

# POTTERS PRESS



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## STUDIO BUSINESS

- **Thank you Brett Martin who donated an electric frying pan!** We are so grateful for the kind gesture. The wax is hot and running again!
- **It's time to renew your membership.** Today is the first day of the new membership period. We also have membership cards for everyone who signs up or renews to make the job of tracking memberships easier for our volunteers and Artists in Residence. After you [complete the membership](#), your card will be prepared and ready for your next studio visit. We value your membership contribution. As a charity, it is vital for our ability to continue operating and provide access to pottery for our whole community.
- **Clay supply issues: IMPORTANT UPDATE** Most of you will be aware that there is a nationwide supply issue for many of the clays we stock. As a result, we recently announced that we can no longer supply clay to commercial potters or to non-members (except PWC attendees). In addition, we are having to bring in a few more restrictions on our clay sales. As a teaching organisation, our priority is to ensure clay for our classes and workshops. Therefore, we are now limiting clay purchases (not including class clay), to 1 bag per member per week up to a maximum of 30kg per term (3 month period). Non-members who attend Play With Clay may purchase recycled clay only until supply is more reliable.
- **Studio hours:** We will be closed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter holidays. Play with Clay will be running on Saturday with Teresa and Sarah here to help you.
  - **Play with Clay:** Saturday 10am-1pm; Tuesday 6-9pm, Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm
  - **Open Studio:** next week – Tuesday and Wednesday 1-4pm

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## WORKSHOPS

We have some treats in store for our more experienced wheel throwers:

### Intermediate Wheel Throwing Workshop with Ginny Lane:

#### Troubleshoot your wheel throwing hurdles and take your skills to the next level

Sunday 2nd May 2021 10am - 4pm



Troubleshoot your wheel throwing hurdles and take your skills to the next level in this one-day intermediate wheel throwing workshop with Ginny Lane. Ginny is an experienced Waikato-based potter with a form and function focus in the making of domestic ware. This workshop is suitable for potters with several years of wheel throwing experience who would like some help

addressing specific throwing problems. You will work on your own projects rather than throwing the same piece as part of an instructed lesson. [Find our more and book now](#)

## A two-day wheel throwing masterclass with Chris Weaver

Saturday 8 - Sunday 9 May 2021 9.30am-4pm



We are excited to be hosting Chris Weaver, a New Zealand ceramic artist who is internationally renowned for his innovative contemporary tableware. The workshop is an opportunity for experienced throwers to have a hands-on wheel work class with Chris. Generous with his "secrets", Chris will provide demonstrations of the throwing and altering techniques he has developed across his 40-year career: even the most angular of the teapots that he currently makes start off as a thrown form.

Note: this workshop is for **experienced throwers**. [Find out more and book now](#)

And we have some upcoming workshops suitable for beginners too:



### Slip exploration workshop: An introduction to decorating with slip

Saturday 17th April 2021 2-4pm

Slip can be a very versatile way of adding colour to your ceramic work. It's great for both functional and sculptural work and in this practical and hands on workshop, we'll explore many ways as to how you can use slip in your practise. This workshop is an introduction and teaser to various techniques and possibilities. You'll be able to work on your own pieces during the day and by the time you go home, you'll hopefully have many new creative ideas to pursue. We will touch the following areas: Recipes and mixing, Paper slip, Application - how and when (for ex banding, slip trailing, sponging & brushing), Sgraffito. [Find out more and book](#)



### Slab-building a mug: Easy mug making for beginners

Saturday 10th April 2021 2-5pm

Who says you need to have mastered the wheel to make mugs? You don't. In fact, lots of commercially sold mugs are hand-built. Using a slab-building technique, absolute beginners can make gorgeous mugs. In this 3-hour workshop, you will learn an easy-peasy way to construct a mug using slabs, ensure all the parts are securely attached, and make and attach a handle. **Suitable for ages 7 to adults** (children must be accompanied by an adult). [Find out more and book](#)



### Half-Day Turning Workshop 1 with Tess May

Monday 19th April 2021 10am-2pm

A half day workshop in everything you need to know when turning your thrown pieces. This workshop will cover how to make your own chucks and how to use them, the tools you need in your kete, and how to approach each piece you turn. You can be quite new to throwing but able to centre. [Find out more and book](#)

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## CLASSES

Main term classes are nearing an end. We are working on confirming the final details for our Term 2 classes. In the meantime, there are still some spaces on some of the mini-term classes.

Tuesday Mornings Introduction to Wheel throwing With Claire Tane

<https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event3858>

Wednesday Afternoon Children's Class with Brogan

<https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event1295>

Monday Night Hand building With Lara Rye

<https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event3860>

Friday night Wheel-throwing class for beginners-intermediate With Stephen Williams

<https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event3857>

The Wednesday and Thursday evening classes have sold out.

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## AGM 2021

**Date of AGM:** 18 May 2021, 7pm at the Waikato Society of Potters Studio.

Open to financial members to attend. We will review our past year, the annual accounts, vote in our committee and make plans. An agenda will follow shortly for the AGM. The committee is **accepting nominations** for the 2021-2022 WSP Committee. The nomination form is available via the link with this newsletter email. You can also request a form by email from [manager@waikatopotters.co.nz](mailto:manager@waikatopotters.co.nz)

- All nominations must have written consent of the nominee, who can nominate themselves.
  - All nominations must be received at the WSP by 3pm Monday 14 May 2021
  - Nominations can be delivered to the clubrooms or sent by email to [manager@waikatopotters.co.nz](mailto:manager@waikatopotters.co.nz)
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