



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

Newsletter - August 2005

President's Report

Thanks to all groups and members for a creative and fruitful year.

CEMA AGM

Thank you to all who attended the AGM on Thursday 21st July. Group reports were given by 11 of our 13 groups. If your group did not provide a written report and financial statement could you do so by the next Executive meeting. Executive meets at the Portland Arts Centre on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm (and finishes by 9.30 pm).

The following executive team was elected for 2005-2006:

President: Jan Colliver
Snr Vice President: Sue Ireland
Secretary: Sue Podger
Treasurer : Gregor McGregor
Membership Secretaries : Bev and Bill Martin
Newsletter co ordinator: Warren Mars
Webmaster : Warren Mars
Arts Advisory Committee rep : Sue Ireland
(substitute needed)
The Arts Company Rep : Lex Chalmers
(substitute needed)

Thanks to June Roberts and the Portland Choral Group for entertaining us, mid way through the evening, to Joel Colliver for assisting with the data projector, and to all who provided supper.

Thanks to all who have worked tirelessly at executive and group level throughout the year.

CEMA Inc 60th Anniversary Celebrations

We have received some good publicity for our 60th Birthday Celebrations. For any one who still hasn't made a decision about Saturday, 30th July I urge you to support either or both of the Concerts. If you can't attend consider buying a ticket for a friend.

SEBASTIAN'S GREATEST ADVENTURES

2 PM.....Affordable family entertainment...encourage your neighbours and friends to be entertained by four famous ten minute short children's films, from ABC TV's classic "Sebastian the Fox" series. Sebastian was a lovable string puppet, and a famous team of people such as Tim Burstall and Georgio Mangiamelle brought the series to life in the 1960s. At this presentation George Dreyfus and friends will bring the films to life with live music, and narration. All tickets for this show are \$8. It is for the young and young at heart.

GEORGE DREYFUS - THE EARLY WORKS

This performance begins at 7.30 pm. The items are :

- Suite from The Adventures of Sebastian the Fox
- Trio for Flute, Clarinet and Bassoon
- Galgenlieder (Gallows Songs) for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Bassoon and Baritone Voice

Between each item will be solo pieces by the various members of the ensemble, which they will introduce on the night. Those who were treated to this concert in Hamilton recently have remarked on the quality of the Baritone Ian Lowe, and the young Jonathan Dreyfus on violin as worth coming for alone!

CEMA members and concessions \$12 and adult tickets \$15

We would like tickets pre purchased from executive members, or from Karl or Joy at the Portland Arts Centre in advance, so that we can cater efficiently for the evening concert.

During intermission in the evening concert Councillor Gilbert Wilson, will officially open the "CEMA Gallery". We will toast the occasion and at the conclusion of the concert we will share in a Birthday Supper. **COULD MEMBERS PLEASE ASSIST BY PROVIDING SANDWICHES, SLICES OR FINGERFOOD SAVOURIES FOR THIS OCCASION!!**

We seem to have had a year of celebrations. Our lease has finally been signed. That also gives us cause to celebrate. CEMA inc has a 10 year lease with a 10 year option, on the building now known as the Portland Arts Centre. The affordable nature of the lease and its conditions which allow us to store important equipment and archival collections in the building, mean that CEMA groups can concentrate on providing a terrific range on ongoing Arts activities through to our 70th and 80th anniversaries.

I am happy represent you as CEMA President for the next 12 months.

Please show your support for the organisation by attending the Celebration Concerts, and by attending to membership fees ASAP.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

We remind CEMA Inc. members that membership renewal is due again following the AGM 21st July. Fees remain the same as last year: \$30 adult, \$18 concession & junior. Family membership is \$60. A short term membership is available for special projects.

Q. Why two "subscriptions"?

A. Actually It's one subscription and a group levy.

Your CEMA subscription entitles you to be a financial member of CEMA Inc., which in turn allows you to participate in any of its 13 active arts groups, some of which have an extra fee or levy.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

At the last Committee Meeting the monthly meeting times were changed to 5.30 pm on the SECOND MONDAY of each month. This change to Monday may not be the ideal for some groups, as the old time of Wednesday was not ideal for some. However I ask all groups to do their best to have their chosen representatives at the monthly meetings.

The Uniting Church in Portland has donated some folding doors to make areas in the Arts Company more secure. Sincere thanks to the Uniting Church community for this generous gift.

Changes to CEMA membership conditions, passed at the CEMA AGM, may present some issues for Groups resident at The Arts Company. If any, these will be discussed at forthcoming Arts Company meetings.

Berice Jones (Chair)



"Whalers Bluff" by Jeanette Huppatz
currently on sale at the Arts Company

Book Discussion Group

Our book for July is "The Orchid Thief" by Susan Orlean. A non-fiction book which reads more like a novel, with a wonderful oddball cast of fanatics whose lives and crimes revolve

around their mania for orchids.

We will discuss this book at our next meeting on Wednesday, 3rd of August at 1:30 pm at 113 Cape Nelson Road.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Big Cats, Little Cats & Seascapes

Two talented local artists Annette Taylor with "Cats" & Ian Rankin with "Seascapes" have this joint exhibition.

8 August to 2 September
Portland Arts Centre

Fibre Group

Our numbers have increased this year. Often as many as ten members attending each Thursday at the Arts Company.

A felting day was held in March. Not many attended but there has been interest shown, so a further felting day will be held in the near future.

The Glenormiston College Craft School commenced Sunday 26th June. Two members attended for the week.

The Hamilton Wool and Craft Guild have invited our members to their "sharing Day" in the Yulecart Hall on Monday 11th July. The competition is a "bookmark in any medium"... Seven of our members attended a very nice day.

A number of members attended the Sharing Day at Streatham in March. It was a very interesting day with those attending showing off various items made during the year.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

Leadlighter's Guild

We have held our AGM and all positions were filled:

Convener - Jan Lineker

Secretary - Cecelia

Treasurer - Heather Clark

Could all members who have used the guild rooms recently have a look to see if they have any grozing pliers from the tool box we are missing about 4 pairs.

New class has started this term so we are looking forward to seeing some lovely new projects.

A big thankyou to everyone who is keeping the shop stocks of butterflies up. A reminder that every member is asked to make something for the gallery to help pay our way and this also broadens the items for sale in the shop.

Jan Lineker (Convenor)

President Wilson In Paris

President Woodrow Wilson attended the 1919 Paris Peace Convention, accompanied by his second wife, Edith. On the agenda were his ideas for the League of Nations to ensure World Peace. All is not what it appears!

Henri Szeps, Deborah Kennedy & Henry Nixon perform in this play by Ron Blair.

Portland Arts Centre
8:00 pm Tuesday August 23

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

PIONEER QUILTERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Pioneer Quilter's group was held last month and our new president is Mavis Jennings, Secretary is Chris Parker and Treasurer is Heather Rowbottom. We express our thanks to Elvie Douglass who has been a wonderful president over the last two years.

Our next meeting is on Monday, August 8th at 10 am at the Arts Company in Julia Street. Mavis is going to demonstrate a "Chenille Cushion. Members need to bring:

- a machine
- 4x60 cm squares of co-ordinating fabrics
- 1x65 cm square (for base of stack) in a co-ordinating fabric
- thread to match
- rotary cutter
- sharp pair of scissors (no points)
- 18" zipper for cushion (or buttons if preferred)
- fabric for back of cushion

Further instructions available on the day or from Chris.

New members always welcome.
Happy Quilting!

Chris Parker (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Our AGM on July 17 resulted in re-election of office bearers, viz Convenor: Dawn Turner and Secretary/Treasurer: Helen Anderson. For the coming year the reading program will follow the usual pattern with perhaps an added segment covering more details pertaining to the lives of selected poets.

Poetry read at our last meeting covered a wide range of subjects. We enjoyed Pam Ayres, Jeremy Lloyd (Capt. Beakey), John Shaw Neilson, William Blake, Walter de la Mare, Robert Browning, to name a few plus a very interesting item from "Diary of a Welsh Swagman" by Fletcher Jones.

Next meeting will be at 2 pm at Portland Arts Centre (previously CEMA Arts Centre) on Sunday August 21st. Members are reminded that subs are due.

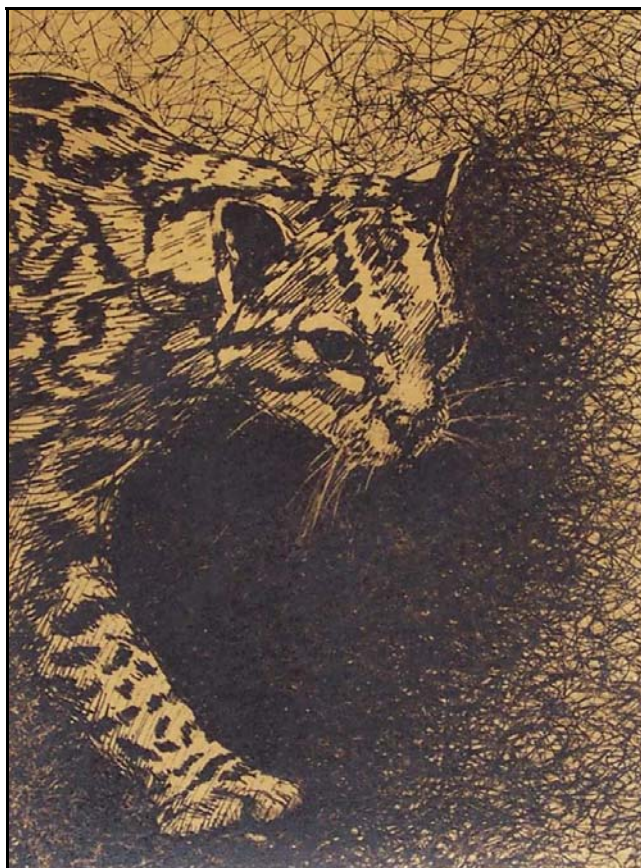
Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Theatre Group

After our success with Shenanigans wake, we are having a breather and thinking about what we will do next. As we know the public do enjoy theatre restaurant, we will be attempting another sometime in the future so look forward to that. For the second half of this year we are undertaking a few smaller projects; we are considering doing something with the tram, and we also may do something for the bay festival later this year.

Will keep you posted...

Jess Knight



Annette Taylor - "Ocelot" at Portland Bay Press

FILM GROUP

Harold and Maude (1971) (M)

Harold is a depressed, death-obsessed 20-year-old man-child who spends his free time attending funerals and committing suicide in front of his mother, but he does not die. At a funeral, Harold befriends Maude, a 79-year-old woman who has a zest for life. She and Harold spend much time together during which she exposes him to the wonders and possibilities of life. After rejecting his mother's three attempts to set him up with a potential wife, and committing fake suicide in front of all of them, Harold announces that he is to be married to Maude. However, Maude has a surprise for Harold that is to change his life forever.

Plus

Charlie Chaplin in 'The Cure' (PG)

Charlie is at a spa taking the 'water cure'. This may be the funniest of the Mutual comedies with fast, virtually choreographed action (especially after Charles' liquor supply is disposed of in the spa) and subtle pantomime e.g. Charlie's coyness in the steam room.

Portland Arts Centre, Saturday, 13th August at 7.30
Entry to the films by donation. Enjoy the supper

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

August meeting: Thursday 4th at 2.30 pm at the Portland Arts Centre. Guest Speaker: Keith McMillan.

History House Display: "Headgear for Girls" continues.

Betty Vivian (President)

Barmaids

Genevieve Picot and Valerie Bader co-star in this comedy by Australian playwright Katherine Thomson. It is the story of two mature barmaids who find their jobs in jeopardy as a new breed of raunchy young barmaids move in on their territory.

8.00 pm, Saturday, 6 August
Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66

A Waltz Through Vienna

Jane O'Toole, a soprano with Opera Australia, presents a "morning melodies" concert, which includes operetta excerpts and popular Viennese repertoire.

11.00 am, Friday, Friday, 5 August
Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$15 Concession \$12

Saturday July 30th

At The Portland Arts Centre

To Celebrate 60 Years Of Portland CEMA

George Dreyfus & His Ensemble present:

Sebastian's Greatest Adventures

A screening of four short silent movies with musical accompaniment from George Dreyfus' live seven piece ensemble: Entertainment for the whole family.

2 pm
All tickets \$8

An Evening With George

A performance of various early works by George Dreyfus intermixed with other pieces featuring members of George's ensemble.

7.30 pm
CEMA members and Concessions \$12 Adult \$15

