

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

### Newsletter - March 2003

#### President's Report

Hello again! What a busy little socialite I have been this month with so many exciting events to attend and enjoy.

The PEAR Report Presentation and Barb Sharrock Life Membership Gala was wonderful. There was a glorious array of familiar faces and many new ones to be introduced to. I enjoyed the tour of the Arts Company immensely, Mary showed me some of the work she does for the Fibre Group which I found impressive, and I had an explore around the June Hedditch apartment which has been set up to a standard which I had not been expecting - it really does present a most professional standard for visiting artists coming to Portland.

Barb was just lovely, and I was touched by the support and encouragement she has from friends and family - it really makes us feel that we are making a significant difference when our close ones value our efforts. Congratulations to Barb!! Congratulations also to Carmel and Lex for a wonderful PEAR Report, and a culmination of all the effort in getting the project from go to whoa. Huge amounts of thanks to Lex for organising an enjoyable event at short notice.

The Jazz and Blues in the Vines was lovely - a totally relaxing family outing - partner forced to relax, mother enjoying one of her favourite types of music, older child running about with friends and younger child bouncing to the beat. The atmosphere was fantastically friendly, the music was outstanding, the food was delicious and the wine was heavenly - can you tell I enjoyed myself immensely??

Happy 50th Birthday Drumborg Hall - it was nice to be able to add to the occasion with the display of dance hall days costumes and mannequins belonging to our CEMA costume department - the birthday was a huge blast for all those who have sentimental memories interwoven with the physical space of the building. Our costume department comes in handy for many things! Lorraine Campbell is on duty upstairs at CEMA on Thursday afternoons should your interest be piqued.

And Happy 10th Birthday Wood Wine and Roses!! What a wonderful success it was this year. Breakfast in the street on the Friday morning set the scene for the whole weekend - droves of people happily eating in the continuous drizzle and Gregor quite happily chatting away while drips ran off the end of his nose. This wonderful community spirit was enmeshed in the whole festival, from the fellow feeling of the spectators lining the street at the parade, to the satisfaction I felt upon being a part of it all even while I watched

the fireworks from my back deck. Congratulations and thanks to all who gave so much for so many.

An enjoyable month indeed.  
Regards from your President.

Claire Endacott (President)



Pressy and Family at Jazz and Blues in the Vines

#### ARTS COMPANY

Three significant events took place in February. Firstly the long overdue recognition of our founder member Barb Sharrock with a life membership of CEMA.

Secondly the establishment of 'Portland bay press' our new etching group who have taken up the space formerly used as a café. An etching workshop was held by experienced print maker Denise Kasof from New York and the work produced can be seen on the walls of 21 Julia Street.

Thirdly the completion of the Workskills Work For the Dole restoration of the stables project. When the complex was planned it was intended that the 1894 stables would be demolished and taken to the tip. Through the generosity of people, especially Gordon Stokes, who appreciated our heritage, the stables were moved out of the way of the new building. Now they have been 'stabilised' (pardon the pun) and will be available as studio space for local or visiting artists.

A workshop was held on Saturday 15th when members 'brain stormed' current and future issues for The Arts Company.

Lesley Jackson (Chair)

## ARTS PORTLAND/HEYWOOD

Fine weather and great jazz music set the scene for a pleasant days entertainment at the Wattle Hill Creek Vineyard on Sunday, February 2nd and judging by the survey comments patrons thoroughly enjoyed themselves. However organisers were a little disappointed that the crowd was down on the inaugural event in 2002. We will have to look seriously as to whether the event is to continue in it's present form due to high expenses & difficult management.

'Take Note' organisers have asked for our assistance at The Quarry on Sunday March 30th. June Lazell would appreciate support for "Lingering in The Lavender" on Saturday March 29th.

Reminder to CEMA groups re the August Showcase Presentation.

Bev Martin (Convenor)

## Book Discussion Group

Last month we read 'Searching For Charmian' by Suzanne Chick. At 48, happily married with three grown daughters, Suzanne discovers that her birth mother was the writer Charmian Clift. This book provoked quite a lengthy discussion on all aspects of adoption.

This month we are reading 'Cafe Scheherazade', where the characters in Arnold Zable's haunting book emerged from the chaos of WWII to tell their own stories of profound love and loss.

Our discussion of this book will be held at 113 Cape Nelson Rd on Wednesday, March the 5th, at 1.30 pm.

New members welcome.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

## Fibre Group

The Group reconvened on Thursday 6th of February. Nine members attended.

Some members will attend a Sharing Day at Streatham on Tuesday 18th of March. An embroidered lavender bag is the competition. Members are encouraged to take items for sale.

We would be very pleased to welcome new members. It is possible to learn to spin, to weave, to do tapestry weaving and felting, to name a few of the things we are able to do with fibres.

We meet every Thursday in the Pavilion at the Arts Company at 19 Julia Street, from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

## FILM GROUP THE EMIGRANTS

Friday, February 28th, 7.30 pm.

A Golden Globe winner 1974. (Best foreign film) starring Liv Ullmann and Max Von Sydow.

A group of Swedish villagers leave their home and cross the Atlantic in search of a better life in the U.S.

### ON THE WATERFRONT

Saturday March 29th, 7.30 pm.

Please note that the date of this screening has been changed from that advertised in a previous publication.

All screenings in the CEMA Arts Centre.

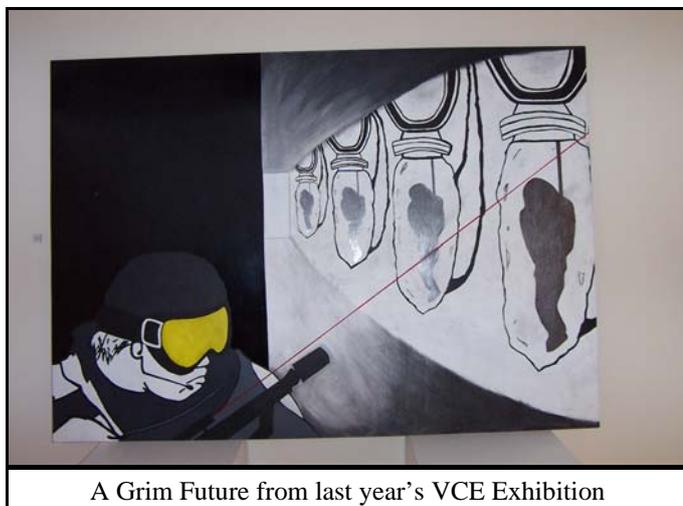
Allen Jones (Secretary)

## Historical Society

The Society's March meeting will be held at the CEMA Arts Centre on Thursday the 6th at 2.30 pm. Members please bring any memorabilia to do with the Curator's cottage in the Botanic Gardens - photos, souvenirs etc. Our first Cottage manager, Gretta Cameron, and our present manager, Jan Grime, will reminisce about the Cottage from 1965 to the present day. Visitors welcome.

The display in History House for March is 'all over flower' china.

Betty Vivian (President)



A Grim Future from last year's VCE Exhibition

## Leadlighter's Guild

Guild members have received an order for three windows for a local house renovation. This will be a fund raiser for the guild.

Bev Martin (Convenor)

## Music Glenelg

### Take Note Concert Series - March 28-30

Seven Concerts over the weekend

Local Performers Alison Hilder & Tony Elias, will feature at the Portland Aluminium Soiree at the CEMA Arts Centre 6.00 pm

8.30 am Saturday at St Stephen's church Organ & Brass will include breakfast

Other Concerts over the weekend are The Lavender Farm, The Corrugated Gallery Mumbannar, the Union Church Mumbannar,

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre for a Gala Performance, in Mount Gambier Saturday evening, Booking for that concert must be through the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Sunday lunch in Heywood at The Quarry and Gala Performance #2 Civic Hall 3.00 pm Sunday.

Various advertising points for this concert Series are throughout the town & shire and in particular the shop front 68a Percy Street.

Next month more detail and admission prices will be in this publication.

Joy Ralph (Convenor)

## PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting will be held at the Arts Company on March 17th owing to the public holiday on our regular meeting day, commencing at 10:30 am.

Members to bring 12" squares of clear reds, blues, greens or gold to swap.

These will be made into a quilt for the Royal Children's Hospital. Background material will be supplied.

Sit and Sew day 24th March at 10 am.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

## Poetry Reading Group

As our group enjoys it, poetry reading offers a few of life's better ingredients such as friendly relaxation, mental stimulation and a retreat into other worldliness to name a few.

At our last meeting, 15 members attended. We had philosophy (especially from Russian poet Asamasi Fet's "Learn from the Oak and Birch Tree. Learn from these.") We had terrifically Australian humour; Dreamtime stories, beautiful words of love from Shakespeare, Byron and Southey; diverse mood portrayal from poets "type cast" revealing qualities not found in their other works.

Therapeutically speaking, poetry reading has a lot to offer.

Next meeting is Sunday, March 16 at 2 pm at the CEMA Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



A painting by PEAR Artist Tod Baxter last year.

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## **Speaking in Tongues**

A performance of Hit Productions

with John Diedrich,  
Travis McMahon,  
Ulli Birve  
& Nicki Wendt

CEMA Arts Centre  
Friday March 7 at 8.00 pm

Adult \$28 Concession \$24 Student \$15

Bookings 5522 2301

## **Simon Palomares Cook Calamares**

Star of 'Wogs Out Of Work', & 'Acropolis Now'. Simon  
cooks Calamares and a large traditional paella in a way  
you've never seen a cooking show!

Performance Casterton Town Hall

Saturday March 15

Adult \$22 Concession \$16

Bookings Phone 5522 2301