

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

Newsletter - October 2005

President's Report

Groups were well represented at Executive, and from all reports it's been an active month.

We would like to prepare a brochure with current group contact numbers, and a bit of a blurb on group activities and meeting times. LAST MONTH WE HAD NO RESPONSE TO THIS!! June Roberts will collate this information, so could group convenors phone June with their information for the brochure or email it to president@portlandcema.org.au and I will pass it on.

You will notice new parking limitations apply to the Arts Centre. Please respect them or talk to Karl if you require different access arrangements for the driveway. Karl is negotiating with John Keller, Glenelg Shire, for disabled parking near the building.

Personally, I find business hours parking in the Council precinct, most frustrating. Access to both the Arts Centre and Civic Hall is difficult due to Council staff parking extending into those areas. Maybe it's time to raise this issue with your Councillors.

The tables in the Arts Centre will be replaced soon. They are owned by CEMA inc. and will need to be removed from the building. (The weight and size do not make for easy moving. Which is exactly why they were purchased when our original tables kept disappearing into other venues!! I can still hear June Hedditch on that issue!!)

If your group would like a table for group use, please let us know. Executive decided that groups can have first option on a table, and if there are any remaining members can purchase them at a bargain rate of \$50 per table. Please let me know if you are interested. They will need to be out of the building by the third week of October (Executive meeting).

We were notified that Glenelg Shire recently purchased a caravan, marquee and small portable stage for community use. Contact Karl for more details.

Whilst I have been rather inactive in my CEMA capacity in the past month, I've experienced some wider community Arts activity. A 3 day visit from folk musician and instrument maker Jon Madin, culminating in a concert at the Civic Hall with St John's school students, a look at a wonderful Rock Eisteddfod item prepared by Bayview College students and performed at The Bride of the Year function, and some wonderful Japanese-themed decorations prepared by Debbie Punton and students as part of the same evening.

These two activities whilst wonderful arts activities again served to point out the aging nature of the equipment and facilities at the Civic Hall! Recently access to the front of proscenium lighting tower has been denied due to occupational health and safety concerns. Schools and the wider performing arts community will again have to lobby about keeping improvements on the agenda for that venue.

I enjoyed a trip to "The Hard Rock Café" in Melbourne where my sons and their "Emprica" pals, rocked into the semi finals. The experience they have gained at community events in Portland, showed in their confident approach to the competition. It was great to have the support of Jess Knight, Sue and Darrell, for the heats! CEMA folk are prepared to support arts endeavours far from home!!

Well I'm psyching up for another "Hard Rock Café" experience in the next couple of weeks!

Enjoy your arts.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Welcome to more new members and we appreciate the early renewal of membership from so many members. Please note that if your payment is not received by October 20th your newsletters will cease. This is because we cannot anticipate who intends to continue membership. We include a list of financial members at September 17th. Please phone us if you believe your name has been omitted.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Jeanette Huppertz holds the painting while Des Davies auctions it, at the Artists' Society 9x5 Exhibition

CEMA Online

The Book Discussion Group now has their web site up, check it out at www.portlandcema.org.au/groups/books.

If your group has still not got their website up perhaps now is the time to do it. Just speak to me and I will tell you what it needed.

Warren Mars (Webmaster)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Writer's Workshop

A Writer's Workshop titled "Getting Published, Winning Competitions", will be held at The Arts Company on Saturday, October 1st. The presenter will be Christine Gillespie: Tutor, Professional Writing Diploma CAE Melb. Christine ran a dynamic workshop at Arts Company in February this year.

You will go away fired up with the first stages of your own timetable for publishing short fiction, non-fiction articles, or poetry, entering competitions and maybe appearing on the reading circuits. And you'll have fun. What better way to spend a promising October day.

Arts Company Executive Meetings

Also don't forget the monthly Arts Company meetings are now held on the third Monday of each month at 5.30 pm.

Berice Jones (Chair)



Julie Kent - Earthy Pots & Sunshine
from her exhibition at the Portland Arts Centre

Getting Published, Winning Competitions

A Writer's Workshop

Presented by CHRISTINE GILLESPIE: Tutor, Professional Writing Diploma CAE Melb. Christine ran a dynamic workshop at Arts Company in February this year.

Themes;

- Where do writers send their work?
- How should it be presented?
- What is it that catches the eye of a magazine editor?

Saturday, October 1st 9.30 am - 4.30 pm.
The Arts Company, 19 Julia Street Portland

Cost \$45

Bookings: The Arts Company 5523 6566 or 5560 6221.
(Full payment 2 days prior.)

The last workshop was booked out so register early.
Places are limited.
BYO Lunch, Tea and Coffee Provided.

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

On the Sunday, the 4th of September we held an exhibition of paintings 9" x 5". They will be hanging until the end of the month. Each Artist donated a painting, to be auctioned for the Cancer Appeal. These were successfully auctioned by Des Davies. Music was played by June Roberts and Warren Mars, making a very pleasant and happy day.

We are continuing to hold our Thursday afternoon get togethers" at 1 pm in our Arts Company rooms. All welcome.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Deckchairs

By Jean O'Connell is written as five twist-in-the-tail playlets for two women, all set on a seaside promenade. They are by turns funny and poignant.

Joan Sydney is paired with her sister Maggie King, and these two fine actresses showcase their talents in these touching and playful stories

8 pm, Thursday, 13 October
Portland Arts Centre

Adults \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66
Bookings 5522 2263

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

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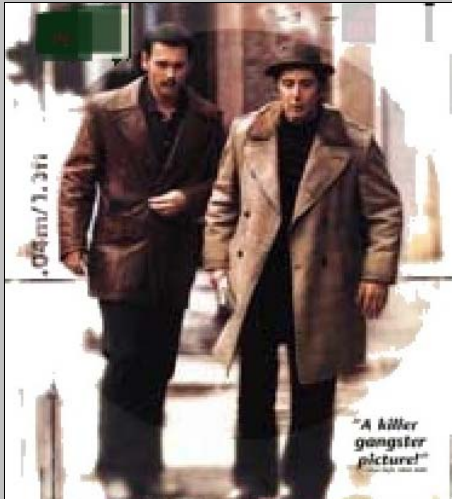
present:

Donnie Brasco

Starring: Al Pacino, Anne Heche, Johnny Depp.

A small time criminal specialising in stolen jewellery called Donnie Brasco (Depp) knows a 'FUGAZI' (a fake to you and me) when he sees one. So he should, because he's a fugazi himself.

7.30 p.m. Saturday, 15th October
Portland Arts Centre



Madame Butterfly

Tessa Bremner's production finds the joy and the sorrow in Puccini's masterpiece and fuses it with the unmistakable elegance and sophistication of the Japanese Kabuki Theatre.

8 pm Friday, 14 October
Casterton Town Hall

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

A bus is being arranged to transport patrons from Portland
Please contact 5522 2301 for information

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Poetry Reading Group

The regular monthly meeting was held on Sunday, September 18th when members enjoyed an interesting and varied programme presented. Works from quite a number of contemporary poets were read and discussed.

Next poetry reading is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th at the Portland Arts Centre at 2 pm followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Historical Society

The October meeting will be on Thursday 6th at 2.30 pm in the Portland Arts Centre. Program is a show and tell. Bring interesting and/or amusing items to discuss.

Betty Vivian (President)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Open Day

Pioneer Quilters will be holding an Open Day in the Arts Company, Julia Street on November the 3rd from 10 am - 4 pm. All groups are invited to participate in the demonstrations. Devonshire Tea will be served during the day at a cost of \$5.

Quilting Exhibition

A quilting exhibition will be held at Portland Arts Centre during the month of February. Challenge Quilt to fit a metre square, titled "Extravaganza".

Sit and Sew day on September 26th: finishing the Millennium Quilt.

Next meeting will be 10th October, Millennium Quilt to be prepared for quilting.

M Jennings



June Roberts & Warren Mars play for the Artists' Society Auction & Exhibition Opening

VCE Visual Arts Exhibition

17 October - 11 November
Portland Arts Centre

Concert 4 in Music Glenelg's Take Note Series

Vanguard Brass

More information next newsletter.

8 pm, Saturday, 5 November

Civic Hall Portland
Cabaret Style Theatre



Julie Kent - "Port Fairy Morning"
from her exhibition

My Sister's An Alien

Adapted from Gretel Killeen's irreverent and enormously popular "My Sister's An Alien", Terrapin Puppet Theatre has created a highly paced, funny production that constantly surprises, as it explores family relationships from a kid's-eye view.

11 am & 2 pm, Friday, 30 September
Portland Arts Centre

Adults \$10 Students \$5
Bookings 5522 2263

