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## **Newsletter December/January 2009**



### **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all**

We did not organise a Christmas or an end of the year party, so the committee thought it a good idea to have a beginning of the year party. This will be a good opportunity to get to know new people and meet all you have known in the past.

Frederika Ernsten

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### **Christmas and New Year Party Friday 19 Feb 2010**

Last year's Christmas and New Year Party was a great success, the committee decided to have the party again on 19 Feb 2010, everybody welcome, meet at the club room 6.00pm. Bring finger food to share.

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### **President's bi-monthly report**

#### **December/January**

The AGM was attended by 16 of our members, the official business was over quickly and the auction began. Most of the items were books so it became a bit long winded and bidding was slow but we got through it and some money was collected for the club. Perhaps the time has come to introduce another topic following the AGM. It would be good to get some interesting suggestions from you our members. What would you like to happen and what would encourage you to come to our AGM. I am looking forward to hearing your suggestions.

The committee has stayed mostly the same apart from Helen Campbell and Faye Pearson-Green leaving us. I would like to thank both of them for doing a job that is beyond their usual home jobs. It is not easy to give up time for club activities if you are already busy and they gave their time freely and with pleasure.

I would like to welcome Debi James to our committee, I hope she finds it interesting and helpful in understanding how the Mount Pleasant Pottery club functions, we are hoping for one other person to join us in the New Year.

We are now in our last month for this year and classes have either finished or are finishing soon. If members want to join classes next year I would like to suggest they enroll before Christmas as enquiries about next year's classes have started to come in and it has been decided that first enrolments will get the preference over late comers. Fees have to be paid up at the time of enrolment not when the classes start as enrolments will only be valid after payments.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Frederika Ernsten

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## **Annual General Meeting on 11 November 2009**

Our president, Frederika Ernsten welcomed the members at the 49th Annual General Meeting. Helen Campbell and Faye Pearson-Green resigned from the Committee. Geneviève thanked them for their work and presented them with a plant. (Note: Faye was absent)

The new committee elected at the AGM was:

President:	Frederika Ernsten
Vice president:	Renate Galetzka
Secretary:	Jane Boxley (Moved: Geneviève – Seconded: Di fox)
Treasurer:	Ken Doidge
Immediate Past president:	Helen Campbell
Committee Standing:	Di Fox Geoff Pearman Helen Wong Geneviève Forrester
New Nominations:	Debi James (Nominated Frederika, Seconded Pat James)

Frederika welcomed the new committee member, and Geneviève thanked Helen Campbell for her work on the last 3 years and presented her with flowers.

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## **Classes and Tutors for 2010**

Tutors for 2010 program are

Monday evening	Shona Clarkson
Tuesday evening	Julie Bartlett
Thursday morning	Frederika Ernsten
Children's class	Renate Galetzka

Classes will commence the week beginning Monday 8 February 2010. All students need to pay their tuition fee before they come to class. Tuition fees \$160 for 16 weeks (or \$85 for 8 weeks if paying in two instalments) plus membership fee \$45. Membership fee are now due for 2010.

Start date for classes 2010

Term One	8 February 2010
Term Two	19 May 2010
Term Three	26 July 2010
Term Four	11 October 2010

Former students will be given preference until 15 January 2010. After that date, places will be given on a first come, first served basis with payment is due to confirm enrolment.

After 15 January 2010, an advertisement will be placed in the local press advertising courses that are still available. Please note that places are limited to 12 students per class.

To enrol please contact class co-ordinator Genevieve at 329 9659 or [classes@mtpleasantpottery.org.nz](mailto:classes@mtpleasantpottery.org.nz)

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## Annual club cleaning day Saturday 31 January 2009

We would like **all who are using** the rooms to come to our annual cleaning day. We will start at 9.30am and hope to see all of you. It should not take long if there are a lot of us. Please bring your own cleaning gear.

Reminder!!!!!! all pots must be removed from the shelves prior to clean up day. Please collect them before that time or we will dispose of all pots unidentified and left behind.

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## Mt Pleasant 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Mt Pleasant pottery's 50th birthday 2010, we are having a retrospective exhibition of past members works with our annual exhibition in September 2010. I would like to contact anyone who has potted at Mt Pleasant and has some of their work, this might be your mother, father, aunt or a friend. Please contact me at 03 3859821 [Claytech1@gmail.com](mailto:Claytech1@gmail.com) to discuss their work.

Shona Clarkson

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## Upcoming Events

Saturday

30 January 2010

### **Start of Year Cleaning of the Club Rooms**

Starting at 9:30am. Bring your own cleaning tools. If you can't make the cleaning, the morning tea is always a hit.

Please remove all of your raw and bisc work from the shelves, all unclaimed work will be donated or disposed of.

Monday

8 February 2010

### **Classes Commence**

Friday

19 February 2010

### **Club New Years Party and Pot Luck**

Starting at 6.00pm. If weather permits we will have our pot luck new years dinner in the yard, otherwiese in the club rooms. Come and share a glass of wine, soft drinks will also be supplied. Bring Finger food to share. Partners and family are very welcome

Wednesday

10 March 2010

### **Club Night with Helen Campbell on Mosaics**

I am so keen on mosaicing that I have recently been to Italy to fulfil a 3 year dream and attend a 5 day mosaic workshop. The workshop was held in the city of Ravenna – the home of wonderful traditional mosaics. I would like to share

with club members that experience – I have the mosaics I worked within the workshop to show you – along with some pictures.  
I will also demonstrate how to make a simple garden mosaic using some of the ceramics you might have seen me sneak into spare places in the wood firings, along with stones and schist.

Wednesday  
12 May 2010

**Club Night with Averil Cave**  
Details to be advised

Club nights are usually on the second Wednesday evening of the month starting at 7:30 pm. All members no matter what skill level and experience are welcome to attend these demonstrations and discussions. For any ideas and suggestions to offer interesting and enriching topics and demonstrations please ring me on 388 64 80 or email [renate@LRF.gen.nz](mailto:renate@LRF.gen.nz).

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## Canterbury Fired Up 2010

Receiving dates: Wed/Thursday 24/25 February 2010, 12.00 – 3.30pm  
Canterbury Potters Association – Avic Hill Reserve – 295 Memorial Ave.

Selection date: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of February

This is an exhibition where members of all pottery clubs in Canterbury can submit their work.

Cost: \$20 entry fee

Submission of a maximum of 6 pieces including one set

Exhibition Opening: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – 6pm – Canterbury Museum.

Exhibition open to the public from 16<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Exhibition closes Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> 4pm.

Entrants will be asked to be on the roster and help will be needed to set up and pack up: Please contact either Geneviève or Frederika if you are happy to help.

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## Upcoming Shows at the Pot Shop

In the Arts Centre, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm daily

28 Nov to 29 Dec 09 Christmas Treats by local potters and ceramic artists

30 Dec to 2 Feb 2010 Domestic Ware by Frederika Ersten

3 Feb to 2 Mar 2010 New Work by Sally Connolly

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# The Clay Book

## Please take note!!!!

The clay book is now being revised and we hope all of you who buy clay take the trouble of filling in the book correctly.

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## Mt Pleasant Pottery Group Committee members

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