

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

Newsletter - August 2004

President's Report

Its time to say thanks to all who helped make the AGM evening on the 15th July run so smoothly. Thank you Concert Band and Choir members for your entertainment, to all who gave group reports, and to all who agreed to nomination to executive positions.

I was happy to accept the position of President, whilst we have such a willing band of workers to share the load. Welcome back to executive John Hayes, who was elected Junior Vice-President.

The Exhibition to celebrate 30 years of the CEMA Arts Centre, is coming together. THANKS to all who have sorted through their personal memorabilia and photos!! If I have provoked some conversations about the real value of the Arts Centre to this community, I am happy!! As I pour over old newsletters, Observer articles and your photos I'm staggered at the amount of energy that's been put into Arts activities in Portland over many years. I've smiled a lot as I've looked at photos of many of us in somewhat younger days.

I need HELP FROM MANY HANDS, to frame and hang the exhibits. I will be at the Arts Centre on Friday 6th August from 10.30 am to continue putting things in frames, and again on Sunday 8th August from 10.30 am to hang exhibits. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA...I NEED HELPERS WHO HAVE EXHIBITED IN THE GALLERY TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE...If these times do not suit but you can help I still want to hear from you...

OUR WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS NEEDS COMMITMENT FROM MEMBERS TO BE A SUCCESS.

We will share a light luncheon of soup, sandwiches and slices at 1 pm on Sunday 22nd August. Official proceedings (such as cutting the birthday cake) will take place at 1.30 pm. We have a guest list of invited guests, including former councillors, Arts Officers and former CEMA presidents. All members are invited but it is necessary to charge \$5 per head for lunch and RSVPs will be necessary to cater. See enclosed information about BOOKING for lunch and the Music Hall!!

If you can make a large pot of soup, or provide slices it would help keep catering costs down.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

It is that time of the year again for membership renewal. The fees remain the same as last year. Newsletters cease if membership is not paid by October so early payment is desirable otherwise we are only preaching to the converted.

Thanks to the Arts Company who are shopfront for membership payments again this year. If you prefer you may post them to us at PO Box 189 HEYWOOD 3304. There should be a membership form included with this newsletter to fill in now and put it with your bills to pay.

The annual meeting approved a special project membership which will be half price and apply for four months, further particulars available after next CEMA meeting.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

Kleenheat Awards

Submission - Reminder!

CEMA Inc. (59 years) and The Arts Company (10 years) have an amazing track record of community volunteer contribution in all sorts of areas. So does each Group.

Berice Jones and Lex Chalmers need more info from you for the Kleenheat Awards 2004 submission. People running Group activities know what they have done over the years. Drawing up a list is fine, but if you can assign volunteer hours even roughly you will provide an impressive measure of your group's efforts.

Conveners - please provide any information you can or we might overlook some of your achievements!

Lex Chalmers



The Outgoing Executive at the AGM

THE ARTS COMPANY

"Faces of Joy" a dramatic interpretation of the letters of Joy Hester to her friend Sunday Reid was performed in The Arts Company on July 27th by Teresa Bell from the touring Mainstreet Theatre Company, and was directed by Ken Radley. This was a new way of using our studio space, and met with approval from the audience and The Arts Company alike. Thanks to Karl Hatton, the Glenelg Shire arts program, and everyone who helped to make this new venture such a success.

Michael Winters (print artist in residence), hosted by Portland Bay Press has left after a productive time spent preparing for his exhibition: 'Battle of Crete', to be held next year at The National War Memorial. We wish him every success, and look forward to hearing of his future work.

The next Arts Company general meeting is on Wednesday, August 11th, 5.30 pm at 19 Julia St.

Berice Jones (Chair)

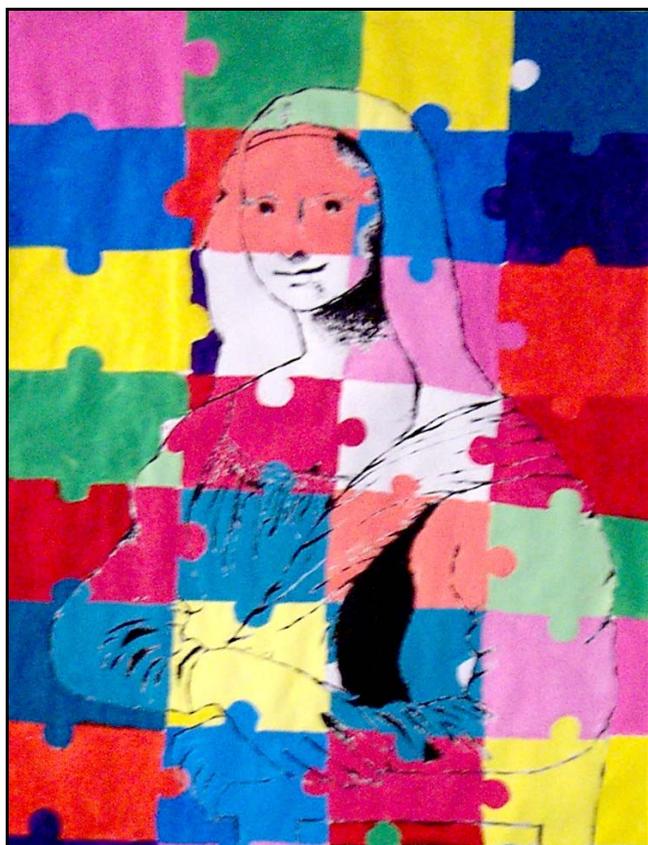
Book Discussion Group

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th August at 1:30 pm at 113 Cape Nelson Rd.

We are currently reading: "Our father who art in a tree", by Judy Pascoe. This is novel about families, grief and forgiveness.

New members welcome, contact Lyn Smith.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)



"Mona Lisa Jigsaw" from The Smartie Show, an exhibition of PSC art at the CEMA Arts Centre

Bring Her Home

A moving and important piece of theatre, devised and performed by young adolescents from Albury-Wodonga.

The production has been facilitated by Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company, a recent recipient of an award for 20 years of developing arts projects in the Victorian female prison system.

8 pm, 17 & 18 September
CEMA Arts Centre

Choral Group

In news I forgot to mention last month, we performed at the Salvo's Pie Night to help launch their Red Shield Appeal, in conjunction with the Portland Citizens' Brass Band. Mayor Bill Collett was the guest speaker.

We managed to obtain a \$500 grant from the Glenelg Shire for new rehearsal folders and additional sheet music to cope with the full complement of choristers.

In our AGM last month all office bearers were re-elected unopposed. They are:

- June Roberts: Convener / Conductor
- Carol Darby: Secretary / Treasurer
- Nola Bremner: Librarian

Our next performance will be at the Music Hall afternoon as part of the 30th anniversary celebrations of the opening of the CEMA Arts Centre.

Warren Mars (Bass)

FILM GROUP

Next screening: Saturday, 14th August, 7.30 pm

BLOWUP

Writer/director Michelangelo Antonioni.

Set in swinging 60's London. A fashionable photographer thinks he sees a murder, but the evidence disappears. Not a mystery but a think-in about the difference (if any) between fantasy and reality.

With Vanessa Redgrave, Sarah Miles and David Hemmings

Also an Australian short film.

35mm Projector News Update

A new trigger activated diode (to replace the one that died), is on its way from China.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Karin Schaupp

Karin is one of the most outstanding young guitarists on the international scene. Australian born, her guitar training began at the age of five, and she first performed the following year.

She has since won prizes at international competitions and performs widely as a recitalist, concert soloist and festival guest. She is also a member of *Saffire*, the recently formed and highly acclaimed guitar quartet.

8 pm, Friday 20 August
CEMA Arts Centre

Adults \$20 Concession \$15
Student \$10 Family \$52

Historical Society

The Society held a very enjoyable AGM at 81 Julia Street on July 1st. John Hayes spoke about Elsie Goldstein (Vida's younger sister and granddaughter of Samuel Proudfoot Hawkins who had the house at 81 Julia Street built for his brother) and Don Chalmers gave a most interesting and informative account of the history and features of the house while guiding members through the premises. Lex provided a scrumdiddlyumptious afternoon tea.

The office bearers for the coming year are

- Betty Vivian, President
- Jan Grime, Vice-president
- Win Malseed, Secretary
- Vince Convy, Treasurer

The next meeting is on Thursday August 5th, at the CEMA Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. Members are asked to bring Family photos or memorabilia for a 'show and tell'.

The History House display for July/August is drinking glasses.

Jane Hayes for Betty Vivian (President)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 9th August. We will join the Narrawong Patchwork Group for a workshop under the leadership of June Lazell. We will meet at 10 am at Narrawong Hall for the workshop. B.Y.O lunch. Instructions for the project will be left at the Arts Company in the Quilter's pigeon hole. Material for the project must be cut out prior to the workshop.

Next sit 'n sew day is on Monday, 23rd August at the Arts Company. New members welcome.

Happy Quilting!

Chris Parker (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Next meeting will be at 2 pm on August 15th at the CEMA Arts Centre.

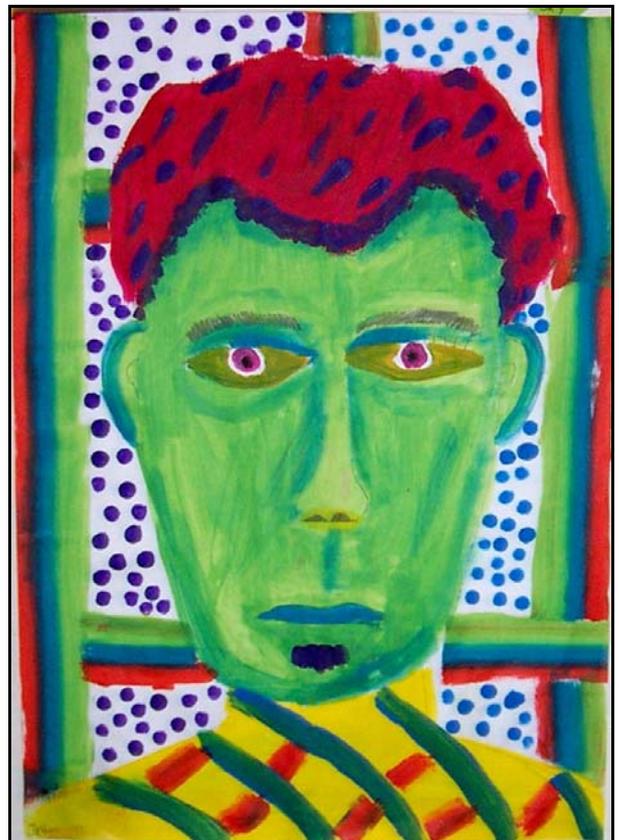
Dawn Turner (Convenor)

CEMA Arts Centre A Celebration! Exhibition

The CEMA Arts Centre celebrates its 30th birthday this year.

Portland CEMA Inc, the local arts organisation, has devised an exhibition highlighting significant events and activities associated with the building since it was opened in 1974.

9 August to 8 September
CEMA Arts Centre



“Green Head” from The Smartie Show

Vardos

Vardos are Alana Hunt (violin), Melinda McCarthy (Double bass), and Sofia Chapman (accordion).

This stunning Trio serenade and interact with their audiences with Transylvanian dance tunes, popular Hungarian cafe concert music and the latest horas from Bucharest.

Energetic, fun and always entertaining, Vardos generate tremendous enthusiasm wherever they play. Presented cabaret style, this is an evening suitable for all the family.

8 pm, Saturday, 28 August
Casterton Town Hall

Adults \$20 Concession \$15
Student \$10 Family \$52



Supper after the AGM



The Choral Group perform at the AGM