



From the President's desk!

Welcome to the November 2017 issue of 'PATNZ' Create the official newsletter of Porcelain Art Teachers NZ *Inspire, Inform, Educate!*

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Hello Fellow Artists

Welcome to November's newsletter!

This month has been a time for me to reflect on the magic realm of positive vibration I am feeling from my fellow artists and friends of ArtOnPorcelainNZ. Your encouragement, inspiration and your faith in me has only grown stronger since we began life here in the digital world. Faith is empowering, and every day, the luxury of faith has been so overwhelming that it is truly hard to find words to describe how I feel. Thank you sincerely from my heart to your hearts to everyone who has supported and believed in me and the awesome community that ArtOnPorcelainNZ is growing into.

"Painting with Monica" was so well received in last month's newsletter that Monica has agreed to become a regular feature in our newsletter. Many of you will know Monica in her capacity as President of the Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Association. Her significant experience, skill, and brilliant work is the perfect backdrop for an artist looking to grow and evolve as a china painter; an artist looking for some best practices and practical guides too. ?Painting With Monica? promises to be revealing and relevant [today] in the age old art of painting on porcelain.

Our next newsletter will be our Christmas & New Year newsletter which will combine December and January. If you want to share some thoughts let's connect through Facebook. Stay positive and feel the grace of positive words. May we all stay connected with the love of all things porcelain.



Unit Standards Report

On the October 28, 2017 PATNZ held our annual Unit Standard exams for Porcelain Painters around New Zealand to submit pieces for assessment. We had three categories this year: Unit 13L Lustres, Unit 15 Monochromatic and Unit 16 Bone.

As with every year it's a bit like having lots of parcels to open and the excitement of what is there makes the whole experience wonderful. I am always amazed at the efforts and ideas that come from everyone.



My Husband Jeff does the unpacking and labeling so I do not get to see any pieces until the day of judging. I feel that this is important for me as when the judges arrive we are all on the same footing. All the judges are given information as to what units pieces are being submitted so they can review the Unit Guidelines and be informed of what is required to pass the exam.

We are very happy to congratulate Glenys Muntz for not only passing three Unit Standards this time but also that she has completed all 17 Units and has achieved her

Diploma In Porcelain Art. Well done Glenys, I know the challenge and the work involved to get there and you now have a very good and knowledgeable understanding of the lovely art of painting porcelain.

Also Christine Handley passed Unit 16 Bone. Certificates have been printed and are being posted to the recipients this week.

As with a lot of exams not everyone gets a pass, but I know with encouragement and some extra information that I will be sending out to them will help with mastering these and other Units in the future.

AGM

Our AGM was held after the Unit Standard assessments and a light lunch of cheese crackers and cold meats and refreshments.

This year we had a full complement of members and we were able to hold a full AGM. Thank you to Monica Martin, Leonie Dobbs, Lynette Smith, Glenys Muntz, Amelia Hrstich and of course myself. The meeting was



very positive and many items on the agenda were passed. There was a very resounding positive support from all with regard to our website and Facebook efforts. A big thank you was given to Dixie and myself for our efforts.

Christmas Lunch



Christmas Lunch for members of the Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Association will be held on the 8th December at Te Marua Golf Club. Start time 11.30am. This is a very great time for all club members to catch up with each other and is always well attended.

If anyone from the club is requiring a lift to this event please get in touch with either myself or Monica so we can arrange to pick you up and drop you back home.

Advertise in our Events Calendar



Don't forget our newsletter is all about YOU! We would love 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 get in touch here sandra@artonporcelain.co.nz or pop over and use our Contact Form here. We would like to extend an open invitation for anyone to send us details of any events you would like included in our events calendar page.

Painting with Monica!



Well ladies it's getting to that time of the year when Christmas takes over and painting porcelain can often go on the back burner. A perfect time to think about giving your equipment and brushes a good clean. Brushes especially need particular care.

Here are a few tips I have found worthwhile:

- Clean your brushes thoroughly with turps, blot dry, place a little of your open medium onto the brush, blot again, and store covered to keep them dust free.
- Use a paint brush holder or a good plastic container with dividers to keep brushes in good condition.
- When cleaning gold and platinum brushes a little rose oil helps them to stay soft and not become brittle.

After the holidays and you are ready to start painting you will reap the benefit of good brush care.

Experiment before starting that master piece!!

Happy painting and have a Merry Christmas!

Monica Martin

President Hutt Valley Porcelain Art Association



A quick reminder if you don't have regular access to a computer or if you know an artist who doesn't have access to a computer? Check out your local library. These days, many libraries now operate in the digital world and

the staff are highly trained and technology aware. Libraries have become the place of choice for many people who do not own a computer to communicate with each other through emails and social media. Computers in libraries has allowed users to step into the online digital world that is now a permanent fixture in all our lives.

In the interests of sharing in the World Wide Web and all the GOOD things it offers, I would advise you to contact your local library and enquire if computer access is available.



A little reminder for something to watch out for... I plan to introduce a "*Regional Round Up*" section in the newsletters where I will be inviting contributions from artists, groups, and associations out in the regions to keep us all up to date with news, views and generally what's happening in the porcelain art community in YOUR region! Keep a lookout and get your typing fingers ready (or your pens)!!



You may be aware that we are compiling a central register for all porcelain artists and teachers in New Zealand. If you know an artist who would like to join our community, pop over to our website

and register. Information you provide will never be sold or given to any other association or organisation. That is our guarantee

To finish this month's newsletter I want to share with you this beautiful quote penned by Barbara de Angelis - "*Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.*"

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!

Your Partner in Success

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