

**THE
ORIENTAL CERAMIC SOCIETY**
(Registered Charity No. 250356)

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER, 2016

To be presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of Members

to be held at the Society of Antiquaries of London,
Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BE

WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2017 AT 5.30 pm

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last AGM
2. Accounts
3. Report
4. Council Elections *
5. Any other business

* The nominations for new members of Council are:
Stuart Balmer, David Canty, Asaph Hyman, Malcolm McNeil, Sarah Wong
Co-opted: Harry Douglas-Hamilton and Willemijn van Noord

The Meeting will be followed by the AGM lecture given by

Dr. Denise Patry Leidy, Ruth and Bruce Dayton Curator at the Yale University Art Gallery
Qingbai figure sculptures of the Song and Yuan dynasties

and a drinks reception at 7:00 p.m., both sponsored by Sotheby's

PATRON

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, KG, GCVO

LAST SIX PRESIDENTS

OLIVER IMPEY
ROSE KERR
CAROL MICHAELSON
ROSEMARY SCOTT
SHELAGH VAINKER
REGINA KRAHL

COUNCIL

JESSICA HARRISON-HALL *President*
PETER WHITE..... *Vice President and Honorary Treasurer*
STACEY PIERSON *Honorary Secretary & Editor of the Transactions*
VAUGHAN HART *Assistant Honorary Secretary*
NICOLE ROUSMANIERE *Representative at the British Museum*
MING WILSON..... *Representative at the Victoria and Albert Museum*
ANGELA MCATEER *Representative in North America*

Elected in 2014	Elected in 2015	Elected in 2016
ELAINE BUCK	NONE	HARRY DOUGLAS-HAMILTON
MARY GINSBERG		(Co-opted)
VAUGHAN HART		
BAOPING LI		
ROBERT MCPHERSON		
WILLEMIJN VAN NOORD		
MARY REDFERN		
SUSAN STRONGE		

SECRETARY MARY PAINTER

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

1. Members of Council

The Vice President and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Peter White, the Hon. Secretary and Editor of the *Transactions*, Dr. Stacey Pierson and the Assistant Honorary Secretary Vaughan Hart, retire under Articles 44 and 45, and offer themselves for re-election. Elaine Buck, Mary Ginsberg, Baoping Li, Willemijn van Noord, Mary Redfern and Susan Stronge were elected in 2014 and therefore retire this year. Angela McAteer remains on Council as the OCS representative in North America, Nicole Rousmaniere as the BM representative and Ming Wilson as the V & A representative. Council has agreed to co-opt Harry Douglas-Hamilton and Willemijn van Noord on to Council for a further year and they have agreed to continue organising the OCS tours. Council proposes that the following new members be elected to Council: Stuart Balmer, David Canty, Asaph Hyman (Bonhams), Dr. Malcolm McNeil (V&A) and Sarah Wong (Eskenazi). Any other nominations must reach the Secretary by 1st June with the names of the proposer and seconder and a statement by the candidate that he or she is willing to serve, if elected.

2. Council Members' Responsibilities. The Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee and members of Council are the trustees. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society.

3. The Accounts and Results. The normal surplus for the year to 30.09.2016 was £12,672 (£14,520). We made a provision of £10,000 towards the 2016 exhibition costs. (£47,415 now provided). This left £2,672 (£4,520) to be added to the funds brought forward, making £70,041 at 30.09.2016. The Society has £234,073 (£215,913) in the bank accounts. Provision has been made for the net estimated costs of £6,000 for TOCS 80 (covering lectures to 30.09.2016). See note 5. The budget for the year to 30.09.17 anticipates a small surplus. Mary Ginsberg has independently assessed the 2016 accounts.

4. Subscriptions to the Society. For subscriptions, U.K. members are requested to sign standing orders and where possible Gift Aid forms; the Society prefers to receive overseas subscription payments by credit card or bank transfer. Ordinary members are asked to consider becoming Benefactor or Patron members.

5. Sponsorship. The Society is most appreciative of the donations it receives from our generous sponsors, including sponsorship of the annual Woolf Jade Lecture by Mr. Jonathan Woolf and the Woolf Charitable Trust; of lectures by mainland Chinese scholars through the Chinese Scholars Fund supported by Lillian and Lincoln Chin; of the annual Sonia Lightfoot Memorial Paintings Lecture by John Lightfoot, of the annual Sir Michael Butler Memorial Lecture by Katharine and Charles Butler and an annual export art lecture sponsored by the Dr. Mok Hing Yiu Charitable Foundation. In addition we are most grateful for sponsorship for our AGM lecture and reception by Sotheby's and of our lectures and drinks receptions by Woolley & Wallis, Bonham's, Christie's and Duke's Auctioneers. The Society is always open to more offers of sponsorship.

6. Advertising. We are most grateful to those members who support the Society through advertisements in the *Transactions* and also the *Newsletter*, as this helps to defray the costs of these publications. The Society hopes that such advertising will continue and increase.

7. The Data Protection Act 1998

The Society holds personal data about members which it uses for the purposes of the Society including administration, the distribution of information and the invoicing of membership fees. Appropriate care is taken by the Society to ensure the security of these data. If members do not wish to receive information from the Society or no longer wish to continue their membership, they may contact the Society at any time.

8. Rules of the Society. The Rules of the Society provide that no member is entitled to make use of the Society's name for any business or trade purpose, nor shall any member dealing in antiquities or ceramic wares advertise his membership except in the Society's *Transactions* or *Newsletter*.

9. Website. Work on our new website continues and which will eventually also include some content in Chinese. We are currently scanning TOCS so that this can be provided on-line in the members-only area. This work should be completed by the end of 2017. Members will then be issued with a password when they renew their subscriptions so that they can access the digitised transactions which will be fully searchable.

10. Patron. We are most honoured to have as our Patron, H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, and are grateful for his support of and interest in the Society.

11. The OCS 2016 Exhibition

The OCS Council is immensely grateful to all those members who lent their treasured ceramics to our exhibition *China without Dragons* in last November's Asian Art in London week. Regina Krahl worked very hard bringing the exhibition together and turning the show into something quite exceptional, full of interesting and rare pieces. She is now working on the book of the exhibition. Neither exhibition nor book would have been possible without Sotheby's generous offer to help find the insurance sponsor SAFRA, as well as outright financial support and the donation of a venue. In addition, we sincerely thank our other very generous sponsors whose donations made the exhibition possible, in particular member William Carey, Giuseppe Eskenazi, The Trustees of the Sir Percival David Foundation of Chinese Art (Academic & Research Fund) and members John Bodie and the late David Hyatt-King. Thank you all again for your support.

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ACTIVITIES 2015/2016

2015

13th October

Kee Il Choi, Jr.

Of Vases and Virtue: Henri-Leonard Bertin, Joseph Amiot and the 'Great Man' of China

21st – 23rd October
Visit to Dutch Collections

6th November
The annual OCS Asia Week in London lecture
Dr. Tetsuro Degawa, Director, the Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka
Chinese and Korean Ceramics in the Japanese Tea Ceremony: Utensils from 15th to 17th Centuries

8th November
Sotheby's/OCS Asian Art in London lecture
Dr. Sarah Handler, art historian
Elegant Chinese Rooms with Fantastic Objects and Rootwood Furniture

8th December
The George de Menasce Memorial Lecture
Nikolaos Vryzidis
Vestments made of Asian textiles from the Monastic community of Mount Athos

2016

12th January
Dr. Simon Kaner, Director of the Centre for Japanese Studies at the UEA
Pots from Okinoshima: the Shosoin of the Sea, 4th – 9th century AD

9th February
Dr. Nicole Chiang, Curator at the Museum of East Asian Art in Bath
Introducing Asian Ceramics: Chinese tea wares

17th February
Discussion & Handling Session on *Islamic ceramics and Chinese ceramics with Islamic Associations*

8th March
The Annual Woolf Jade Lecture and reception sponsored by the Woolf Charitable Trust
Michael Spink, independent scholar
Dragons and other animals: jade carving in Persia and Central Asia in the 15th century

12th April
The annual Sonia Lightfoot paintings lecture
Mr. Yuen-kit Szeto, Curator (Xubaizhai Chinese Painting & Calligraphy) at the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the J. S. Lee Memorial Senior Fellow
Between the Chinese Garden and Chinese Painting and their Appreciation: Thoughts inspired by works of the Xubaizhai Collection

10th May
Dr. Anita Chung, Chief Operating Officer of the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation in Hong Kong

Provenance Research: Chinese Paintings from the Cleveland Museum of Art

15th June

AGM, lecture and reception sponsored by Sotheby's

Regina Krahl, Immediate Past President of the Oriental Ceramic Society

Two Illustrated Catalogues of Chinese Works of Art prepared in the Yongzheng period

7th – 9th June

OCS Visit to Scottish Collections

THE ORIENTAL CERAMIC SOCIETY				
(Limited by Guarantee)				
BALANCE SHEET				
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016				
		Year to 30.09.2016		Year to 30.09.2015
<u>Assets</u>				
Debtors and prepayments (see Note 2)		6,200		3,200
Cash at bank and in hand (see Note 3)		234,073		215,913
		240,273		219,113
<u>Less liabilities:</u>				
Creditors (see Note 4)		48,095		35,022
Net assets		192,178		184,091
Represented by Funds:-				
R C Hills Fund	10,261		10,261	
George de Menasce Fund	2,325		2,825	
Chinese Scholars' Fund	4,683		4,683	
Sir Joseph Hotung Fund	57,453	74,722	58,453	76,222
Remaining provision for 2016 Exhibition (see note 7)		47,415		40,500

General surplus		70,041		67,369
		192,178		184,091

For the year ended 30th September 2016, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Signed on behalf of the Society

PETER WHITE Hon. Treasurer

MARY PAINTER Secretary

MARY GINSBERG Assessor

JESSICA HARRISON-HALL Director

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016				
		Year to 30.09.2016		Year to 30.09.2015
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Subscriptions		39,882		36,510
Gift Aid Refunds		3,301		3,663
Investment Income		115		104
Total Income		43,298		40,277
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
Secretary's salary and N.I.		13,008		12,206

Office postage, stationery and telephone		6,126		7,935
3 Programmes, 2 Newsletters + postage		7,978		3,198
Meetings, AGM room hire, lecture fees & travelling	15,036		17,290	
Less contributions	<u>15,000</u>	36	14,970	2,320
Bank, credit card and World Pay costs		1,406		1,312
Total expenditure		28,554		26,971
Surplus before TOCS		14,744		13,306
TOCS 78 net cost provision and over provision		-		(7,214)
TOCS 79 net cost provision and over provision		(3,928)		6,000
TOCS 80 net cost provision		6,000		
Normal surplus		12,672		14,520
Less provision for 2016 Exhibition		10,000		10,000
Net surplus for year		2,672		4,520
Fund balance b/f from previous year		67,369		62,849
Fund balance c/f		70,041		67,369

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

1. Accounting Policies

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in October 2000.

Office and Computer equipment

Written off in year of purchase.

Income

Subscriptions are payable on 1 May for the next financial year: they are accounted for in the financial year to which they relate. Other income is accounted for on a receipts and due basis.

Expenditure

Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Foreign Currencies

Converted into Sterling and recorded as actual receipts.

Stock

No value has been placed on copies of the Society's 'Transactions' and Catalogues held for possible future sale.

2. Debtors and prepayments	2016	2015
	£	£
Debtor	3,700	700
Tax recoverable	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	<u>6,200</u>	<u>3,200</u>
3. Cash at bank and in hand	2016	2015
	£	£
High interest accounts	227,698	206,193
Current accounts	1,080	1,076
Cash in hand	500	500
Euro current account	573	828
US \$ deposit account	2,894	6,078
Other funds and bank accounts	<u>1,328</u>	<u>1,238</u>
	<u>234,073</u>	<u>215,913</u>
4. Creditors	2016	2015
	£	£
Subscriptions paid in advance	30,000	27,975
Sundry accruals	<u>18,095</u>	<u>7,047</u>
	<u>48,095</u>	<u>35,022</u>
5. Transactions	80 (provisional)	79 (actual)
Cost and postage	18,000	13,208

Less contributions	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,975</u>
Net charge/cost	<u>6,000</u>	<u>233</u>

6. Purpose of funds

R.C. Hills Endowment fund

The R.C. Hills Gold Medal is presented for a lecture by an established academic figure. The lecture is included in the 'Transactions' and the fund also makes a contribution towards the cost of the publication.

George de Menasce Memorial Trust Fund

The George de Menasce Trust Bursary is awarded for a research project and a lecture to the Society, with publication in the 'Transactions'. A bursary was awarded in 2015.

Scholars Fund

The Chinese Scholars Fund was launched in 1988 with the purpose of giving scholars in China the opportunity to visit the West. The Fund has now been extended to cover scholars both in China and elsewhere.

Sir Joseph Hotung Fund

The Sir Joseph Hotung Fund was started in 2006 and the capital is to be used for specific projects and not for the day to day running of the Society.

7. Provision for 2016 Exhibition

	£
Provided from General Surplus 30.09.15	32,000
Provided from General Surplus from year to 30.09.16	<u>10,000</u>
	42,000
Donations received	<u>20,311</u>
	62,311
Spent in year to 30.09.16	<u>14,896</u>
In hand for exhibition costs & catalogue at 30.09.16	<u>47,415</u>
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