

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

Newsletter - September 2005

President's Report

Another busy month has passed in the Arts world. The 60th Anniversary celebrations were well attended. Thanks to all who contributed, but especially to Bev and Bill Martin for an extraordinary effort. It was another of those "special" days in our CEMA history. The lasting memory for me will be a "full house" of young children, parents and grandparents, enjoying silent movies, with that superb live music.

Out & About

A week later I joined some other CEMA members at the YMCA fundraising ball, and apparently missed a cameo performance by my son as a karaoke singer at the "Barmaids" production! Some days later we enjoyed catching up with former Community Concert Band member Isabel Knowles, with the band "Architecture in Helsinki". Haima Marriott proved a talented sound engineer, who appealed even to us "oldies" by ensuring that the "vocals" were well and truly heard in the mix! Portland provided an attentive, although quieter than usual audience for this talented group of young Australians, recently home from a successful American tour.

Big Cats, Little Cats & Seascapes

I was unable to attend the opening of Annette Taylor and Ian Rankin's exhibition, but have heard terrific reports, and have since been able to enjoy a leisurely look at the cats and seascapes. I urge you to take some time to view the works, you will be impressed. Congratulations to these two active CEMA members.

Publicity

Executive have long recognised the need for a publicity brochure/flyer. To ensure that we get one out for 2005/6 we need each group to supply the following information:

- Group name.
- A short statement about what you do.
- Meeting times and place.
- Contact name and phone number.

You can email this to president@portlandcema.org.au or phone June Roberts 55231054

Please take all opportunities to publicise your regular and special activities. The "What's On" column in the Observer can be easily accessed, and we have found Kirsty Bradmore at Regional ABC radio Warrnambool to be very supportive. The Observer and Community Radio 3RPC continue to support CEMA activities and we are very grateful to them both. Congratulations to Bruce Campbell, Karl Hatton and the June Hedditch Studio Committee on the production of an attractive new brochure.

Please help us by paying your membership promptly. We will include a list of financial members with next month's newsletter.

Enjoy your Arts,
Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Welcome to the members who have joined for the first time and thank you to those who have rejoined promptly. We already have over 70 members and intend to include a list of financial members in the October newsletter.

Our 60th birthday celebrations have ignited fresh enthusiasm amidst the mid-winter blues. The two performances were very well attended. Many thanks to groups who sold tickets enabling us to have high profile entertainers without drawing on our CEMA Inc. bank balance. Lex & Dawn made a special effort. Thank you to the Glenelg Shire Arts Program for their contribution of \$500 and the backup of Guarantee against Loss (GAL) which we did not need to call on.

As an organiser there are many people to thank. Portland Secondary College, IGA, Warrnambool PAC, Portland Observer, 3RPC, Kirsty Bradmore ABC Warrnambool, Graeme Hely, Jessica Knight, June & Les Roberts, Warren Mars, Johnno Colliver, Lorraine Campbell, Sue Ireland & Daryl Rigby, Gregor McGregor to name a few. Special thanks to Ron Colliver who goes about the technical side of things in such a quiet and efficient manner making it all happen, thanks Ron.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Ian Rankin - "Crayfish Bay"
from the "Big Cats, Little Cats & Seascapes" exhibition.

CEMA Online

Some may have noted that our web site was down for a week recently. This was due to a mistake on the part of the account keeping staff at our host. It is now back up.

It has also been updated to include a sample of the wonderful work in Ian Rankin & Annette Taylor's exhibition. Check it and all the other CEMA exhibitions of the past few years at http://www.portlandcema.org.au/exhibit_perform/exhibit_perform.htm (or you can just navigate from the main page).

More work is underway on the front page itself: I am hoping to complete a colorful mosaic of composite images to sum up CEMA some time in the next month, so keep a look out.

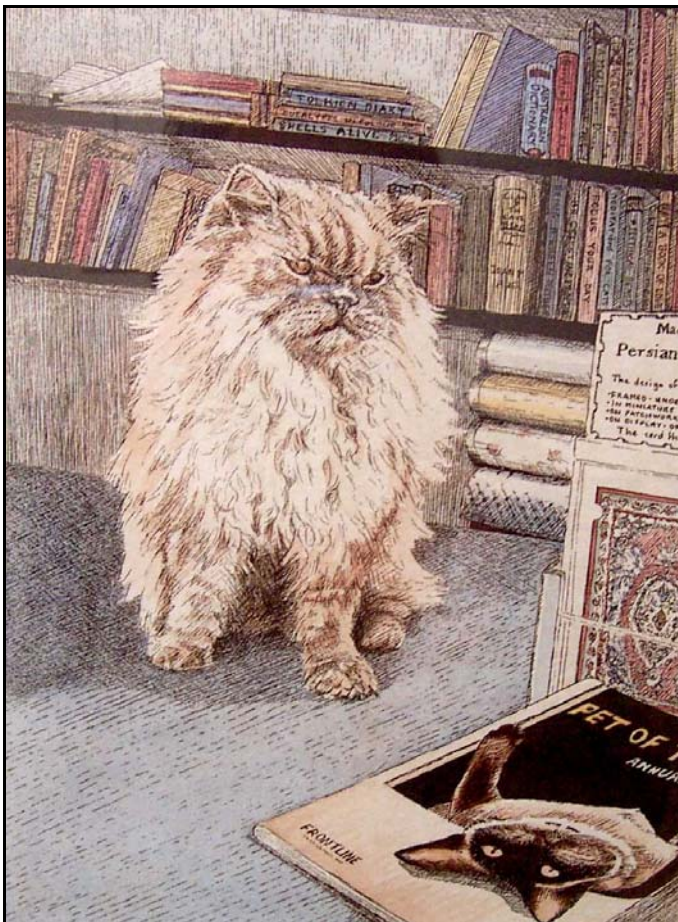
Group Convenors: remember the group pages are there for your group to have a permanent presence on the web at no cost to the group. If you have something you want to appear there speak to me!

Warren Mars (Webmaster)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Committee of Management Meetings have once again been changed; this time to 5.30 pm on the third Monday of each month. Thanks to all Committee members for their attendance.

Berice Jones (Chair)



Annette Taylor - "Bart"
from the "Big Cats, Little Cats & Seascapes" exhibition.

CEMA FILM

present:

All About My Mother

(Todo Sobre Mi Madre) M

Pedro Almodova 1999

A Spanish film with English subtitles.

An award winning film about a single mother in Madrid, and how she is affected by grief, love and friendship.

Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, 10th September, 7.30 pm



Historical Society

September meeting will be on Thursday the 1st at the Portland Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. Guest Speaker Keith McMillan.

Betty Vivian (President)

PIONEER QUILTERS

The Pioneer Quilter's next meeting will be at 10 am on Monday, 12th September at the Arts Company in Julia Street. Mavis will run a workshop on Chenille Cushions. This activity was postponed last month - check the requirements in last month's newsletter or contact Mavis.

The next casual sit 'n sew day will be Monday, 26th September at 10 am.

Pioneer Quilters always welcomes newcomers - from beginners to experienced patchworkers and quilters.

Happy sewing!

Chris Parker (Secretary)

The Concert

This is physical theatre that has musical and dance elements, slapstick and gags, and is entirely non-verbal.

If you see nothing else this year YOU MUST SEE THIS.

Friday, 23 September, 8.00 pm
Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$10 Family \$52

Bookings: 5522 2263
Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Poetry Reading Group

Firstly, a correction from last month's newsletter: "A Diary of a Welsh Swagman" was the work of William Evans; Fletcher Jones was the author of "Not Alone".

The group met on August 21st and enjoyed the varied and interesting bill-of-fare presented.

Members will long remember our friend Betty Jennings who died recently. She had been a constant member since the group's inception just about 12 years ago. Her contribution to our readings were valued very much.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 2 pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Theatre Group

This month we had a lovely ride on the Portland Cable Tram with a view to working with them in the future. Thank you Audrey.

Our meetings will now be held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at a venue to be confirmed. Please watch out for "What's On" in the Portland Observer for these details.

If anyone has a script that appeals to them please feel free to come along to any meeting as we are open to suggestion.

Sue Ireland

Forthcoming Exhibition:

Julie Kent

Casterton Artist
Works in pastel, oil & watercolour.

4th September - 12th October
Portland Arts Centre

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Lost Property

At the conclusion of the CEMA Inc. Birthday Celebrations last month; there was a glass plate left at the Arts Centre. It is approx bread & butter size, has a thick rim and three legs. It can be collected from the kitchen at the Arts Centre.

Arts Grants

Groups or individuals seeking funding grants from Council for arts projects can obtain information and application forms from either the Glenelg Shire Council website - www.glenelg.vic.gov.au (follow the prompts) - or else contact Karl or Joy at the CEMA Arts Centre.

A Change Of Name & Logo

Glenelg Shire Council recently approved a re-branding package for Arts & Culture, which included the proposal that as of 1 July, 2005, the CEMA Arts Centre is renamed the PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE, and that new colours and a new logo are adopted.

Joy Ralph (Assistant CSO) 5522 2301



Annette Taylor - "Another Time, Another Place"



Acrobatic Troupe Of Imperial China

Featuring some of the most difficult and visually exciting
feats ever performed on stage.

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, 25 September, 2.00 pm
Portland Civic Hall

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



Music Glenelg - Take Note Concert

Clair de Lune

Magan Kenny (flute) and Michael Johnson (harp) present
two concerts featuring original compositions, drawing from
influences from the classical and folk traditions of Ireland,
Scotland, Spain and South America.

2.00 pm, Sunday, 28 August
Lutheran Church, Portland

Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$10 Family \$52
Bookings 5522 2263

Intermission afternoon tea included

Welcome To Paradise

A typically English lad, Maths Graduate Nick spends time on a station in Central Australia.
This play provides a wryly amusing look at the outsider while reflecting on what makes us Australians.

8.00 pm, Thursday, 15 September
Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$10 Family \$52
Bookings 5522 2263

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