

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

Newsletter - September 2007

President's Report

Tanya Batt Workshop

Thanks to all who supported the "Story Telling" session with Tanya Batt at The Arts Company on the 11th August. It was a wonderful afternoon. Special thanks to the Portland Observer who helped us promote this activity, and to Portland Aluminium for their ongoing support for the "family" workshops and activities. Bev Martin and Heather Clark were great ambassadors for The Arts Company on the day and the audience was most appreciative of the show and the facilities!

Marimba Workshop

Remind families and friends that Jon Madin will be leading music workshops on Saturday 22nd September. (First Saturday of the next school holidays) They are part of the workshop series but will be held in the Uniting Church Hall. You only need to bring your "enthusiasm" for music, no other particular talents are required.

PAC Maintenance

At our recent executive meeting we received notification from Karl Hatton (Cultural Services Officer, Glenelg Shire) that some significant maintenance will be occurring on the Portland Arts Centre building. Groups are advised that from December 3rd - 30th the centre will be in "shut down" mode, due to removal of tiles from the floor. (There is an asbestos component in the current flooring). Further much needed maintenance on lighting bars, stage floor, etc will be scheduled in the next 12 months. Kitchen improvements will include a "dishwasher". We are grateful that the Shire has seen fit to maintain the building and thank Karl for his efforts in bringing the needs to the attention of the decision makers. Many of us who've sat on "feasibility studies" and "needs meetings" over the years are also delighted to hear that "sound" and "seating" improvements are "closer than ever" for the Civic Hall.

Good Luck to the Film Society with the launch of a new program. Please support them.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Memberships are rolling in. It is really pleasing to have the continued support of non group members who recognise the value of CEMA as a major provider of Arts & Crafts not only to Portland people but also those who travel quite long distances from around the Shire of Glenelg and the outskirts of the Mayne Shire.

Thanks to the convenors who have got their group memberships in early.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Arts Program Coordinator

Two weeks ago we accepted Amy's resignation as our Arts Program Coordinator, we wish her all the best for the future and thank her for what she achieved during her time at The Arts Company.

Some of you may have seen this position re-advertised in the Observer this last week. Jan, Karl and myself are currently assessing the applications received and will be interviewing shortly.

We will introduce our new Arts Program Coordinator in the next newsletter, with hopefully a detailed brochure of all the up and coming workshops scheduled for the rest of the year.

Heather Clark (President)



Tanya Batt wows the audience at last month's workshop

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

PAS will be holding a workshop on Saturday, September 1st from 10 am to 4 pm at the Arts Company.

“Working with Acrylics”

Tutor - Ian Senior from Warrnambool

Bring own lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied.

Contact Jenny Ward or Jeanette Huppertz if interested as places are filling quickly.

Jenny Ward

Choral Group

Faces at these winter rehearsals have varied a little as some members have gone on holidays and others have returned. Our collection of postcards from far-away places has likewise increased.

Lately we have been practising set pieces for the massed item section of the Western District Choral Festival, coming up in October. This is usually a highlight of a great evening and this time we will be singing “And The Glory” from Handel’s “The Messiah” as well as a new arrangement of “Oh When The Saints”.

Choral singing is great fun and broadens the mind. Currently we are singing in English, German and Italian. New singers are always welcome, ring our conductor: June Roberts if you are interested.

Warren Mars (Bass)

Craft Group

We have finished making slippers & mittens for “Loaves and Fishes” and am now making Trauma Dolls for the hospital.

Good to have Dorothy back with us and looking forward to Lyn returning.

Carol Darby (Convenor)



Phil Darby's leadlight window with Koala and Honeyeaters

Looking South

Blue Whales and other Southern Ocean wonders

The vast Southern Ocean is on our doorstep. Local blue whale researchers, Peter Gill and Margie Morrice, share their images and experiences of the Southern Ocean, connecting the blue whales of the 'Bonney Upwelling' to the penguins, seals and icebergs of the Antarctic.

3 September to 12 October
Portland Arts Centre
Admission free

FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society has a new enthusiastic committee of about 10 people. Clinton Saunders is President, Berice Jones Secretary, Helen Williamson Treasurer and Allen Jones film ordering etc.

The first screening following our name change will be "The Illusionist" on Saturday the 13th of October, 7.30 pm at The Portland Arts Centre. This will be followed in November by the animated film "Grave of the Fireflies." Both these screenings will be from our new theatre DVD.

Please see next CEMA newsletter for more details of these events.

The Film Society Committee will next meet at Mac's Hotel lounge on Saturday 25th of August at 1.00 pm.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

Leadlighter's Guild

Workshops are still on Wed afternoon from 1 pm onwards and Thurs evenings from 7 pm onwards. Welcome to our two new members just starting.

We would like to wish Ian Campbell a speedy recovery after his knee reconstruction operation a few weeks ago.

From September we will be looking at holding a few extra workshops each month to start creating Christmas items for the shop for the Arts Company Open Day and the Christmas trade. Please keep an eye on the notice board for these dates.

Happy leading.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

Phil Darby has been good enough to send in the details of his stained glass window that was 3 years in the making, and a photo, which I have cropped to fit the space.

First glass and lead cut Sept 22, 2004

Finished July 25, 2007

Installed over back door July 28, 2007

It overlooks the garden where the photo of the koala that was the basis of the design was taken.

Rumours of the design of a companion piece may be true.

Robin in Da' Hood

Portland Secondary College present this contemporary Hip-hopera style take on the classic tale of Robin Hood, which promises to be an evening of chaotic comedy, modern issues and some startling surprises.

5, 6, 7 September, 7.30 pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$10 Concession \$5 Student \$5 Family \$24

PIONEER QUILTERS

Next meeting will be September 10th at 10 am. Betty will demonstrate Thai Temple Box.

Requirements:

- 15" x 15" Pellon interfacing
- 15" x 15" Fusible Web
- 1 x 15" Squares of fabric firm woven or (backed curtain fabric)
- 1 x 15" for lining (cotton).
- Sewing equipment.
- Embellishments if desired.

Enquiries to Mavis.

Mavis Jennings (President)

Poetry Reading Group

During the 12 years of our CEMA membership our group has continued to read and enjoy poetry every month. To the uninitiated this feat might seem rather an impossible accomplishment. However, on the third Sunday of every month our members attend, armed with their self-selected contributions of verse, for reading, discussion (sometimes) and enjoyment (always). A program followed by a relaxed social afternoon tea.

On Sunday, August 19 such a day was enjoyed with a wonderful variety of sentiments experienced... Australian, English, Irish, American and Middle Eastern cultures were portrayed in the written words of poetry.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16, at 2 pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Historical Society

September meeting Thursday 6th at 2.30 pm in the Portland Arts Centre. Program "Remembering Portland's Early Grocers' Shops"

Betty Vivian (President)



Brigitte Boettger contemplates an abstract design during the Artists' Society's regular Thursday afternoon paint-in at the Arts Company

It's Nothing But Rhythm

Nick Parnell

Nick Parnell is regarded as one of Australia's best young percussionists, proficient in a variety of styles - jazz, Latin, classical, world music, contemporary and popular. Nick is joined in this concert by exciting pianist Graeme Burgan.

Friday, 21 September, 8.00 pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



Arts Company volunteer Mavis Jennings behind the desk, helping to keep the shop open.

The Club

by David Williamson

This is one of Williamson's most popular comedies. It focuses on the underlying tensions - fed by egotism, jealousy, power and greed - that are tearing apart a once great VFL football club languishing at the bottom of the ladder. The old culture and rituals are overturned by the mighty dollar.

Starring John Wood (from Blue Heelers)

Directed by Bruce Myles

Thursday, 30 August, 8.00 pm

Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$35 Concession \$30 Student \$10 Family \$72



Morphed

"Morphed" is an exciting new women's mental health and wellbeing project, leading to the creation of an original music theatre production, that will tour across the SW to Hamilton, Portland and Warrnambool in February 2008.

Calling women of all ages across the South West. Come on a journey of self discovery, tap your creativity, learn new skills, share your stories, meet new friends and have fun at the "Morphed" Script & Skills Development Workshops At Timboon, Mortlake, Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton.

Civic Hall Supper Room, Bentinck St.

Friday 17 August & Friday 7 September

11 am-1 pm

Enquiries: Rochelle Campbell, Women's Health Resource Worker at Warrnambool Community Health on 5564 4193