

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

Newsletter - December 2004

President's Report

There WILL be a December executive meeting. Third Thursday of December at 7.30 pm.

We welcome Sue Podger to the position of Secretary. Thanks Sue for "volunteering"

Last weekend was another busy Portland weekend. We enjoyed the hospitality of THE ARTS COMPANY at their tenth anniversary exhibition. Congratulations to those who organised the exhibition, and to the musicians who added to the festive atmosphere. Some late night shoppers ventured in to see what was happening too!

We added some CEMA memorabilia (fresh from our 30th anniversary collection) to 3RPC's memorabilia exhibition.

Some of our members were involved with the National Trust Open Homes, as volunteers, others were at the Botanical Gardens, still more were out viewing homes and gardens.

As I gear up for my dance group concert, Bolwarra school concert, nursing home visits, Carols by Candlelight, I know I still haven't got everyone's photos back to them yet. It will happen, but it will be in the holidays at this rate.

Congratulations to everyone for continuing to support the ARTS in Portland and beyond. In case we don't have a December newsletter.

Have a joyous Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Congratulations Gregor McGregor CEMA member number 51. The winning ticket was drawn at the November meeting for early bird membership payment. The prize was a \$20 Arts Company voucher.

Members now number to 160, however 80 who were members last year have not rejoined, some due to natural attrition, others we are still waiting for. Membership lists will be provided to Convenors early in the New Year.

Newsletters are not sent to unfinancial members after October due to the expense of postage.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Anniversary Exhibition opening, and Sunday open day and tour such a great success. Artists, organisers, visitors and friends joined to celebrate 10 years of community arts at 19/21 Julia St.

I would also like to remember and thank those past members and friends who were not with us, but who over the last ten years have contributed to our fellowship and success.

All The Arts Company groups (except the Camera Club) are CEMA incorporated groups. A reminder that membership of CEMA Inc. is a pre-requisite for membership of these groups.

Looking forward, with anticipation, to the successful future of community arts in Portland.

Berice Jones (Chair)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

The Artists' Society have been involved with the 10th birthday of the Arts Company. This was officially opened on the 19th of this month, but the exhibition of the work from all the members of the Arts Company will be on until the 28th. Articles are for sale.

Our monthly competition is a Christmas theme, to be judged on the 2nd of December.

New members are always welcome, come and see what we do. We meet each Thursday afternoon at 1 pm.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Berice Jones & Mary Sharrock at the Celebrations

The Seal Wife

Calling all Fishermen, Thespians, Seals and anyone else interested in creating exciting theatre!

In January there will be strange things happening on the beach in Portland. The Old Van, a professional rural theatre company, is creating an original outdoor show, and we want as many people in the community as possible to be involved.

The Seal Wife is basically a story about a Selkie, a half human-half seal, who shrugs off its skin to reveal its human form, and is caught and doomed to remain human. However, the production will also incorporate stories – real and fictional – drawn from the local community and environment.

You'll be working with professional Artists involved with The Old Van, to help make a fantastic piece of Theatre, so if you want to be involved in any way – performing, selling tickets, working backstage, making music, making costumes – call Fiona Blair (Ph. 0408 518 416) . . . the lines are open!

Further information can also be obtained by contacting Karl Hatton (Ph. 5522 2301).

Book Discussion Group

Our current book is "Sisters": edited by Drusilla Madjeska - Six Australian writers explore the joys and the frustrations of being a sister.

At present we are choosing the books we wish to read next year. If anyone wishes to join for next year, now is the time, so that you have input into what we will be reading.

*Please note change of time and venue for our next meeting. Our scheduled December meeting will now be held on Monday, 29th November, in the Botanic Gardens at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to join us, please ring convenor as we need to know numbers for catering arrangements.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Poetry Reading Group

On Sunday the 21st of November a well attended meeting provided a near complete total of Australian verse, exception's being Shelley's "The Cloud"; "The Car Wash Black & Blues" by Pam Ayres; and an 1820 (c) English, John G Whittaker's "Maud Muller".

For Peter Paton, whose wife Margaret, a loved and respected member, who died recently, Hilda Egan read a special poem by Australian poet Will Dyson.

Our Christmas breakup on December 19th, will commence at 11 am at the CEMA Arts Centre followed by verse and/or literature with a Christmas flavour.

Season's Greetings!

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

CEMAFILM

Friday 26th November

ARTHUR'S DYKE

Comedy - M+ - Released in Australia July 2004

A British comedy in the tradition of 'Mrs Caldicott's Cabbage War'.

Pauline Quirke, Richard Graham, Nicholas Farrell, and DENNIS WATERMAN.

At the CEMA Arts Centre 7.30 pm.

Friday, 10th December

TWO MEN WENT TO WAR

Comedy/Drama - PG - Released in Australia July 2004

(Low Level Coarse Language, Low Level Violence)

Based on a true story.

Kenneth Cranham, Leo Bill, Derek Jacobi.

Saturday 11th December

BILLABONG ODYSSEY

Sport - 2003

Action sports documentary that follows the industry's best big wave surfers as they travel the world searching for the largest waves that nature has to offer.

The Films for December are yet to be confirmed.

WATCH NEWSPAPERS etc. FOR CONFIRMATION OF THESE DECEMBER FILMS.

Allen Jones (Secretary)



Bob Sharrock - Table

From the Arts Company 10th Anniversary Exhibition

Harvests, Headlands & Halcyon heritage

This exhibition consists of 200 paintings and drawings created by David Williams and his wife Shirley, for a 96 page book celebrating the living history of Portland.

The works in the exhibition, which will all be for sale along with the book itself, portray a variety of locations including the Great South West Walk, Narrawong, Lake Condah, Heywood, Dartmoor, Drik Drik, Nelson, Lower and Cape Bridgewater, and other areas in the Glenelg Shire.

3 December, 2004 to 23 January, 2005
CEMA Arts Centre

Admission - Free

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting of the quilters will be the Christmas breakup on Monday, December 13th. We are going out to Bessiebelle for the day, starting with morning tea at Gail's house, shared lunch at Glenys's and afternoon tea at Carmel's.

We will meet in the carpark at the rear of the Arts Company by 9.30 am. Could all quilters please bring a plate of savoury finger food for a shared lunch and a small gift which is to be a fat quarter + 6 interesting buttons. These will be put into a basket and given out to each person at the lunch.

There will be a sit 'n sew day on Monday, 22nd November at 10 am at the Arts Company.

The Pioneer Quilter's Group will go into recess over January and meet again in 2005 on Monday, 14th February at 10. am.

Happy Quilting!

Chris Parker (Secretary)

Choral Group

We have been preparing for our performance as part of the Australian Welsh Male Voice Choir concert at St Stephen's Church on Saturday the 25th of November. We rehearsed in situ at our last practice and were happy with our preparation.

Warren Mars (Bass)

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Asbestos Warning

Portland CEMA Inc members who use the CEMA Arts Centre, may have noticed the recent appearance of some stickers on the floor of the venue, indicating the presence of Asbestos. This is a result of Council employing a company called Hazcom to undertake an audit of a number of buildings in the Shire with regard to identifying asbestos risks.

The stickers should not be cause for alarm. The asbestos in the CEMA Arts Centre is an integral part of the lino tiles covering the floor of the Kitchen, Meeting Room, Box Office area and the Foyer Gallery. It is rated at Level 4 (the lowest risk rating), and there is no risk to users of the building provided the floor surface is not significantly disturbed. Please note however, that it is mandatory for the stickers to remain in place as a public warning.

If the lino floor is replaced at some time in the future, it will be necessary to have the existing surface removed under strictly controlled conditions, preparatory to laying a new floor surface.

Handle With Care

Several months ago, when the Portland CEMA Inc upright piano was being tuned, the Piano Tuner alerted me to the fact that someone had accidentally spilled what appeared to be coffee, inside the piano. It was obvious that the spill had occurred some months previously. Fortunately, no significant damage resulted from this accident, but it does raise two important points.

- No-one should ever be handling food or drink in close proximity to either the upright or the grand piano, or to any other instrument for that matter. It is a recipe for disaster.
- In the event of any such accident with the pianos occurring in the future, please contact Karl Hatton or Joy Ralph as soon as possible. The sooner the Piano Tuner can deal with the problem, the less damage the instrument will suffer.



June Roberts & Warren Mars at the Arts Company celebrations.

Crockery anyone?

When entering the Kitchen of the CEMA Arts Centre, you will find that the first cupboard under the bench on the right hand side contains a vast collection of plates, sauces, cups and other crockery: items that have gradually accumulated over time as people have forgotten to collect them.

Could Portland CEMA Inc members check in this cupboard, and if there is anything there that belongs to you, or that you would like (first in best dressed!), please remove it

as soon as possible.

Anything not removed by the middle of December will be given to St Vincent de Paul or equivalent.

Karl Hatton (Cultural Services Officer)



The Portland Choral Group at dress rehearsal at St Stephen's for concert with Australian Welsh Male Voice Choir