



## Welcome to the May 2024 issue of 'PATNZ' Create the official newsletter of Porcelain Art Teachers NZ *Inspire, Inform, Educate!*

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Hello Fellow Artists

Welcome to our first Newsletter for this year. Yes, I know it's a bit later than usual, but this year has been running on fast since January.

Most places around New Zealand have had a variety of summer weather. Some better than others and now that the weather is cooler, and we have more time indoors it is good time to get those pieces out and start planning/designing your master pieces for 2024. Would love to see lots of originality in your work.

This will be an exciting year for me as I'm going to the Australian Porcelain Art Exhibition and Convention 2024 in Cronulla, Sydney.

I'm looking forward to catching up again with the ladies I know and meeting new people too.

The web link for the convention is at the bottom of this item. It is full of information on Accommodation, Tutors, Classes etc

### **A preview of what's in our Newsletter**

- Unit Standards.
- Hutt Valley Porcelain Art
- Tauranga Porcelain
- Dunedin Porcelain

### *Unit Standards Updates*

The Unit Standards judging for 2024 will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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).

### *PATNZ Presidents Report.*

2024 promises to be a wonderful year for porcelain painters in Australasia with the APAT Convention in Cronulla Beach, Sydney.

The Programme looks really good with a variety of Tutors and Topics to whet any painter's appetite with a variety of teacher demonstrations and workshops available.

This year I have decided to stay on for the school so that I can attend the Clotilde Ruegg-Ruffieux class.

In 2008 Clotilde was Guest Artist with Tatiana Levescot at the NZAPAT conference in Lower Hutt and I am looking forward to meeting her again. Sadly, I didn't get to be in her class and am now I'm waiting for confirmation that 2024 is my lucky year.

While there I will take the opportunity to meet other teachers and ask if they would be willing to travel to New Zealand to give Seminars or Workshops.

However, I do need feedback from everyone so please let me know what topics skills that are of interest to you (everyone) and who you would like to come.

PLEASE email me your preferences.

Have a look at the APAT website as there is a lot of information regarding the topics and teachers who will be at Cronulla.

[www.apatconvention.com](http://www.apatconvention.com)

## Regional Round Up *Tauranga Porcelain*

We are exhibiting again at the Home Show in Tauranga - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May.

This show is one of the biggest in the Bay, and we are focusing on showcasing our best work to try and increase membership rather than sales. Unless we increase our membership over the next 2 years it is not looking likely that we will remain an association.

A couple of our members are working to attend the Sydney porcelain convention in October.

We are utilizing the skills of our older members to update and discuss techniques. Dawn is sharing what she has learnt over many years everything to do with Gold work.

## *Hutt Valley Porcelain Art*

### Report From Monica Martin

Our small Hutt Valley Group has had a busy year so far. We began in January with a Painting day at Monica's home on the Kapiti Coast. This was a demonstration of grounding both wet and dry and then a lesson in laying Raised Paste – some really nice little pieces ready for firing. February was AGM time as usual where the year was planned out and some interesting days ahead. March saw the group back at Kapiti to Gild the Raised paste. In April we went To Sandra's home in Maungaraki to view China and Porcelain dolls followed by lunch coffee and a Di Teasdale video.

Boxes were filled and taken ready to be artfully decorated in the not-too-distant future. We ended the afternoon with a video of Di Teasdale (Aus) painting a wee Australian furry critter. These earlier artists always have a tip or two to help us on our way.

Have a great time painting together. *Monica*



In Kapiti. from left: Anne Edghill, Sandra Lawson, Lynette Smith, Lee Harvey. Front row: Lorriane Harlen and Monica Martin



Anne Edghill's gilded work.



Sandra Austin - The piece below has been gilded so you can see the difference between ungilded and gilded and burnished.



## *Dunedin Porcelain Art*

### **Report from Elizabeth Gray.**

Hello everyone - 2024 has been an interesting year so far. At our January meeting we thought of Isabelle Cooper, one of our members who passed away in November at 96 years of age.

Isabelle loved porcelain painting and patchwork and always interested in what fellow members were painting. At the February meeting some of us began painting fantails which we hope to finish at our April meeting. There was no meeting for March as the last Friday was Easter - Good Friday. Earlier in the month we delivered to Mona McAlevy a card and artificial flowers for her 100th birthday. Mona has been in a rest home since having a fall. Mona joined the group in 1997 and was a very active lady being the club's

treasurer for a number of years until 2008. On 12th April a group of us from Dunedin travelled to Joan McGaw's in Balclutha where we discussed a number of porcelain techniques etc and for the month of May we decided our next project was to be scene - lake, mountains, trees, etc.

While at Joan's she read to us the following which was written by May Alexander. a member in 1995.

*Here we go off to our painting class, our painting class, our painting class,*

*Here we go off to our painting class on every 4th Friday morning.*

*When we get there, we all do our thing, all do our thing, all do our thing,*

*When we get there, we all do our thing on every 4th Friday morning.*

*You should see us mix our paints, mix our paints, mix our paints,*

*You should see us mix our paints on every 4th Friday morning.*

*There is June and Joan and Dorothy, Agnes, Jean and Beverley, Thelma, Inger, Lorraine and Margaret on every 4th Friday morning.*

*Anne, May and Clarice complete the group, complete the group, complete the group .*

*You won't see us rest on our laurels, we are too busy painting florals, painting florals, painting florals on every 4th Friday morning.*

THIS CAN BE SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "Here we go gathering nuts in May"

Thank you Sandra for all the good work you do.

Take care, Elizabeth Gray.

### **A Little bit of interesting art below**

This pair of Moths are very interesting pieces that my husband and I bought a while ago. It is made of porcelain bodies and a type of craft paper which has various techniques of inks to form the wings and the feet. They hang on my kitchen wall at home. They make a great talking piece.

This is a true option of what one can do with mixed media using porcelain which has been moulded from porcelain clay and fired, then painted. Quirky but fun.

Just a bit of fun for something interesting. Sandra Austin.



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*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

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PORCELAIN ART TODAY

**CONVENTION & EXHIBITION**  
23-26 OCT 2024

**GUEST ARTISTS**  
Clotilde Ruegg-Ruffieux  
Sandra Bernaitis

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- Demonstrations
- Displays
- Workshops
- Schools 27-29 Oct 2024

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**RYDGES**  
CRONULLA BEACHSIDE

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