



Welcome to the July 2026 issue of 'PATNZ' the official newsletter of Porcelain Art Teachers *Inspire, Inform, Educate!*

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Hello Fellow Artists.

Winter has now set in and the cold weather is here to keep us indoors. A good time to paint those master pieces for your pleasure and for exhibition. My apologies as it has been a long time since our last newsletter. I broke my little finger and my ring finger and was in a plaster cast for 5 weeks then a brace for another 3 weeks. I am still having physio and acupuncture to get my fingers moving the way they should be. It's taken so much longer than I thought it would and I am finally without pain.

I am now scrambling to catch up on my painting projects for the APAT Convention and Exhibition being held in Busselton, Western Australia. I'm so looking forward to catching up with my fellow painters from around Australia. It's always a lot of fun and the quality of the porcelain pieces from around the different states of Australia are second to none.

On a sad note: Our fellow painter and committee member Lynette Smith's husband Peter passed away suddenly. I wish to send my condolences to Lynette and her family.



Regional Round Up

Dunedin Porcelain Artists

In January we started organising the agenda for the ensuing year. Firstly, we painted cups and plates for grandchildren at Easter, and then 2x albatrosses plus a baby albatross at Tairoa Heads on the Otago Peninsula.

We are now painting stylised cats and dogs. When these are finished, we plan to paint baby birds on a sandwich tray and the harder to do, holly and red berries.

We always enjoy our monthly meetings when new ideas are discussed. Happy painting everyone



Tauranga Porcelain Art

Update from Pam Brennam.

With our club news update. Thankfully we have had over the last year 5 new members join. So, our focus has been supporting them... and sometimes they support us which is great. We have decided to have "learning sessions" during the 2026 year...

Airbrushing, glass painting and firing, gold paste work. A small group attended silver clay jewellery making, and we then had a session on mixed media jewellery at the club rooms. A 16-tile seascape mural is what we are currently working on. Abstracts and porcelain clay work are in the pipeline. So busy busy busy



Unit Standards Updates

The Unit Standards judging for 2025 was held on Saturday 8th November at Sandra Austin's home. Followed by the PATNZ AGM. Due to illness, there were no pieces submitted to mark this year. Also, I would like to send my best wishes to one of our participants who is undergoing cancer treatment and is unable to continue to do her Unit standards. We wish her well in her battle with this awful disease.

Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Assn

It has been so long since our last correspondence. Summer and family fun are long gone and the cold has set in which just makes me want to hibernate with a good long book. Our small group has been



busy beginning in **January** with a fun day painting a peony a la Peter Faust – this was quite a task with a good variety of techniques.

We held our AGM in **February** with business and a good chat over coffee and cakes.



In **March** we had a session painting on a gold back ground.



Using pen work and different lustre colours for the rainbow effect.

We played with clay in **April** and now have fishes and flowers to paint and fire for gifts, enhancements for small pieces etc. or other decorations.



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

Breaking News my husband Jeff has had a heart attack on Sunday, and we have been told it very serious with possible open heart surgery soon. Been

stressful but I have faith that the doctors will be able to help him recovery. Sandra Austin



May was another fun day doing palette knife painting and it is surprising what we achieved

In **June** we celebrated the winter solstice with a lunch at the Thai Central Restaurant. Always lovely to share food with friends.



Happy painting everyone. Moni



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