

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

Newsletter - September 2003

President's Report

We had a most successful executive meeting this month with a great turn up and lots of enthusiasm. We decided at the meeting that instead of having 'group reports' - which is generally the report that goes into this newsletter - we would have 'group issue' time, in which exciting events or group difficulties can be discussed, but it is not necessary for a group to report at executive if they just wish to report the month's progress in the newsletter.

We decided that rather than just being a supporter of the 'Yellow Book' - which is now the Portland and District 'Handbook', we should advertise ourselves in some capacity, so we are going to have an ad for the Arts Company/June Hedditch Studio placed - as these are tourist attractions which are available year round, and can advocate for other CEMA/Arts Co. activities which occur throughout the year. I am looking forward to seeing our ad - but will have to get used to not calling it the 'Yellow' book.

Our caped crusaders, Bev and Bill the membership duo, are already busy fighting the evil membership evaders. Will Claire get her membership paid in time?? Will Bev and Bill discover her evil plot to put cash through the postal system?? Stay tuned to this newsletter for next month's exciting episode.

Does your group have a bank account??? I wish to remind those of our more financial groups that bank statements should be presented at executive so that Gregor is able to keep track of the financial situation of CEMA as a whole.

Last, but not least, don't forget to record your group events using the CEMA digital camera. The images you take will add to the visual history of CEMA for future use, and photos can be used to complement your group report. Warren is the guardian of the camera, and it is really easy to use. Warren or myself can be contacted if you would like to give it a try.

That's all for now folks - have a good month.

Claire Endacott (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

We now have 82 members about 40% of last years membership. Eleven of these are new members. Looking back in the membership book it is obvious that groups with regular members tend to pay early so we sympathise with Theatre Group and Music Glenelg who do not all participate year round.

**** YOU CAN WIN a mystery prize (see next newsletter). To be in the draw you must be paid up by 31st October.

Convenors will be provided with a list of paid up members in November. To save us more work and your convenor the embarrassment of having to ask you for your membership, prompt payment would be appreciated. You may pay in person at the Arts Company at 19 Julia St Portland or post to CEMA inc. PO Box 385, Portland, Vic, 3305.

PS. If you have lost your form a note with your name & address will suffice.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

We have welcomed the Portland Bay Press; the 8th group to join The Arts Company. Christine Gates is in residence in the June Hedditch Studio, and working in the Portland Bay Press where she has an exhibition. Call in to see her work.

Does anyone have some free time? If you or any of your friends do, we would welcome you as a volunteer in the gallery.

Mary Sharrock (Convenor)

Choral Group

We have been going through some interesting times lately with the interchange bench in full operation, what with people being laid low with the lurgie and others flying off to sunny Europe for the winter. Still we making good music in spite of it all, and enjoying ourselves. Welcome back June and Helen.

Warren Mars (Bass)



Some of the Wood Turners section at the Arts Showcase

ARTS PORTLAND/HEYWOOD

We have not had a meeting since the last newsletter but we hope you had a good look at the Community Arts Showcase during August and gave yourself a pat on the back for what you are doing for Arts in this area of the Shire.

A meeting shall be held at the CEMA Arts Centre to discuss the future of Arts Portland/Heywood and the Jazz and Blues Picnic. Please make a special effort to attend this very important meeting.

Joy Savill

Fibre Group

The fibre group members continue to meet every Thursday from 10:30 am - 3 pm.

We have welcomed a new member, Bridget Boettger.

Halls Gap Sharing Day will be at the beginning of November. Hopefully more of us will be able to attend this year.

We would welcome anyone interested in spinning and weaving and other uses of fibre.

In September we will conduct a workshop on felting. Mary Sharrock will be the tutor.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

CEMAFILM

Thursday, 25th of September at CEMA Arts Centre
Sessions at 2 pm and 7:30 pm
(note change of date)

TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD

The Oscar winning classic with GREGORY PECK.

Based on the award winning novel by Harper Lee. A lawyer in the American south, defends a man against murder. Seen through the eyes of his young daughter.



Sheep puppet at the Arts Showcase

Supported by BUSTER KEATON in 'SEVEN CHANCES'

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Leadlighter's Guild

The Guild has been a busy place with lots of Beautiful Leadlight & Copperfoil projects being created by new and experienced artists. And our members list is growing fast and Mosaic Workshops will be starting soon with Annette Taylor.

A Leadlight Day Course will start soon for Portland & Heywood Secondary Colleges. And our Tuesday Night Leadlight & Copperfoil Class is almost finished.

We have had a good response to our Leadlight display. Thanks to Karl, Bev, Joy and CEMA Members for the fantastic display of the Community Arts Showcase at the CEMA Centre.

The Guild has started a raffle for a Small to Medium Leadlight Window of your choice of colours and your own design. \$2 per ticket.

And we have started to make Copperfoil Lamp Shades and three dimensional projects for SALE.

We also can repair that Broken Leadlight Window for a reasonable price.

Pamela Travers (Convenor)

Music Glenelg

Blue Moon Singers

Music Glenelg Blue Moon Singers commence rehearsals for the Western District Choral Festival on Tuesday, 26th August, 7:30 pm in the Wesley Uniting Church. Singers please enter by the rear door. Practices will then alternate between Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The Western District Choral Festival

The Western District Choral Festival will be held in Portland on Saturday October 18th. Choirs so far indicating they will perform are: The Hamilton Singers, Warrnambool Mozart Singers, Portland Choral Group, Tabor Male Voice Choir, Warrnambool Presbyterian Church Choir, Blue Moon Singers, Music Glenelg Tutti Singers and 20 singers from Lavers Hill.

Tutti Singers

Music Glenelg Tutti Singers rehearsals: Sundays 5 pm - 6.15 pm at CEMA Arts Centre. This group is also rehearsing to be part of a stage production later this year.

As a result of Community Theatre Group's series of "Act Up" Drama Workshops, the Tutti Singers will be part of a pantomime early in November.

Other

Music Glenelg is currently formulating the 2004 "Take Note" concert series, date: March 26th - 28th, 2004.

Music Glenelg Festival Singers rehearsals will begin prior to Christmas. Interested singers contact Joy Ralph.

Peggy Roberts (Publicity Manager)

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting of the Pioneer Quilters will be held at the Arts Company, Julia Street, on Monday, September 8th at 10 am. Mary Sharrock will lead a workshop on "Celtic Knots".

Requirements for the workshop are:

- 1 x 14"-18" square of light coloured material for background
- 8 strips of a dark colour 3 cms wide
- 8 strips of a second dark colour 3 cms wide

* To make bias - fold wrong sides together lengthwise and machine 1cm from folded edge, use a bias bar and press bias flat so that raw edge and stitching are at the back.

** Please make the bias strips before the meeting.

Sit and Sew day will be held on Monday, September 22nd at 10 am.

New members always welcome.

Chris Parker (Secretary)

portland bay press

The current artist in residence has an exciting exhibition at P.B.P. which demonstrates the broad range of possibilities available within the field of etching. Hopefully you can still catch it. (It will be dismantled on the 29th. August).

Christine also held an interesting workshop on the 23rd August where she explained some of her techniques and her use of *PhotoShop* to develop her images. She has had an interesting career which has included travel and a stint teaching art at Long Bay Gaol in Sydney.

The next exhibition will be "Garden Show" by Annette Taylor. This exhibition will explore the theme of the garden and will include paintings as well as a range of solar prints. Don't miss this one. It will open on Friday the 12th September at 5:30 pm and will continue till the end of September.

New members are always welcome. Keep your eyes open for a beginners Solar Etching Workshop in the not too distant future.

Annette Taylor (Secretary)

Theatre Group

The Portland CEMA Community Theatre Group will be concentrating in the second half of this year on the local youth talent in Portland. As previously mentioned, we received some funding to contribute towards putting together a production with the teenagers we have been working with in the Workshops. Auditions were held last week and we are happy to say that the group will be performing a panto: 'Snow White' towards the end of this year. Rehearsals commenced on the weekend and will be held on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons for the next few months. Jenny Heath will be Directing, and several adult members of the Theatre group will be contributing in other ways, but the driving force will be from the 22-plus teenagers involved.

The Theatre group will also be taking the Workshop group members to Geelong for an 'excursion' to see 'Flying Blind' at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre. Along with attending the performance there will be a 'question & answer' opportunity as well as a tour. I think everyone is looking forward to this!

This coming weekend, (30th & 31st August), Stephen Macklin will be running a workshop for all Theatre Group members and the Workshop members. Stephen has appeared on Neighbours, Water Rats and Stingers and is also a drama teacher. As many members as possible will be attending to ensure we get the most out of this experience as possible.

Until next time

Kat Warner (Committee Member)

June Hedditch Studio

There is now an Application Form for Groups to recommend/nominate artists known to them, to have economical accommodation at the June Hedditch Studio/Apartments.

The forms were distributed at the Executive meeting and will be available to all other groups from The Arts Company from the beginning of September.

Now arts groups in Portland can keep costs down when they bring in a visiting tutor to work with their members and the community. It's wonderful facility, assisted by Arts Victoria and the Shire.

Lex Chalmers



Ron Quick - Fool's Paradise Exhibition at Portland Bay



Some of the Leadlighters display at the Arts Showcase