

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Theresa Sjoquist is the author of the biography of Yvonne Rust, QSM. The book, *Yvonne Rust: Maverick Spirit* (David Ling, 2011), is the result of 18 months of detailed research right across the country and includes input from over 400 contributors. Yvonne Rust was a pioneering potter, inspirational arts teacher and prolific painter who influenced many successful artists who continue today to contribute to NZ's culture and heritage.

Theresa is based in Helensville and earns her living as a freelance writer, producing feature articles, advertorial, personal and business profiles, as well as ghost-writing and editing other people's books.

The title of Theresa's talk is... *Yvonne Rust, QSM, and the research process for the biography, Yvonne Rust: Maverick Spirit.*

