

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

Newsletter - April 2008

President's Report

Your Executive met on the Wednesday evening before the Easter break. Thanks to those who regularly send apologies when group representatives can't attend, and of course to those who are such loyal members of our Executive and support the running of the organisation.

Congratulations to all who have been making and displaying art, discussing poetry and literature and making music over the last month. All your pursuits make our part of the world a bit better to live in.

The recent announcement of funding for technical upgrades in the Shire venues put a smile on many of our faces. Lobbying for improvements has been going on for nearly as long as the Civic Hall has been completed!! As I said to one of our Life Members recently "It may happen yet in our life time!" ...How many Feasibility Studies have some of us participated in? Thanks to all who have chipped away at keeping the Arts on the Agenda in our Shire and beyond for many years!

I would like to encourage convenors and group secretaries, to survey your groups to see who actually "Receives and reads" the monthly newsletters. I notice bundles of newsletters left in pigeon holes some months!! Newsletters can be emailed (which saves postage for the organisation... contact : newsletter@portlandcema.org.au If you want this option.)

Member profiles would be a welcome addition to our newsletter.

Our website receives many hits: Is your group information up to date? Contact webmaster Warren Mars if you have any updates.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Welcome to new members who have joined as a result of the Arts Company workshops. All groups need to be aware of the importance of workshops and the opportunities that exist to invigorate their membership.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

The Arts Company- Portland AGM

Our AGM will be held on the Wednesday, 9th of April. 5.30 pm drinks and nibbles, 6 pm start. All members are most welcome.

Could the Convenors of each group attached to The Arts Company please have a written report to present at the AGM.

Exhibition at The Arts Company

Currently the Portland Artist Society are holding their Annual Easter Exhibition in the Studio Gallery at The Arts Company in Julia St. The exhibition will be on display till the April 1st and well worth a look, all paintings are for sale.

Day Trip- Gallery visit Sat 12th April

Here is a great chance to visit galleries in Port Fairy and Warrnambool and be inspired by the diverse work of district artists while being chauffeured.

Cost \$15.00 from 9 am - 5 pm
Morning tea & lunch at own expense.

If you are interested in having an enjoyable day out please ring The Arts Company to enroll.

Workshops

Nikki is currently calibrating the next round of workshops at The Arts Company, this brochure will run from May through till August, if you have any ideas for a workshop to either tutor for or to participate in please give Nikki a ring at the Arts Co.

Heather Clark (President)



Brigitte Boettger (centre), at the opening of her exhibition last month at the Portland Arts Centre

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Our Easter Exhibition was opened on the 18th at the Arts Company. There is a great variety of Art by about 10 members. It will be open until the 1st of April. Paintings are for sale and a popular vote can be registered. Open between 10 am and 4 pm on weekdays, Saturday 10-1 pm.

Brigitte Boettger had a very successful exhibition at the Arts Centre finishing on the 23rd March.

We will be meeting as usual on Thursday afternoons in our rooms at 1pm. All welcome.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Graft Group

Meets Tuesdays 10am till 11.30am. Will be doing a new craft every 2nd Tuesday in the month. The rest of the Tuesdays will be talking and finishing off what we start. Last month we made traveling cup/mug holders to take away with you when you go on bus trips. This month ??????

The 3rd Tuesday in the month CWA will be covering plant pots with mosaics.

Carol Darby (Convenor)



Ruby Pedrazzi spinning at the Fibre Group's Open Day last year

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

present:

Irina Palm

Sam Garbarski, 2007, MA

Starring: Marianne Faithfull, Miki Manojlovic,
Kevin Bishop, Siobhan Hewlett

Won Reader Jury of the "Berliner Morgenpost"

Maggie, a 50-year-old widow - still faithful to her dead husband, desperately needs some money to pay for a medical treatment for her ill grandson. After several unfruitful attempts to find a job, Maggie finds herself roaming the streets of London Soho. Her eye is caught by a small poster in the window of a 'shop' called "Sexy World" which reads: "Hostess wanted". Too desperate and lost to realize what she does she enters. Micky, the owner, is embarrassed at first, but intrigued by Maggie, he decides to have fun and offers her the job. Under the pseudonym of Irina Palm, Maggie courageously gets to know her first anonymous customers. Micky observes his recruit. Maggie, who applies herself in order to keep her job, fascinates him. When she does something, she makes sure she does it well.

Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, 19th April, 7.30 pm



CEMA Online

I have photographed Brigitte Boettger's exhibition: "An Expression of Impressions and Other Things", and added it to the CEMA Website. It and other exhibitions by CEMA Group members can be viewed online at www.portlandcema.org.au click on "Exhibitions/ Performances".

Warren Mars (Webmaster)

South-Western District Photo Exhibition

The camera clubs in the south-west of Victoria annually present an inter-club photographic competition. The Portland Camera Club is the host for 2008, and this exhibition features all the photographs entered in the competition.

25 to 29 March
Portland Arts Centre
Admission free

Book Discussion Group

The Bulletin describes it as: "the best collection of Australian Short Stories I've read in many years. Far from being dull coloured, it is brimming with imagery so lush and observations so precise, the book is almost incandescent."

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 2nd at 1:30 pm at 113 Cape Nelson Road. Newcomers welcome.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

FILM SOCIETY

Our film for April is 'Irina Palm', (see ad above). This film is rated MA15+ and contains explicit references.

Date Saturday April 19th, at 7.30pm at the Portland Arts Centre. Drinks and nibbles at 7.00 and supper at interval.

You may join the Film Society on the night, or apply by post to

'The Membership Secretary',
Portland Film Society,
15 Waterford Avenue, Portland 3305.

For more details collect a brochure at Portland Arts Centre.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

The Historical Society will be celebrating their 44th birthday on Thursday, 3rd April at Edward's Restaurant at 12 noon. All present and past members are invited to join us.

Enquiries to Betty Vivian

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

Next meeting will be on Thursday, 17th April at 7.30 pm

If anyone is interested in learning the art of Leadlighting or Copper Foiling our working groups meet on Wednesdays from 1 pm and Thursdays from 7 pm.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be held on April 14th.

Joy from Craftworks will be coming after lunch to show us some new and exciting things to do.

Green Triangle Day is to be held in Merino on 28th May.

Could all members have their Daffodil Blocks in at the next meeting.

The A4 size project with circles is to be completed by July 14th Meeting.

Happy Quilting!

Carmel Jasper (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Next meeting will be on Sunday, April 20 at 2 pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Brigitte Boettger - Mandala

Gadgets

Former Circus Oz performer Joel Salom, supported by live musicians Jim Dunlop and Michael Lira, has devised a witty and innovative show combining technology and live music with his spectacular rhythmical juggling, plus Special Guest Erik the Dog - an irreverent, tin terrier with attitude.

Wednesday, 2 April, 8.00pm

Portland Arts Centre

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

One For Sorrow, Two For Joy

Tasdance presents six physical and inventive dance pieces choreographed by five choreographers, and inspired by an old counting rhyme that begins - "One for Sorrow . . ."

Saturday, 12 April 2.00pm & 8.00pm

Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$35 Concession \$30 Student \$10 Family \$76

Glenelg Shire Arts Program



Richard Robins - "Haunted"
from the "Expression of Impressions" exhibition last month