

**Mt Pleasant Pottery Group Inc.**  
Mt Pleasant Community Centre, McCormacks Bay Road,  
Christchurch 8008



## **Newsletter 19/01/2009**

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### **Club New Year's Party and Pot Luck Dinner Friday 13 Feb**

Starting at 6:30pm. If weather permits we will have our pot luck New Year's dinner in the yard. Come and share a glass of wine, soft drinks will also be supplied. Bring finger food to share. Partners and family are very welcome.

#### **Car Pooling**

I am sure that there are club members who would like to attend events at the Club Rooms but do not have a ride to get there. The Committee would like to extend an offer to car pool people to events that live near a committee member. If you would like to attend an event at the Club Rooms and life would be a lot easier if you had a ride to Mt Pleasant .....please feel free to contact Faye ph 337-5452 and we will do what we can to arrange for a ride to the Club Rooms and back home for you.

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

#### **January/February**

The committee and I would like to wish you all a happy 2009 and hope that it will bring lots of good times for you. With Christmas and New Year over we now can start on our New Year resolutions and make it an exciting and fruitful time.

We as usual start the year with our cleaning up day on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 9.30am. If all the members who are using the clubrooms turn up, it should not take long and we all can still enjoy the rest of the Saturday. If you still have pots in the clubroom, please collect them, as they all will be disposed of on that day. We need the shelves clean and empty to start afresh this year.

The beginning of the year party is on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 6.30. Come and share a glass of wine and getting to know each other a little more. We also would like to meet your children and husband/wife. A plate with finger food will be appreciated.

Our exhibition is not far away and if you did not keep any pots for it last year, now is the time to start making them. We are going out of the Mount Pleasant Community Centre this year, to the Christchurch Art Centre, Cloister Gallery. We hope that all of you will make an effort and get some pots for selection ready; we have to show Christchurch what we stand for.

We had our first committee meeting and hope that you all will join this year in making the club more exciting for our members; we are looking forward to member's participation and helpful ideas. Remember in order for a committee to be effective we need the help of all of you.

I am looking forward to a good year with plenty stimulation, good firings and fantastic pots.  
Frederika Ersten

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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 cleaning up day. We will start at 9:30am and we hope to see you there. It should not take long if there are a lot of us. Please bring your own cleaning gear. If you can't make the cleaning, morning tea is always a hit. Reminder!!!!!! All pots must be removed from the shelves prior to clean up day to facilitate the general cleaning.

Will any members who have pots still on the shelves, please collect them before that time as we will dispose of all pots unidentified and left behind.

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## Programme for 2009

Tutors for 2009 classes are

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

Classes for 2009 start the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

We have already have confirmed enrolments for this years classes along with many people who have indicated that they are keen to return for another great year of pottery at Mount Pleasant.

We are so lucky to have great Tutors taking our four classes.....Monday and Tuesday Evenings, and Tuesday and Thursday Mornings.

We are currently advertising to fill the spare spaces in these classes so be in early. Places in the classes are only confirmed once your course fees are paid so please complete your enrolment and send payment to our Class Co-ordinator – Faye Pearson-Green ph 337-5452 30 Ramahana Road Huntsbury CHCH 8022

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## Website

The Mount Pleasant Pottery Group now has a website. While it is live it is also undergoing final touches. Take a look at [www.mtpleasantpottery.org.nz](http://www.mtpleasantpottery.org.nz). The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Class Coordinator all have email addresses. Take a look, if you have any feedback or suggestions please forward these to Geoff Pearman [geoffpearman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:geoffpearman@xtra.co.nz)

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**Your annual subscription (\$45.00) is now overdue** please pay by leaving your payment at the club rooms in the box or post direct to Ken Doidge 48 Mathesons Road Linwood.

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## **Club Night with Gaye Morton Wed 11 Mar 7:30pm**

Gaye will be talking about her slip preparation and decoration and will be demonstrating her very unique and distinct style of slip application that is often inspired by New Zealand flora and landscape.

The committee proposes that in 2009 we have club nights every second month. Club nights are usually on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. For any ideas and suggestions of interesting and enriching topics and demonstrations please ring Renate on 388 6480 or email [renate@LRF.gen.nz](mailto:renate@LRF.gen.nz) .

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## **Weekend School with Chris Weaver 9-10 May**

We will have an exciting weekend school with Chris Weaver coming up later this year. Please pencil this date in to your diaries now!

Chris lives and works in Hokitika on the West Coast. Chris is an exceptional thrower who works very fine, fast and alters thrown forms of domestic ware and transforms them into exquisite domestic objects, at times incorporating wooden knobs and handles. To whet your appetite go see some of Chris's work at the Cave Rock Gallery in the Arts Centre and at times at Form or: [www.chrisweaver.co.nz](http://www.chrisweaver.co.nz)

Renate

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## **Annual Club Exhibition at the Arts Centre week 19-25 May**

Cloister Gallery, Art Centre Christchurch. Get ready for it NOW!

Receiving date: May 8<sup>th</sup> 2009, Thursday 1-4 pm at the Mt Pleasant Pottery Rooms.

As you can imagine there is a lot of work involved in organising an exhibition. The committee require a few volunteers to do some easy tasks for the Exhibition. We would love you help with this. Please contact Frederika if you would can help out.

As the Committee start to work towards the Exhibition in May 2009 we would like you to think of people that you may like to have an opening night invite sent to them. Please contact Frederika with details so she can send an invite.

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## **Tips and Tricks and Websites**

- The book "Smashing Glazes" that Ross Richards recommended and referred to a number of times at the national convention last year can be borrowed from Renate ph 388 6480
- Decals can be purchased in Christchurch from Sharon's Ceramics on Hayden Rd. off Waterloo Rd
- Cornflour is not only good for Sweet 'n Sour Chicken but also for slab work to separate clay and prevent layers of clay from bonding
- Home made Liquid Wax: ½ Terps and ½ Petroleum Jelly. Mix well

- To fix slip decoration and prevent finger marking spray decorated area with hairspray or thinned PVA glue (2 teaspoons + ½ jar of H2O)
- To see “The Three Minute Teapot” being made go to:  
<http://nz.youtube.com/watch?v=y9qOnismnlg>

For any contributions to Tips, Tricks and Websites please email Renate on [renate@LRF.gen.nz](mailto:renate@LRF.gen.nz) or ring 388 6480

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## **Doors and Tidiness**

Please double check all doors before leaving. It has been brought to our attention that some of the members using the rooms are forgetting to lock doors in the rooms; it is the responsibility of each and all of us to make sure all areas used are clean/ tidy and doors are locked before you are leaving.

Frederika Ernsten

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## **Ring Around List**

In the past we have rung around members prior to an event as a gentle reminder that an event is on. The Committee is doing this again to remind / encourage members to come to events. This may also be a way to ask if people if they need a ride to the event.

If you would like to help out with a short list of people to ring before an event please contact Helen Campbell ph 960-6138.

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