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

#### Newsletter - December 2005

### **President's Report**

We had a good attendance at our Executive meeting, which had to be held at an earlier timeslot, to accommodate the President and Snr Vice-President's family commitments. Thanks to the groups who always submit an apology. Thanks to the executive team for moving the tables.

All groups should submit a newsletter report, and send a representative to Executive. All executive members are busy volunteers, and I thank them for their attendance on your behalf.

CEMA inc operates as an umbrella organisation for 13 different arts groups. If you want an issue raised at executive, discuss it with your group and have your representative bring the issue to a meeting, or put it in a letter and send it to Secretary, PO Box 385, Portland, 3305. We hear "rumblings" and "grumblings" from time to time, but cannot respond if they are not raised officially.

It seems that some members grumble about having to belong to CEMA inc and their group. All groups are part of CEMA inc, which is the incorporated body. It is a "not for profit" organisation, and has Tax Deductibility status for the Public Fund. CEMA inc. does not have a trading clause, The Arts Company does.

Our costs, like group costs, are constantly rising. Recently we paid two insurance premiums on members behalf. They were Public Liability (\$920) and Volunteer workers (\$825). The other major expenses are the lease on the Portland Arts Centre (\$1300+ annually), and newsletter expenses. Details are always available at Executive or from Treasurer Gregor McGregor. Our income is derived largely from memberships. Our current constitution allows groups to hold operating accounts, with an expectation that excess funds are deposited with the Executive for the good of all groups.

In the past "strong" financial groups such as the Theatre Group, and generous groups such as the Historical Society, have passed on funds to the Executive to be used at its discretion. CEMA Inc has some ongoing fund raising through the very successful Costume Dept Hiring scheme, operated by Lorraine Campbell.

CEMA Inc. supported the establishment of The Arts Company and undertook the massive fundraising to pay back loans.

It would be fantastic if "we could all just get on with our Arts", but it is a fact of life that there is a "cost" attached. The cost is being a "volunteer" and expending many hours, or a "payer" and expending some money, and hopefully for most a combination of both. Most clubs and societies involve "costs" and the Arts is no different.

I would like to think that members would measure "what they get" from Arts involvement in far more than "monetary" terms....maybe I'm living in the past!!

Your President (In need of a summer break!)

Jan Colliver (President)

#### **Membership Secretary's Report**

There is not a great deal to report this month. Memberships are still coming in and we now have 171 members. Thanks to those members who are able to collect their newsletters through their groups. This is a big help in keeping postage costs down, however we do not wish to save 50 cents postage then find the newsletter not delivered. Thanks to Les Roberts who helps with the folding and always takes a few to deliver.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

Archives: Groups are reminded that newspaper clippings, photos and memorabilia, can be handed to Jan for the archives at any time.



#### THE ARTS COMPANY

The Arts Company Management Committee expresses sincere thanks to the CEMA Public Fund and its anonymous benefactor for the most generous gift of \$3,000 which will be used to continue refurbishment of The June Hedditch Apartments.

June will be long remembered with affection and gratitude for her enduring contribution to the Arts and Community life in Portland.

Remember, during this special season, that The Arts Company has unique and beautiful gifts from regional and local artists.

Berice Jones (Chair)

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Congratulations to one of our members: Hayley Rundell, who sold 3 paintings at the Rotary Art Show.

Last week we arranged our gallery making the second room just for paintings and photography, with craft in the front, so come and see the result.

On the 24th of November we are going to the Waterfall Gardens for lunch and then on to Mt Gambier to a gallery to see the works of artist Peter Dunn, who had been in residency there.

Since the "Open Day" we have had several possible new members joining us on Thursday afternoons at 1 pm, so come and see us. All welcome.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Jeanette Huppatz - Three Yellow Flowers for sale at the Studio Gallery at The Arts Company



Dan Joseph - Reflections In The Liquid Eye from the "Reflections" exhibition at the Portland Arts Centre

### **Book Discussion Group**

We are currently choosing books for next year. The book we are now reading is "Our Woman In Kabul" by Irris Makler.

Our discussion will follow lunch in the gardens at 12 midday, Wednesday, December 7th, after which we will not meet until February.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

### FILM GROUP

The Film Group has gone into recess for 05. We would like to thank our patrons, and wish them, and all CEMA members and groups, a happy Festive Season and a successful and enjoyable year in 2006.

Our last four screenings have run at a loss, and consequently the continuation of the group in its present form is under review. If you have any ideas about the future of the Film Group please contact Clinton Saunders or Allen Jones or any member of the CEMA Executive.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

# Mistorical Society

We will be meeting at the Gordon Hotel for Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 1st at noon. The Society will then be in recess until February.

Betty Vivian (President)

# Poetry Reading Group

Continuing the general pattern of our meetings, Sunday, November 20 resulted in another successful poetry reading.

Over the past couple of months we have been happy to welcome three new members to our group.

Sunday, December 18 is the date of our Christmas Lunch at 12 noon at the Portland Arts Centre. This function consists of members enjoying seasonal festive fare, both gastronomical and literary.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



The rearranged Argyle Gallery at The Arts Company



Kathy Page - Bounty for sale at the Studio Gallery at The Arts Company