

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

Newsletter - June 2006

President's Report

Farewell Chris Parker

As I write this I'm recovering from a busy day of farewells to CEMA member Chris Parker and her husband David. David takes up a position for the Uniting Church in Hobart next month. Thank you Chris for enthusiastic service to the Quilters, to the Portland Choral Group and the community in general. We hope you take happy memories of your involvement in the Arts in Portland.

Working Life

In my worklife, I'm preparing for The Portland and District Schools Music Festival (formerly known as the Choral Festival and quite an institution over many years). Two Professional Development Days in Melbourne; one on VELS Victorian Essential Learning Strategy... new curriculum guidelines across all key learning areas in education, including the Arts, and then one day at the Early Childhood Conference of Performing Arts. CEMA activities will certainly take a back seat this week!

Other Matters

The working bee on the archives was well attended. Thanks to the willing helpers, a good start was made.

Thanks also to Trish Cooper, and Mike Noske for stepping forward to help The Arts Company.

Notice of the Portland CEMA AGM

Proposed date Sunday, 16th July at 2 pm.

All members are requested to attend. Groups are to provide a BRIEF report of the year's activities to be read by a rep from your group, and then handed to the secretary, also provide a financial report to the treasurer. These are legal requirements. Bring unfilled scones for afternoon tea.

The Portland CEMA Public Fund

CEMA Inc. is registered as a cultural organisation with the Australian Tax Office, and is able to receive tax deductible donations to the CEMA Public Fund.

You will find a donation form with this Newsletter, and the Executive hopes that you will consider contributing; although we all have lots of demands, local cultural development is important.

Applications for funds do not have to come from CEMA groups and can be for any cultural purpose as approved by the Trustees. Amounts distributed are usually not large, but can help get projects off the ground.

Your previous donations have assisted The Arts Company Business Plan, brochures and the June Hedditch Apartments, portable choir risers, and the purchase of two 35 mm film projectors for use in the Shire. All have also been assisted by the Glenelg Shire Arts Program.

Regards Jan.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Our membership for the year is now 196 which is a satisfactory result. Memberships will be due again after the Annual General Meeting to be held Sunday July 16th. New members joining CEMA in June should pay a full year's fees and they will be members until AGM 2007.

Our Theatre group members are rehearsing the play "Blithe Spirit," one of Noel Coward's very popular and well known comedies. This will be a great opportunity to support our local CEMA talent on 16th, 17th, 23rd & 24th of June, 8 pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Volunteers at work sorting through the CEMA Archives last week. From left: Jan Colliver, Lex Chalmers, Gregor McGregor, Bev Martin, Warren Mars.

Sheila Swain

Paintings & Sketches

The Portland Artists' Society proudly hosts an exhibition of paintings and sketches by Sheila Swain, as a farewell to a long-serving and much loved member.

All works will be for sale.

Afternoon Tea on the Sunday (a plate would be appreciated).

The Arts Company
Saturday, June 10th, 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, June 11th, 1 pm - 4 pm

CEMA Online

The CEMA website has been transferred to a new host and everything is working smoothly ... touch wood!

We now have 50 times the space available that we had before, so there is no need to delete any of the history of old exhibitions, old performances and old newsletters that are on the website currently. It can thus go on indefinitely: an historical record of this organisation, growing year by year, in full colour, available for anyone to read from the comfort of their own home.

portlandcema.org.au

We now have the ability to deliver the CEMA newsletter by email. Please consider choosing this means of delivery. Not only will you get the newsletter 3 days earlier but it will be in full colour! It will also save CEMA the cost of postage which at 50¢ each is the largest cost in producing this newsletter.

It is of course, also available on the website.

Warren Mars (Webmaster)



Anna Deacon at the Artists' Society regular Thurs afternoon

THE ARTS COMPANY

I write this report as the newly elected President. As Jan Lineker was an apology for this Meeting, we await confirmation of acceptance from Jan, for the position of Vice-President. Thank you to Annette for filling the role as Secretary in the absence of Margaret, and to Mary, for acting Chairperson in Karl's absence.

We have welcomed an approach from the Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Co-Op. in Warrnambool, to display artwork in reference to "Indigenous Family Violence" on a wall in the Art Gallery for a full day on Wednesday, 17th May, 10 - 6 pm.

The monthly Meeting day has now been adjusted to the 2nd Wednesday in the month.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 14th June at 5.30 pm.

Trish Cooper (President)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Since our watercolour workshop we have increased our numbers attending our Thursday painting days at 1 pm.

Last month I mentioned that Sheila Swain is going to live in Warrnambool. This will happen near the end of this month. I have arranged with Sheila to come back and have an exhibition of her paintings, this will be with some framed, some just in mounts and a collection of her sketches - all for sale.

We will hold it Saturday, June 10th, 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, June 11th, 1 pm - 4 pm. There will be an afternoon tea on the Sunday. It will be held at our Arts Company, Julia St. This will be a great chance to say goodbye to Sheila. A further notice will be in the Observer.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Choral Group

As usual in the winter months, numbers have dropped off somewhat with some lucky members flying off to warmer parts of the world for a while. Just as well we did our concert when we did!

For those stalwarts who have remained we have been learning some new music which is very welcome. Currently we are devoting much effort to learning John Rutter's "Banquet Fugue", a humorous and tricky little number in the style of Bach which ought to be very effective when we get it nailed down.

Warren Mars (Bass)

FILM GROUP

There will be no screening in June. Next screening plans are Friday, 14th July, 7.30 pm, and Sunday, 16th at 2.00 pm. "The World's Fastest Indian". More details next newsletter.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

Next meeting Thursday, June 1st at 2.30 pm in the Portland Arts Centre. Guest Speaker: Mary Sharrock on Collecting Wedgwood.

History House Display: "Mouse Mania".

Betty Vivian (President)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Here is my last item for the newsletter from Pioneer Quilters - Carmel Jaspar will be doing the secretary's job until the AGM in July.

Our May meeting was a very productive session with the members doing a workshop, led by Mary Sharrock, to create a very useful bag. The meeting also included a wonderful shared lunch to farewell one of the members.

The next meeting of the Pioneer Quilters will be on Monday, 19th June at 10.00 am at the Arts Company, and is to be a UFO Day - so bring along those projects which you have not had to time to finish!! ** Please note the change to the 3rd Monday due to the long weekend. Also, the squares for the "Make a Wish" Foundation quilts are due in at this meeting.

Next Sit 'n Sew day will be Monday, 26th June at 10.00 am

* Date for your diary - AGM, Monday, 10th July at 10.00 am

For the final time, happy quilting,

Chris Parker (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Last Sunday we enjoyed our monthly meeting with, as usual, a delightful variety of poetry read - RL Stevenson, CJ Dennis, Hugh McAuley, W Wordsworth, Judith Wright, W O'Shaunessesy, Bruce Dawe, Nancy Keesing and Spike Milligan to name but a few.

Members are asked to please note that next month, the group's AGM is scheduled for June 18, 2 pm at the Portland Arts Centre, to be followed by our ordinary meeting of poetry reading.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Tracy Bartram Illegally Blonde

TRACY BARTRAM introduces four diverse blonde characters with acerbic observations on relationships and the posturing of "phonies". It's a 90 minute emotional roller-coaster of theatre, comedy, pathos and song.

8.00 pm, Wednesday, 14 June
Portland Arts Centre

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

Nancy Malseed

Retrospective Exhibition

Many members will remember Nance, her lovely paintings and prints, and her strong participation in CEMA Art Competitions and Festivals.

Hamilton Gallery has curated a retrospective exhibition of her work and it will be at the Arts Centre from 5th - 30th June. It's great to see her paintings from the Shire's Art Collection in this setting.

The Portland Arts Centre
June 5-30

June Hedditch Apartments

Help Wanted

The Arts Company Committee has two paid vacancies maintaining and cleaning the Apartments for visiting cultural workers/artists.

1. **Cleaner** (re-advertised). This is paid at \$12 per hour, and is an opportunity for a person seeking interesting occasional work at hours which can be adjusted to suit. If there are no replies from CEMA Inc. members or friends by the end of May, the job will be advertised widely.

The cleaner prepares for the next guests immediately after short-term bookings or cleans weekly by arrangement with the resident during long-term bookings. The committee has just approved buying a new vacuum cleaner, too!

2. **Handy person**; there are a number of tasks requiring someone with the skills and equipment to (e.g.) hang picture rails, seal off chimneys, and fix other bits and pieces as required. Rates of pay as above; irregular hours as required.

Please reply to Lex Chalmers, if interested in either position.



Participants in the Jill Eckermann Watercolour Workshop run by the Artists' Society

Welcome Donation

The new vacuum cleaner and pay for a handy person are the result of a most generous donation of \$3000 via the CEMA Public Fund; this has assisted Apartments improvements - a rug, side tables, lamps, chairs, light fittings and (matching) crockery - adding to the comfort for guests.

The Committee is most grateful to the anonymous donor, and to Michelle Baulch of "What's Inn" for her advice on decor.

Lex Chalmers (Committee Member)

Song Of Autumn

A concert with Koto & Shakuhachi
FUJIKAWA IZUMI (Japan) playing 21 string Koto, and
ANNE NORMAN (Australia) playing Shakuhachi, present
a unique and absorbing afternoon concert that includes both
traditional and contemporary Japanese music.

2.00 pm, Sunday, 4 June

Portland Arts Centre

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

An Evening At The Magic Music Hall

It's back to the year 1895, for a funny and frivolous romp in the days of the Magical Music Hall: men in top hat and tails, ladies in crinolines, the Chairman with his gavel, plus great parlour songs and hysterical melodrama-booing and hissing of The Villain is essential!

8.00 pm, Wednesday, 7 June

Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$10 Family \$52

By special arrangement with Dominic P/L
Portland CEMA Community Theatre Group presents:

Blithe Spirit

By Noel Coward

Friday June 16

Saturday June 17

Friday June 23

Saturday June 24

Show starts at 7:45 pm

Tickets available at the Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Child \$10 Family \$52