

President Report May 2010

Hello from the new committee, although as expected it is perhaps not so new, but the old committee with a newish face.

We are really pleased to have Katie Gold back with us. She has lots of experience with NPA, as Katie was president and NZSP rep a few years ago. She has stepped into the secretary role which was left vacant after Rose Griffins departure.

I would like to thank Rose very much for her time as secretary. She did heaps for NPA not just as the secretary, but especially in the role of organising exhibitions at the Refinery Art Space, and any other events we were involved in. We will miss her and wish her well in her new business.

Caroline Early was also part of the committee last year. Her knowledge and energy for ceramics is very valuable to NPA, her help at the Refinery exhibitions was huge, and I know we will be calling on her in the future for more input and help when we need it.

So I have taken on the role as President. Last year we didn't have a president and we did suffer not having anyone to co ordinate things and make sure we were on the right track. So I decided to give it another go, also because no one else would do it!

Steve Robertson is vice president, Katie Gold secretary, Hugh MacMillan remains as treasurer, Paul Laird is the new NZSP rep for the Nelson Marlborough region. The committee is Anna Barnet who also runs the website, Charles Shaw, Emily Bolton and Maxine Waters. As you can see it is pretty much the same as the last few years, just a slight reshuffle.

As was mentioned in the last report we are all pretty jaded, but feel it is important to keep NPA running. We will be only focusing on our core functions. That is the map, the website, the airport cabinet and if there is the possibility of an exhibition, others will be called on to help in some way.

The AGM, which was held on the 11th May was reasonably well attended. Thanks to those who came along and gave their opinion and support.

A couple of things were decided. The honoraria are to be increased, but subs will stay the same. Everyone felt an exhibition is one thing that would raise our profile and be a good thing to put some of our money into. The problem here is that there are very few venues in Nelson where we can have an exhibition. The Suter Art Gallery is very hard to get a show at. The Refinery Art Space is booked solid for the year, other places are too small. There are some ideas to pursue, so we shall see what eventuates. But if we can secure an exhibition everyone needs to become involved, not just putting in a pot and walking away.

The website is going well, we have added a few new features over the last year and the potters map is now on line.

Look out for any news and events, these will be posted on line as they come up. If anyone comes across an interesting website, or some great information on conferences or events, send it to Anna and we can put it on the site for others to see. This will keep the website relevant and interesting.

Paul Laird will feed through relevant information from the NZSP to the website as it becomes available. Please up grade your photos every so often. It makes a huge difference if things keep changing and looking new.

If you are not yet on the website.... (we know who you are, Anna and I will be in contact soon). It is the way forward and we are getting good feed back from people looking at the site. All you need is 4 – 8 good quality pictures, a picture of yourself and a short bio. Send it to Anna and she will do the rest. The initial set up cost is \$100.00, with a yearly cost of around \$25.00. You can have a link to your own website as well if you like.

The cabinet in the airport is another great advertising venue. Anna also looks after this. She wants new work now, as we would like to change the pots in there next month. If you have work in the cabinet or would like some work in it, drop 2 or 3 pieces off at South Street, or contact Anna and arrange to get the work to her. The cabinet cost is \$50.00 p.a. Don't delay!

This is the second year for this print run of the map. A bill will be sent out in July for this years costs. These are to cover the information centres in Nelson, Richmond, Motueka and Golden Bay. Plus the distribution costs for this year. We also need to recover some of the printing costs which were held over from last year. You can expect a bill of around \$195.00.

If you are on the website you will also be invoiced \$25.00. This covers the hosting fee plus any upgrades we have had to do.

Subs are now due and an invoice is included.

That's about it from me, keep an eye on the website for any updates, I might do an email newsletter every so often as well just to keep everyone informed of any news. Otherwise all the best for the year, lets hope it is a good one.

Sue Newitt