

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

### Newsletter - December 2007

#### President's Report

No report this month as I am unwell.

Merry Christmas to all and thanks to those who helped during the year.

Enjoy your arts.

Jan Colliver (President)

#### Membership Secretary's Report

News from the membership department is fairly limited this month. Reminder notes to convenors have proved to be worthwhile.

On the entertainment side we enjoyed the Music Club's return visit of Gavin Franklin on harpsichord this time. He was accompanied by Terry Simmonds on recorder. Terry is very accomplished musician and has recently played in Paris. We were amazed at the beautiful sounds he achieved. We all have memories of schooldays recorder playing!

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

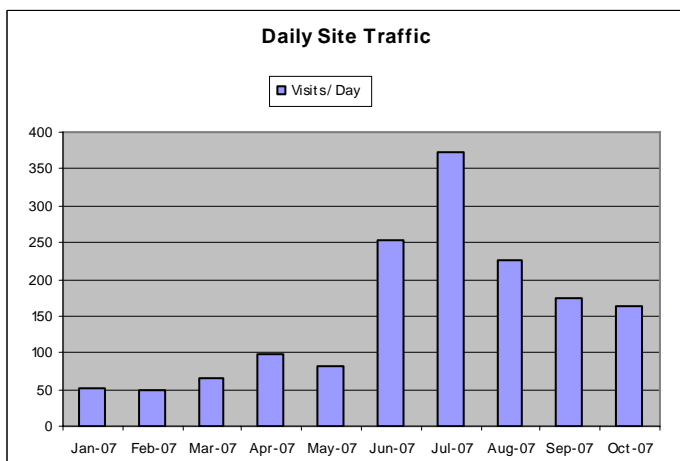
#### CEMA Online

Traffic on the CEMA website has boomed since June, averaging in excess of 200 visits per day!

Some of this traffic has come from the Wikipedia page on Portland where CEMA is mentioned and a link provided. Thanks to whoever added us.

Most popular pages are: CEMA front page, Arts Co pages, PEAR page, other residency pages and the PAC pages.

Warren Mars (Webmaster)



#### THE ARTS COMPANY

**Open Day: Thursday, Nov 29th**

Once again we are holding our Annual Open/Come and Try Day, all of our work areas will be open, with most groups having small activities to try your hand at.

We will be open from 10am- 4pm and again at 6pm-8pm. Entry \$5 for the day/night, Coffee and Cake/Sandwiches included. There are tickets available at the front desk for purchase before the day if you want.

This will also be a great opportunity for people to browse through our retail shop for your Christmas shopping as we have a fantastic range of local handmade gifts and Christmas decorations for sale.

#### Metal Clay Workshop

This workshop was held last Saturday and everyone who attended enjoyed it immensely, working with a new type of contemporary medium.

Lara is looking forward to returning next year to conduct another "Metal Clay" workshop as well as "Polymer Clay" (different methods of jewellery and scrap book making, suitable for all ages).

#### Christmas Greetings

Jan Colliver and myself would like to wish all CEMA members a Wonderful, Happy and Safe Christmas. We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us through this last year and look forward to another busy year ahead with CEMA and The Arts Company.

Heather Clark (President)



Elsie Price - "Spring After Bushfire"  
On sale at The Arts Company

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Preparations have been made for our Arts Company Open Day on Thursday, 29th of November. We will have our studio open for anyone to come and see artists at work. Material will be available for anyone to try their hand at painting in different mediums.

Our Christmas party or barbeque will be held on the 18th December, weather will decide where we have it; just keep that date free.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

## Book Discussion Group

"March" by Geraldine Brooks. Our group all enjoyed this story, and were impressed by Brook's clever plot development, characterisation and description. We found the characters very believable, and, unlike the review in the catalogue, did not find March a weak character, just a character with weaknesses, a driven man, constantly troubled by doubts. We thought the ending a clever reinterpretation of the original story.

Next meeting December 5th - Shared luncheon on the gardens at 12 midday.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

## Fibre Group

We continue to meet every Thursday at the Arts Company from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Our membership has increased by one. Margaret Moore has joined us.

We are looking forward to the Open Day on November 29th when members will be here in force - spinning, felting, knitting etc.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

## Historical Society

Members will meet at noon on December 6th at Sullys for Christmas lunch.

The Society will then be in recess until February 2008.

Betty Vivian (President)

## Leadlighter's Guild

Christmas Dinner will be at the Royal Hotel, Tuesday, 11th December, 7pm. Please notify Miriam Ray if you and your partner are attending.

Most members are currently busy making Christmas decorations and gifts for the open day.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

## PIONEER QUILTERS

Our Xmas Lunch has now been changed to Edwards on 10th Dec at 12 noon, \$5 gift.

Open Day at Arts Co on 29th Nov. Devonshire Tea. Come along and bring some work in progress, 10am-4pm, 6-8pm.

Happy Quilting,

Carmel Jasper (Secretary)



Annette Taylor, Lara LeReveur, Lyndon Oakley & Viona Towers  
At session 2 of the Silver Clay Sculpting workshop last weekend at the Arts Company

## Poetry Reading Group

Our next meeting date is December 16, Venue: Sully's, Time 12 noon. As usual at this time of the year we celebrate the festive season with a special lunch and appropriate readings.

Members take this opportunity to wish all other CEMA groups a Merrie Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Successful 2008.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Jeanette Huppertz - "Tryptiche" part 3  
On sale at The Arts Company



Ilka White - "Casting"  
From the "Walk" exhibition at the PAC

## Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Staff of the Glenelg Shire Arts Program extends Seasons Greetings to all patrons.

An interesting year has again been planned for the performances and exhibitions through the Glenelg Shire Arts Program.

The Calendar for the first half year - 2008, will be posted before Christmas. It will arrive just in time for you to choose shows that you might like to purchase as a gift

voucher for that "different" present.

Community groups are invited to make contact with the staff at the Portland Arts Centre 5522 2263 to arrange inclusion in the bulk mail outs that are posted at various times throughout the year.

Karl Hatton (Cultural Services Officer) 5522 2301  
Joy Ralph (Assistant CSO) 5522 2301

### Papermaking from Plants

Tutor: Gail Stiffe

Learn how to turn common garden plants and weeds into paper. The session covers:

- Harvesting techniques
- Preparation and cooking.
- Beating and sheet forming

Paper can be made from cumbungi, NZ Flax, grasses, red hot poker and many barks.

The morning will be spent preparing fibre and the afternoon making many sheets of paper from different fibres.

The paper is suitable for collage, cards and some for writing on.

Saturday, 1st December  
10am - 4pm

The Arts Company  
\$65 includes lunch

Bring: Apron, old towel and old clothes for messy fun.

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### Watercolour Painting

Tutor: Pamela McIntyre

Pam will share her diverse knowledge in the use of Watercolour and also a variety of other mediums in this one day workshop.

Beginners to advanced.

Morning session: Pam will paint a painting as a demonstrative technique in the session to guide students through the different stages of the painting. A variety of techniques and elements will be demonstrated; colour, palette, application, composition.

Afternoon session: Pam will provide students with one to one tuition with their artworks as she assists with the medium of oils, acrylics and pastels.

Saturday, 8th December  
10am - 4:30pm

The Arts Company  
\$75 includes lunch

Paint & Paper supplied, small requirements list.

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