

Portland CEMA Inc. - Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts

Newsletter - February 2003

President's Report

Welcome CEMA members to 2003!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things once the silly season is over.

As you may be aware John Hayes has very recently resigned from the CEMA Presidentship and asked me to fill the gap for the present. Jane Hayes also needed to be relieved from her role as Acting Secretary for CEMA and the letter which combined these two resignations sent me straight back to bed, which I had just left from recovering from chicken pox!!!

However, at our first meeting of 2003 I took over the Presidency and was extremely glad to find such support from our committee. Jan Colliver courageously stepped down from Junior Vice President in order to take over the role of Secretary, and Phil Darby took out the stiff upper lip and became our new Senior Vice President. I am extremely pleased to be working with such an enthusiastic and capable committee but I cannot express how much I feel we are going to miss John and Jane. All I can say is that we are very thankful to them for the time and commitment they have given us in two very demanding roles and that I feel relieved that they are still only a phone call away if I - or should I say 'when' I need them for help. I would also like to express on behalf of all members of CEMA our sympathy to Jane for her recent family bereavements.

I'd like to let everyone know that our digital camera, which is a joint asset between CEMA and The Arts Company, is a wonderful way to capture and store irreplaceable memories of group functions. The camera is extremely easy to use - and I do speak from personal experience - and is obtainable by calling Warren Mars who is the present guardian of the camera. Warren advises that if you wish to download your pictures onto your own, or an accessible computer, you will need to borrow the docking station as well, but the computer must have Windows XP to be compatible. Do make use of this wonderful asset - we obtained it to be used by all our member groups, and if you feel technologically inept in any way, please do call me and we can arrange backup.

Many exciting events are coming up quickly for the next month, but I must mention the Jazz and Blues Picnic on Sunday the 2nd of February, the Barb Sharrock Life Membership and Pear Report Presentation, taking place at the Arts Company on Monday the 3rd of February, and of course we will all be looking forward to our annual Wood, Wine and Roses Festival, the opening of which is on the 20th of February.

Thanks for having me.

Your President,

Claire Endacott (President)

Arts Marketing Report

Some time ago Omincom Audience marketing undertook a survey in the Glenelg shire. The Glenelg Shire Arts Market Development Research Report is available for CEMA inc. groups to borrow.

In particular Theatre Group, Film society, Music Glenelg, Choral group and Arts Portland Heywood are encouraged to make sure their members are conversant with this report.

Karl Hatton has placed five copies of this report on the bookshelves at the stage end of the CEMA arts centre gallery. Please take the time to borrow a report. We all want to encourage audiences to our performances and greater participation in the arts, the survey results should be considered in future planning!!

Jan Colliver (Acting Secretary Cema inc.)



Remember Jazz at the Vines last year?

ARTS PORTLAND/HEYWOOD

Jazz and Blues Picnic.

Yes the Jazz and Blues Picnic is on again, at Wattle Hill Creek Vineyard on Sunday, Feb 2nd, from 11 am to 5 pm.

Interstate Band "Jazz on Q" will present Trad Jazz at it's best. Other bands Including Jeremy Cookes playing rag-time, Wendy Goyen sing'n the blues, as well as local musicians will make for a great days entertainment.

Food Stalls / Local Wines or bring your own picnic. BYO chair umbrella etc.

Prices Single \$18 / Children under 16 free / Student Pensioner \$10

Bev Martin (Convenor)

FILM GROUP

The film society will recommence screenings in February so watch out for the fliers.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

The February meeting will be held at the CEMA Arts Centre on Thursday, Feb 6th at 2.30 pm. Prior to the meeting, instead of the planned barbecue we will gather at the R.S.L. Bowling Club at 12 noon for an informal meal (no booking necessary).

The current display in History House is "Cricket Cards" and the display for February will be "Mischievous Mice".

Betty Vivian (President)

Poetry Reading Group

The group's first meeting in the new year proved most enjoyable, and it's not too late to wish everyone a "Happy 2003".

An entertaining assortment of verse and prose was read: We had Robert Service's "The men that don't fit in" and "Grandad", humour from Jim Pyke's "Nuptial navigation", Jim Haynes' "Dipso and the twins", true pictures of Australia from The Dreamtime Book: "Garkain the recluse", "The birth of the sun", "Where the Pelican builds", "The old bark school" and "The Geebung Polo Club".

A tribute to Robbie Burns with "Jean" and his words for Grace especially on Burns Nights. Contemporaries provided "To Let" by Raymond Dixon and "The Lares" by Jimal Sarah, Benjamin Britain's "The War Requiem" were all rounded off with William Blakes's beautiful "To the evening star"

Next poetry reading is Feb 16th at 2 pm at the CEMA Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Music Glenelg

Mozart's Requiem

Rehearsals for Music Glenelg Festival Singers will be held throughout Jan at CEMA Arts Centre on Monday 20th, 27th @ 8 pm. Rehearsal for Feb are Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 26th, all 8 pm at the Uniting Church.:

Singers are expected to attend all rehearsals throughout March. It has been requested that should singers already know the work they should attend to support those in the learning process.

Return workshop with Andrew Wailes, Sat 1st March. Singers will be given details during Feb rehearsals. Singers are expected to be doing their private learning between rehearsals and should be aware that there will be no notational tutoring on the Workshop day BUT only in passages where Andrew deems necessary.

Tutti Singers

Music Glenelg Tutti Singers will resume rehearsals on Sunday 2nd Feb at the Arts Centre at 5 pm.

Other

Music Glenelg Aquarelle Sostenuto will perform at the Australia Day Celebrations in Portland on Sunday 26th Jan at 9.00 am

Music Glenelg will be involved in the Glenelg Shire Showcase in August, 2003

Joy Ralph (Convenor)

Leadlighter's Guild

Members in conjunction with Woodturners are restoring doors and hoping to get a commission for three windows.

Bev Martin (Convenor)



The Toy Exhibition 2002

PIONEER QUILTERS

The first meeting of the Pioneer Quilters for 2003 will be held at the Arts Company on Monday, 10th of February at 10 am.

It will be a sit and sew day and the Millennium Quilt's progress will be discussed.

New members welcome.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

P.E.A.R. Project

A great start to the New Year! Two Celebrations - at The Arts Company, Monday Feb 3rd, 5 - 7 pm:

Barb Sharrock Life Membership

CEMA Life Membership presentation to Barb. Sharrock in recognition of her great contribution to arts development and to the foundation of The Arts Company.

PEAR Project 2002 Reports Presentation

The PEAR Project 2002 - Presentation of final reports to the Port of Portland, the Glenelg Shire Council, and Regional Arts Victoria.

There will be a tour of The Arts Company from 5 pm, and presentations follow at 5.30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Who will be there?

- Organisers would like to see members of all C.E.M.A. Groups and partners; Former Councillors and Arts Advisory Board members;
- Participants in Barb's many projects (e.g. the touring print exhibition "A Community View", 1983; the Portland Banner 1992; "Why We Live Where We Live" - 1996?; Febfests '98; the Great Portland Duck Race, successful fund-raiser for The Arts Company);
- Participants in the 2002 PEAR Project;
- and of course, you and your friends.

This will also be an opportunity to thank the Port of Portland and the Glenelg Shire for their financial support for the PEAR Project, and to meet Port representatives, possibly Regional Arts Victoria representatives, and the new Shire CEO Ms. Jennifer Todd.

Members of C.E.M.A. Groups and The Arts Company are asked to bring a plate of food to share. The Arts Co. and C.E.M.A. Inc. Committees are responsible for the event and drinks.

Displays from some of Barb's arts projects are being organised with the help of Karl Hatton CSO and Coralie Gunn of the Access Printshop, and the PEAR Reports and videos will be on display.

Organising Committee - Mary Sharrock, Dawn Turner and Lex Chalmers

Theatre Group

Hi Thespians - yes, and all you normal people too!! I believe that New Years Celebrations were very jolly within the Theatre Group this year - I had a year off from partying and took it easy with familiars, but had a good old giggle post-party at the things our members tend to get up to on such occasions.

I am just so impressed with the enthusiasm our group has for the upcoming year - we are preparing to hold youth social coping skill workshops, getting ready for our next production which will be "Dimboola" staged at Sandilands, and also thinking ahead to the second half of the year which we are hoping will hold the likes of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" - how very VERY!! We are also sending off two of our less encumbered members (I mean family and work) to a three day workshop in Melbourne being held by the Victorian Drama League - they are under strict orders to bring back all they learn for our general consumption (this does not include anything they may learn out on the town).

I would like to express my admiration and gratitude to those members who have made the Theatre Group Committee what it is finally, after such a long time of peaks and depressions. Thanks must go to Danni, Jason, Kat, Mick, Michael, Sue, Jess and Darryl, and the Cast of Twelfth Night who have not only taken part in one of our productions, but been interested in the internal workings of the Theatre Group as well.

Looking forward to our progress in 2003.

Claire Endacott (Secretary)



Kami Smith's "The Bowlers"

Invitation To a Celebration of the Arts

February 3rd , 5 to 7 pm, at
The Arts Company, 19 Julia St.

Portland C.E.M.A. Inc. and The Arts Company invite you
to join them to celebrate the presentation of a

C.E.M.A. Life Membership to Barbara Sharrock,

and the presentation of the
2002 PEAR Project Report
to the Port of Portland,
the Glenelg Shire and
Regional Arts Victoria.

Members please bring a plate.

The Committees thank the supporters of the
PEAR Project 2002.

Jazz and Blues Picnic.

Featuring:

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