocks, people and animals. The sky was the limit and the ideas and extent of works using many types of porcelain products and some product outside the box blew my mind away. I was fortunate to be invited to hold a half day workshop using water as the theme. I felt that a New Zealand flavour was indeed required. I thought a lot about this and did the Albatross of Otago Peninsula using paints in bright colours with a sponge technique using pen work for detail in black and lustres for the coastal scene. I did enjoy this and the students who attended also had a great time. I was also asked to do two one hour demonstrations as well. My subjects for these was jewellery in the form of Owlet broches and “What to do with pieces of porcelain flowers and jewellery findings” This was a great success with over 20 people attending both demos. It was so wonderful to share ideas and have good feedback. For the most beautiful creations that were featured at the Exhibition here for your enjoyment some photos.



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Kangaroo by the billabong by Di Curtain



Keiko Shimizu Japan



Di Curtain NSW



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.*

Embrace it! Enjoy it!



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