



Welcome to the October 2025 issue of 'PATNZ' Create the official newsletter of Porcelain Art Teachers NZ *Inspire, Inform, Educate!*

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Hello Fellow Artists. Spring has arrived with rain and wind that has been very challenging for our minds, souls and gardens. Let's hope for more settled weather and the equinox winds leave us alone.

Recently I had the opportunity to go to China for a holiday with a tour group of 25. A mixed group of Australians, English and New Zealanders. We had a wonderful time and travelled from Shanghai to Beijing with stopovers in 5 other cities. The amazing ancient artifacts that we saw were amazing. Some dating back to 400BC. The porcelain works from different Dynasties were stunning and I have included some examples in this newsletter for you to admire.



Porcelain bowl Ming Dynasty Shanghai Museum



白地黑花草纹瓶

扒村窑
北宋(公元960—1127年)

Vase with flowers and leaves on white ground

Pacun ware with black decoration
Northern Song (960–1127)



Regional Round Up

Dunedin Porcelain Artists

In Dunedin we officially meet in the Rainbow Trust Hall on the last Friday of the month. This year we have been getting together a couple of weeks after the meeting and have many discussions about future ideas etc. Great to have Joan from Balclutha back with us. Joan is a great inspiration for us and at the August meeting bought along a Santa Claus serviette which we all thought would be great to paint on a tile to be used at the Christmas Dinner table for hot dishes etc. Santa is penned, then painted and the background sponged in dark blue with various sized. Stickers used to create a few stars. Next meeting we are going to pen other Christmas scenes onto tiles.

Happy painting everybody.



Unit Standards Updates

The Unit Standards judging for 2025 will be held on Saturday 8th November at Sandra Austin's home. Followed by the PATNZ AGM. Letters will be sent out to ladies who are participating in gaining their Diploma in Porcelain Art (DIPA).

Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Assn

It is so sad to think we are heading towards the end of yet another year.

HVPAA have had a quiet time following on from a wonderful weekend in Wanganui – we arrived at Christine's in time for coffee and a bite to eat. Then into a lesson in laying 'Gold Leaf' on a prepared designed and painted plate. This was fun with all doing well with plenty pieces to be fired at home.

It was a fun weekend after painting with



being treated to a musical produced by the Students of Wanganui Collegiate - which

was superb. After a chatty post theatre evening and a good sleep, we were off to the markets then coffee and a visit to the NZ Glass works – WOW didn't really want to leave – wanted to get in and doing – this may happen in 2026 – we followed this up with a visit to the Wanganui

Regional Museum – Oh the inspiration – it was amazing. I think we all came away full of excitement of seeing what could be achieved if only we set our sights on breaking out of the historic porcelain painting ideas.

I think this is where we all need to go to



achieve our individuality in art. Right now, we are all busy painting in preparation for our Exhibition which runs from 4th to 16th November at the

Hutt Art Gallery, Cnr Myrtle and Huia Sts, Lower Hutt. If in the vicinity, please pop in and have a look

Happy Painting everyone and have a wonderful Holiday period with fun and laughter with family and friends over Christmas and New Year – UGH 0206!!!

Monica

Tauranga Porcelain Art

We received a very generous donation of German and Japanese porcelain pieces and supplies at the beginning of this year. This donation arrived at a perfect time for our club and has created a lot of enthusiasm.

Have received a couple of resignations but have gained 3 new very inspirational members.

Maria attended Christine Bennett's workshop in the UK and shared her amazing work with the club. We held a fabulous morning experience

with oils on canvas with Robin Watchorn. Robin has also organised with the Te Puke Heritage club that we provide Kiwiana pieces for them to be available to help promote kiwifruit in the area. This has been a lot of fun and used up some of our small, donated pieces.

We are currently having a 3-week exhibition with the Incubator Hub (Art for communities) at Historic Village in Tauranga. The Hub has written an excellent article that was published in the Weekend Sun. We have sold some artwork, received a request for commission work and enquiries regarding workshops in weekends. Also, we have had new membership enquiries.

Our club is dabbling with porcelain clay and Kaye Hurn will join us this coming week to share her porcelain clay work with us

Report from Maria King

Travelling to Southport in the UK earlier this year was a wonderful experience.

For quite some time I have admired the work of Sylvia Beythoun, she has mastered the art of raised paste. Such a fabulous skill to learn. Sylvia learned this skill from a former artist from the Spode Company. Famous for developing the formula for bone china.

The process of applying the raised paste was fabulous, the product used was the best type of paste I have ever used, easy to apply and fires better than anything I

have ever used! The product is only for bone china and the burnishing gold fires beautifully.

The venue was a 5-minute walk from my accommodation, set on the sea front. A great outlook, spacious and perfect for a painting seminar. The participants were from many other countries. Several local artists, 3 ladies from Scotland, 1 from Hong Kong and 2 from India and myself. A bonus was that Mariela Vallasmil from Texas was taking a seminar too, so I met her and experienced her class.

The Seminar hostess Christine provided us all a lovely, shared lunch each day. I felt very welcome and was well looked after.

Christine is the only person- in the world that I am aware of that is doing so much to promote Porcelain Art. By organising Porcelain Artists from all over the world to come to Southport to share their skills. Peter Faust, Birgit Porter, Mariapaola Marchetti, Susan Thumm, Teresa Daratsakis, just to name a few there are many more.

I would definitely recommend this as a well worth experience and hope to return soon.



Maria King



Christine Bennett and Maria King



Mariela Vallasmil



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Vase from around 900 BC piece at Shanghai Museum



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Sandra Austin President PATNZ