

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

Newsletter - December 2006

President's Report

This will be the final newsletter for 2006, so I want to take this opportunity to thank all members for their commitment to arts activities over the year. It is a pleasure to be part of an organisation where so much creativity and positive energy is shared.

I invite you to share in our final event for the year.

Farewell Lex & Don Chalmers

Don and Lex Chalmers are preparing to move away from Portland, and we want to have a chance to say "Thanks" to them for all they have given CEMA, The Arts Company and Arts and Culture in Portland over the years, and "Raise a Glass" to the next chapter of their story.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO LUNCH WITH DON AND LEX AT THE PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE FROM 12.30 PM ON SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

Members are requested to provide finger food, fruit platters, slices or salads. Please bring any "Don or Lex" Photos, or stories you may wish to share!

Please phone Bev Martin or myself to let us know if you will be joining us. (It will be helpful to know how much punch to make, and that we have an interesting range of food...Do you ever have nightmares about a bring and share lunch where everyone brings potato salad?)

No December CEMA Executive Meeting

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER EXECUTIVE MEETING. EXECUTIVE WILL MEET ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE AND A NEWSLETTER WILL FOLLOW. URGENT BUSINESS ISSUES WILL BE HANDLED BY PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

We now have a small number of members receiving their newsletter by email. These newsletters arrive sooner and save us more than \$4 per member in postage. Any member interested in changing could leave a note at the Arts Company or telephone us. Members who can pick up their newsletters from their group instead of having them posted would also save us postage.

Most conveners now have a list of paid-up members which includes names of those who have not rejoined from last year. Two groups have all members rejoined.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Our "Come and Try" is happening on Thursday, 30th November from 10 am- 4 pm. \$5 Devonshire Tea all day, could all members please bring a plate of finger food along. All groups will have their work areas open for the public to view and different activities to try. If you have any spare time on that Thursday please come along and bring a friend to help support the Arts Company.

Applications for the position of the Arts Program Coordinator close on Friday 24th November at 4 pm, we have received some interest, if you know of anyone that may be interested or has not heard about the position as yet, please encourage them to apply ASAP.

The next Arts Company meeting will on Wednesday, 13th December with nibbles during and after the meeting.

Heather Clark (President)



Lex & Don Chalmers in 2003

CEMA Online

Having been passed fit for human consumption by Jeanette Huppatz and Jenny Ward, the Artists' Society website is now up and browseable by any interested party worldwide.

Check it out:

portlandcema.org.au/groups/artists

The site features information on the Society, including its history, premises, practices and how people can join. All with colour photos. There is even a scrapbook of the more recent years. Hopefully some older photos will be scanned in in the future to take the photographic record for this Group back to its inception in 1988.

A website is a great way to market your group to the world. Groups who don't have a website yet should ring me up to organise one. Those who do should check their site regularly to make sure that it is up to date. Any changes, or requests for new content, such as new photographs should be communicated to me at webmaster@portlandcema.org.au.

Warren Mars (Webmaster)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

The main interest this month is the holding of a "Come and Try Day" at the Arts Company. Each group will have their rooms open where you can try your hand at different activities if you wish. There will be Devonshire Tea served and sales of Art Works, some reduced in price. Cost \$5 entry.

Our Art Group meets every Thursday at 1 pm and now an extra time on Tuesdays from 7 pm - 9 pm (be on time as the door is locked just after 7 pm)...

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Historical Society

Last month the Uptons gave a talk on living in lighthouses.

There will be no formal meetings until February, and the Christmas Break up will be Lunch at the RSL Bowling Club, Thursday 7th December, 12 noon, in lieu of meeting.

The Society is in recess until February 2007.

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

Christmas break-up - RSL, Tuesday, 12th December from 6.30 pm onwards

Keep up the good work leadlighters.

Heather Clark (Secretary)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on the 11th December. This will be our Christmas break up.

Could members please meet at Edwards at 12 noon, we will

then come back to the Arts Company for afternoon tea and the sharing of a gift to the value of \$5.

It was decided at the November meeting to start 2007 with a project 9" block a month to share with members. Members to select their own theme, material and colours. Members to bring first block made up to the first meeting on 12th February 2007. These to be made into a wall hanging or Quilt.

Arts Company are holding an Open Day on the 30th November from 10 am to 4 pm, scones and slices would be welcome, and any members who could spare some time to demonstrate on the day would be appreciated.

Merry Christmas to all, and have a safe and peaceful festive season.

Gail Down



Tony Ashby - "Detachment"
From his exhibition at the Portland Arts Centre

Poetry Reading Group

On Sunday, November 19 we held our second last meeting for 2006. As usual a varied and enjoyable selection of verse was presented.

Our next meeting will be held on December 17. This will be preceded by a Christmas Luncheon. Venue - Neighbourhood House. Time - 12 noon. Program - Readings with a seasonal theme will follow the meal.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Choral Group

The Choir has had its last regular rehearsal before our "Christmas in the British Isles" concert with Warrnambool's Mozart Choral Group on the weekend. All parts are in place and we will be looking to end this year in rousing good voice.

We invite all lovers of Choral Christmas Music to come and hear us on Sunday afternoon. Together with the Mozart Choral Group and Fresh Voices we will make a very substantial choir. Unless I have forgotten something, this will be the biggest choral event in Portland this year. (see back page for details).

Warren Mars (Bass)

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An Exhibition of Textiles by Beth Hatton

Beth uses textiles to develop narratives on the exploitation of the Australian environment and the implications of invasive agricultural policies on native fauna. Her work features intricate tools - now redundant - constructed from tussock grass, cordyline, linen thread and sometimes wood, with objects deliberately frayed at the edges. She also combines thin strips of recycled kangaroo fur with more conventional rug weaving techniques, to create a commentary on the on-going struggle for co-existence between introduced and native species in Australia.

This exhibition was previously on show at the Canberra Museum and Gallery. Textile and fibre works by Beth are held in a number of major state and regional galleries, including the national Gallery of Australia.

1 December 2006 to 31 January 2007

Portland Arts Centre
Admission Free



Elephant & Deckchairs, on display and for sale at the Arts Company.

Pianist
Jonathan Bradley
in Concert

This internationally renowned young Australian artist will perform some of the greatest masterpieces in the Classical Repertoire. Featured composers include Chopin, Schubert, Godowsky and Wagner.

Featured works include a stunning piece for left hand alone, the legendary Carmen Variations by Vladimir Horowitz. The evening will conclude with Liszt's monumental Fantasy on Mozart's Don Giovanni, considered by many to be the most difficult work in the entire piano repertoire.

8.00 pm, Friday, 24 November
Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60

A Music Glenelg Inc Sponsored Concert

The Portland Choral Group present:

Christmas In The
British Isles

A concert of British Choral Music with a Christmas theme.

Featuring:

The Portland Choral Group
The Mozart Choral Group
(Warrnambool's main community choir)
& Fresh Voices
(a small ensemble of Warrnambool secondary students)

If you like choral music why not sit back on a Sunday afternoon and enjoy these 3 choirs singing separately and together, a concert of largely Christmas Carols, some well-known and others less so, all rounded off with the Hallelujah Chorus.

2:30 pm
Sunday, November 26
Portland Arts Centre

Adults \$10 Concession \$8 Children free