

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

Newsletter - November 2005

President's Report

Vale Jess McDonald,

Executive expresses sympathy to family and friends of Jess McDonald, who died recently. Jess was a former member of Executive having performed the duty of Membership Secretary for many years. She had participated in the Artists group and Historical group and was a loyal and staunch supporter of CEMA inc. Vale Jess.

CEMA Tables

It was business as usual at our last executive meeting. Two groups have expressed interest in a table. Tables are for sale to members for \$50 (there are four left!) If anyone can help move tables to THE ARTS COMPANY in the next fortnight please let me know.

Hand Rail

Many thanks to Karl Hatton for arranging a safety hand rail for the staircase in the Costume Department.

Public Fund Donation

We received a very generous anonymous donation to the Public Fund. Executive has recommended to the Trustees that this money be made available to the June Hedditch Studio committee for some refurbishment. Donations to the Public Fund are always welcome, and are tax deductible.

Matters For Thought

- Groups are encouraged send an apology to our executive meeting, if attendance is impossible.
- Is your group represented on our website?
- Are we encouraging new members by publicising our activities?

Enjoy your Arts

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Memberships have been paid earlier this year and we now have 168. A list of last years members who have not re-joined was presented to the October meeting for group representatives to note & remind those active participants who have outstanding membership.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Open Day

Thursday, 3rd November from 10 am to 4 pm is "Open Day" at The Arts Company.

The day, organised by the Pioneer Quilters, is an opportunity for the community to see each resident group demonstrating its activities in the unique purpose built studios.

The Committee of Management asks each group to support the day by ensuring that members are on hand throughout to demonstrate group work, to answer questions and to give advice on group membership.

There will be a charge of \$5, which includes Devonshire Tea and entry to all studios.

For more information, or to find out how you can assist contact Mavis Jennings, Secretary Pioneer Quilters.

To prepare for the open day there will be another working bee at The Arts Company next Saturday, 29th October from 10 am onwards.

Membership

Also a reminder to Convenors of CEMA affiliated groups, that by now all members should have paid their CEMA subscription for 2005.

Berice Jones (Chair)



Nick Dolman - "Untitled"
from the VCE Exhibition at the Portland Arts Centre

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

During the last month most members have been finishing their paintings for the Rotary Art Show.

On the 4th of November we are involved in the Open Day the Quilters have arranged, so between 10 am and 4 pm we will have our own room open so the public can see us "at work".

We will encourage anyone to have a go at any form of painting or drawing, you can bring your own materials if you have them but there will be some materials available for your use. Members will be there to encourage and help you if you need it. So come and give it a go.

There will be morning and afternoon tea available.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Book Discussion Group

We will meet as usual on Wednesday, November 2 to discuss our current book: "Keep Moving" by Frank Huelin. "Keep Moving" was the order given by the police to the thousands of people like the author, who roamed Australia during the 1930s, appealing for works and handouts.

Venue: 113 Cape Nelson Road
Time 1:30 pm

Newcomers welcome.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Historical Society

November meeting: Thursday, 3rd in the Portland Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. Following the meeting we will visit the tram depot.

History House display: Musical Memories.

We regret the recent passing of long time member Jess McDonald.

Betty Vivian (President)

CEMAFILM

present:

Strictly Ballroom

(1992) PG

Starring: Paul Mecurio, Tara Morice, Bill Hunter, Pat Thomson.

Scott Hastings is a champion ballroom dancer that believes in dancing "his own steps". Fran is new to dancing and a bit of an ugly duckling who asks to be Scott's partner. Together, they try to win the Australian Pan Pacific Championships.

Portland Arts Centre
Saturday, 12th November, 7.30 pm

PIONEER QUILTERS

Millennium Quilt

The next meeting of the Pioneer Quilters group will be held on Monday, 14th November, at 10 am at the Arts Company in Julia Street. The Millennium Quilt is up to the quilting stage - members of the group will quilt different parts at the meeting. Bring your own work to do in between.

Christmas Break-Up

The group is planning a Christmas break-up lunch at the Codrington Settlement. The group will meet at the Arts Company and share transport to the venue. Members to make a gift to bring (value of \$5) and for "Show and Tell", please bring the article you have made from the fat 1/4 and buttons received last Christmas.

Open Day

There is to be an "Open Day" at the Arts Company on Thursday, 3rd November. Come along and see the different groups working and enjoy a Devonshire Tea between 10 am and 4 pm. (if this reaches you by the 3rd!!)

Exhibition

The Pioneer Quilters (along with other groups in Portland) are planning an exhibition for February, 2006, which is to be held at the Portland Arts Centre (formerly CEMA).

* There is to be a Challenge Quilt section - the theme being "Extravaganza". (More details from the secretary, if you wish to enter.)

Sit 'n Sew Day - Monday, 28th November from 10. am.

Happy Quilting!

Chris Parker (Secretary)



The Newsletter Folding Team At Work

Workshops On Offer Drama : Dance : Puppetry

Sally Pearson, who comes from Casterton, completed her Diploma of Arts - Small Companies and Community Theatre at the University of Ballarat in 2004. In that year Sally and a fellow student wrote, produced and performed in a small theatre production "Ladies in the Forties", which toured regionally for 6 weeks production, including performances in Casterton and Portland.

Sally has had many years of experience in a various forms of theatre, and is now offering workshops for anyone interested throughout the Shire, in drama, script-writing and puppetry.

Contact Sally Pearson



Julie Kent - Daisies from her Exhibition

Poetry Reading Group

Our next meeting will be held at Portland Arts Centre on Sunday, November 20 at 2 o'clock.

Contact numbers are (Convenor) or (Sec/Treas).

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Cancellation

Patrons are advised that the performance of "Another Shrimp For The Barbie" that was scheduled for 8 pm, Saturday, 19 November at the Portland Arts Centre - has now been cancelled. This is not the fault of either the Glenelg Shire Arts Program or Mainstreet Theatre, but rather because another company based in Melbourne, and working in collaboration with Mainstreet Theatre, made a very late and regrettable decision not to tour the show.

Joy Ralph (Assistant CSO) 5522 2301

Music Glenelg Present:

What Tune Is That?

This is a relaxed and informative evening where patrons hear the story behind a composition and the reason it was composed.

The inaugural "What Tune is That?" investigated the use of classical music used in contemporary films.

Thursday, 24th November
Portland Arts Centre

Donation at the door

Reflections On Water (Exhibition)

A photographic exhibition featuring the landscapes of Melbourne-based photographer: Neil McLeod.

13 November - 14 December
Portland Arts Centre

Reflections On Water (Concert)

Anne Norman (Shakuhachi - wooden Japanese flute) and Peter Hagen (Harpsichord) will be presenting a concert to celebrate the opening of Neil McLeod's Photographic Exhibition "Reflections On Water".

2 pm, Sunday, 13 November
Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$15 Concession \$10 Student \$5 Family \$40

Vanguard Brass

Concert #4 in the Take Note Concert Series

Few ensembles display the versatility of a brass quintet, and Vanguard Brass, formed in 2003 to tour the Glenelg Shire for the Take Note Concert Series that year, is able to capture a vast range of musical styles and moods.

Vanguard Brass will be joined by a percussionist and two vocal soloists, to present a concert of classical music, as well as music from popular movies and contemporary musicals.

8 pm, Saturday, 5 November
Portland Civic Hall

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