

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

Newsletter - November 2004

President's Report

We met at The Arts Company this month, due to a Schools Drama Festival at the CEMA Arts Centre.

Farewell Jenny Heath!

Regretfully we accepted Jenny Heath's resignation as Secretary. We farewell Jenny and Justin as they head to Darwin for the next chapter in their story. Jenny's contribution to executive, AAC, and most importantly to Theatre Group is highly valued. We thank her for the work she did with the Youth Theatre workshops "Act Up" and her on and off stage contributions in Twelfth Night and other recent productions. Jenny's enthusiasm and youthful insights will be sadly missed in the Portland Arts scene. So hands up if you want to be secretary!!

CEMA Assets

Discussion about the Lease format and issues of updating the Assets Register were taken very seriously by Executive. It was decided to hand over to Glenelg Shire Council (for use in the CEMA Arts Centre), the share of the lighting and communication gear formerly held by CEMA Inc and Theatre groups, and the crockery and kitchen gear purchased in 1974/5. (Lighting gear was purchased by our organisation in 1975 and again in the 1980s, but has always been maintained by the council).

We will need to decide on contents insurance for equipment owned by CEMA Inc and it's Groups and stored in the CEMA Arts Centre. Therefore PLEASE email me a list of your assets with a replacement cost. And note where they are stored, and if they are used exclusively by your group.

Concert Band

Portland Community Concert Band has gone into recess until the new school year in February. Thanks to June Roberts, Ron Colliver and Krystal Norton for their work with this group over many years.

Enjoy your arts!!

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

A membership list of current financial members for this year, (2004-2005), up to 5th October, is included. Please check to see if you are listed. If you are not listed you are now presumed unfinancial and your newsletter will cease until payment is made. October is the chosen cut off point as posting newsletters to those who are not intending to re-join wastes our time and CEMA's resources.

Keep in mind that the membership year runs from AGM in July to the following AGM. Some members do not realise this and those members who rejoin late in the year are already unfinancial. New members joining CEMA after December pay half membership but are due for renewal the following July. Forms and payment are available at the Arts Company 19 Julia St Portland.

Now having got that off our chests we are pleased to report that we presently have 142 members which compares with previous years and CEMA continues to support the artistic endeavours of the people of Portland & District.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

CEMA Online

I have been busy again, adding to the CEMA Website in collaboration with Lex Chalmers. Lex provided the text, (and much of the motivation), and I provided the pictures, courtesy of CEMA's digital camera.

Pages for the June Hedditch Studio, Artist Residencies, PEAR projects and additions to the Arts Company section have been added.

Also ... I have added picture galleries for the CEMA Arts Centre 30th Anniversary Celebrations and Exhibition. Have a look and see if your picture is up there!

Warren Mars (Webmaster)



Mayor Bill Collett unveils mosaic: "Sea Harmony"

THE ARTS COMPANY

10th Anniversary Exhibition

Work for inclusion should be brought to The Arts Company between 10 and 4 pm on Wednesday, 17th November. Members of groups resident at The Arts Company may each submit one piece of work for this exhibition.

All are cordially invited to attend the opening of this exhibition, to celebrate 10 years of Community Arts at 19/21 Julia Street. Friday 19th November 6.30 - 8.00 pm. Refreshments and live music.

Open House

On Sunday 21st there will be an 'open house' where visitors to The Arts Company will have the opportunity to see Group members at work. Group members wishing to participate contact group conveners for details.

Also on the 21st Nov. The Arts Company will be conducting tours for National Trust members who will be in Portland on that weekend. If you are interested in being a guide, please contact Lex Chalmers or me. Historical notes on the building will be available to assist guides.

RAV Conference

Last weekend Lex Chalmers attended the Regional Arts Victoria conference at Horsham with the specific purpose of promoting the Arts Company residencies in the June Hedditch apartments. Many thanks Lex for attending and for the time and thought spent in preparation. And thank you to CEMA for helping to fund Lex's trip.

June Hedditch Studio

The June Hedditch Studio and residencies sub-committee met last week. Welcome to new member Dawn Turner, and thanks to Carmel Wallace for her past work as June Hedditch Studio co-ordinator and booking officer.

Next meeting Wednesday 10th November.

Berice Jones (Chair)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Members meet every Thursday at 1 pm, competing in a monthly competition on various subjects.

With the Rotary Club Exhibition on the 29th - 31st of October, members have been painting for it.



The June Hedditch Studio Apartments from Julia Street

The Arts Company 10th Anniversary Exhibition Opening

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Refreshments and live music.

Friday 19th November 6.30 - 8.00 pm
at The Arts Company

The next large project is the Inaugural Exhibition in conjunction with the Portland Celebration Day. This is also the Arts Company's 10th year of operation - so an exhibition of all articles made by Arts Company members will be on display and for sale. One article only from each member. All exhibits to be new work.

The exhibition is being held at the Arts Company from Friday, November 19th to November 28th - opening Friday 19th at 6:30 pm - 8 pm.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Choral Group

Numbers have been down somewhat over winter but have surged upwards again with the spring weather and the prospect of upcoming performances at the Western District Choral Festival on the 31st October and with the Australian Welsh Male Voice Choir at St Stephen's Church on November 27th.

Welcome to new members Rebecca McKay and Darren Bishop.

Warren Mars (Bass)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting is on Monday, 8th November at 10 am at the Arts Company in Julia Street.

The project of the day is a "Christmas Tree" using only two colours. You will need:

- two contrasting Christmas fabrics
- two 4" strips cut across the width of the material (this will cut into 15 triangles)

* Mary Sharrock has the picture and the pattern if you did not pick up one at the last meeting.

Sit 'n Sew day - Monday, 22nd November at 10 am

* Date for the Diary: Monday, 13th December - Christmas Breakup - "A Day at Bessie Belle". Bring lunch to share! More details later.

New members welcome.
Happy Quilting!

Chris Parker (Secretary)

CEMAFTLM

Our program for November is made up of British comedies.

Friday, 12th November

We have a film starring the remarkable character actress Margaret Rutherford as Miss Marple in 'MURDER AT THE GALLOP' (1966). PG.

Plus: 'THE MAGGIE' An American businessman in Scotland is conned into shipping a valuable cargo to a Scottish island on an old steam boat. Starring: Paul Douglas, Alex Mackenzie, James Copeland & Abe Barker. PG.

Friday, 26th November

We are screening ARTHUR'S DYKE' (2004) M+15 Cast: : Pauline Quirke, Richard Graham, Nicholas Farrell, and Dennis Waterman.

Arthur's Dyke is the funny, poignant, thought-provoking story of four very different characters that set out on the longest walk of their lives and discover their true selves. As the miles pass in a haze of pouring rain, screaming rows, hilarious encounters and dodgy B&B's, our intrepid travellers discover hidden depths, long-buried antagonism and secret passions...

All sessions start at 7.30 pm at The CEMA Arts Centre.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

The next meeting is on Thursday November 4th in the CEMA Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. The program is show and tell: members please bring Royal Family memorabilia. Could members also bring bookmarks to the meeting for the next display in History House.

After the Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 2nd at Otway Manor, the Society will be in recess until February 2005.

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

Christmas Party: December 4th, Front Beach, BBQ Site, at 12:30 pm.

Pamela Travers (Convenor)

Poetry Reading Group

We covered a wide range of poetic interests and styles on Sunday 24th inst. from Percy Bysshe Shelley, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Henry Lawson, Philip D Rush, Judith Wright, Walt Whitman, Jim Pike and various other poets.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 21st. (Any change to this date will be advised). Venue: CEMA Arts Centre, Time: 2 o'clock. Anybody interested in poetry reading or just listening is welcome to share our group's activities.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Geolittoral

This exhibition, featuring the works of brother and sister - Anne and John Tassie - takes us on a journey along the Hume and Hovell Walking Track, with a combination of digitally manipulated photographs, paintings and drawings.

8 to 28 November
CEMA Arts Centre

Regional Arts Conference Horsham

Everyone was there - Federal and State Governments, Australia Council, Regional Arts Australia, and people from every State and art form. Regional Arts Victoria (formerly the Vic. Arts Council) ran the conference which was huge. 600 people milled about the Horsham Show grounds; a good venue but not quite up to the digital age - a dearth of power points; 3 phase power had to be brought in for performers' sound systems.

The opening events on Thursday evening were brilliant - "Fire dog/smoke lizard", sound, light and fireworks across the Wimmera River (Catherine Larkins), and lighting of a traditional fire pit built by Geelong artist Glenn Romanis.

On Friday morning Minister for Arts and Sport David Kemp said that the Regional Arts Funds program will run for another 4 years, with an increase to \$5.4m; Playing Australia, Festivals, the Contemporary Music Program and visual arts touring programs all have increased funds.

In the Big Koala Debate (about whether big tourist-y things are a good idea), the 'NO!' team won. They concluded that we need "grandeur and generosity of vision" rather than more Big Things - anywhere.

On Friday I booked to run a "salon" on The Arts Company's Artist Residency Program in the conference cafe - an open-sided shed, nowhere to plug in the borrowed laptop to show the PEAR Project 2002 DVD, so just as well I took some displays from the Projects!



The audience at the unveiling of the Community Mosaic

But at lunchtime the delegates were most interested in their sandwiches, and the rest of the time they were fully booked in their meetings; however I managed to make a few contacts with other artist-run spaces which may be useful in future.

In the conference sessions there were sometimes 12 different topics happening at once. I concentrated on community, youth, artist and networking initiatives and gained some good contacts and ideas.

Overall an excellent conference, with the absolute highlight being "Space and Place" on Saturday evening - rock-climbers on the 27m. Natimuk Silos, dancing against projected images depicting drought, fire and flood, complete with shadow puppets, a local choir and orchestra, and with an audience of 2000.

Thanks to CEMA Inc. for sharing the cost of the registration fee for this conference.

Lex Chalmers (CEMA Delegate)

VCE Visual Arts Exhibition

Year 12 students from Bayview College, Heywood Secondary College and Portland Secondary College, present their annual exhibition featuring selected works from both Art and Studio Art folios.

18 October to 7 November

The Gin Game

Famed Australian husband and wife team of stage and screen, Julia Blake and Terry Norris, star in "The Gin Game" by D.L.Coburn, a spirited, eloquent, bittersweet comedy of forgotten lives, loving memories, and hilariously competitive cards.

8.00 pm, Thursday, 11 November
CEMA Arts Centre

Adult \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



Bianca Clark - "David" from the VCE Exhibition

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

New Appointment

The Glenelg Shire Council has appointed Ms Sheryn Smith as a full-time Collection Curator. She will assume responsibility for managing the whole of the Glenelg Shire Cultural Collection, and implementing the Five Year Strategic Plan that was adopted by Council in October last year. Sheryn will commence with Council on Monday 4th October, and can be contacted at the Glenelg Shire, Portland Office on 5522 2311.

Unclaimed Books

There are some books and magazines on a table in the extension of the CEMA Arts Centre. Novels, scripts and other various; there are only 2 with names identifying the owners

- Pygmalion: Janet R Lowery 4A5
- Kulture Vulture: Lex Chalmers

If not claimed by November 19th management will dispose of these items.

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