

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

Newsletter - August 2008

President's Report

Last Thursday's AGM was well attended. It is wonderful that such a diverse range of Arts groups are able to function so well under the CEMA umbrella.

Reports were presented on behalf of the following groups: Artists Society, Book Discussion Group, Craft Group, Historical Society, Choral Group, Leadlighters, Portland Bay Press, Pioneer Quilters, Poetry Group, Portland Film Society, Theatre Group, and The Arts Company. The Fibre Group report was received by mail.

Reports show that some groups are active on a weekly basis and others monthly. We know that some members participate in more than group.

CEMA is faithful to its mission of "Encouraging Music and the Arts" in Portland and District.

All of us present were particularly heartened by the energetic activity of the Portland Film Society and the portland bay press and congratulate these groups on all they are doing to promote their art forms. If you haven't attended a film society screening check the calendar, and watch out for the next "opening" for pbp. Great opportunities to socialise with "like minds".

Because of small numbers many of our groups would be unable to survive as independent entities and the support of the umbrella organisation is vital.

Please consider supporting other groups. The Book Discussion Group is looking for more members.

In my President's report I shared a few of my views about Arts Education and the Arts in general and thanked all who have served on Executive over the 2007- 2008 year.

Elections were held with the following office bearers appointed:

President: Jan Colliver
Secretary: Katrina Antony
Treasurer: Gregor McGregor
Membership Secretaries: Bev and Bill Martin
Newsletter/Webmaster: Warren Mars
Arts Company Rep: Bev Martin
Arts Advisory Com'ttee Rep : Katrina Antony (tbc)

June Roberts is currently updating the list of group contacts, see enclosed with the membership form, thanks for your continued support in organisational matters June.

Membership fees were unchanged .

Bob Stone gave us a brief talk on his role on the Admella committee, and encouraged all groups to consider being involved in 2009.

The supper after the meeting and the great conversation of Arts folk, enticed most to stay on and enjoy the chance to share a few stories and laughs. Its not all about the arts you know!

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Well the new financial year is here again and we remind you that membership renewals are now due. A membership form is included with this newsletter with the various methods of payment noted. Payment within three months is necessary for uninterrupted receipt of the newsletter.

We were pleased to see the good attendance at the AGM with interesting group reports and executive positions filled willingly. A delicious supper followed. We particularly enjoyed Heather's large tray of sandwiches. Members found plenty to talk and laugh about so AGMs are not all boring affairs as we are so often led to believe.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

CEMA Online

I have put up photo galleries of the recent "Ink and Stone" and "Deep Cuts" exhibitions, featuring works by pbp members onto the CEMA website. Check them out at http://www.portlandcema.org.au/exhibit_perform/2008/2008.htm.

Warren Mars (Webmaster)



Some of the audience at the AGM

THE ARTS COMPANY

2007 and 2008 have seen some interesting developments at The Arts Company.

We are going through a period of revitalisation and this is happening partly due to the employment of Nikki Adams as the Arts Program Coordinator. Also, the workshops program which commenced in July last year has proved very successful with many tutors returning to conduct further classes. The program has introduced a number of people who we hope will continue to be involved in The Arts Company.

The display in the gallery is improving and offers more variety of art works for sale.

The June Hedditch studio apartments were well used last year with tutors and student nurses.

Earlier this year The Arts Company employed Angela Phillips for 13 weeks under a return to work system and she is now a regular volunteer and keen to be involved in the future operations of the organisation.

The opening up of the Portland Bay Press to visitors to the galleries and the lino cuts exhibition, 'Deep Cuts' has proved very popular.

A forward planning meeting was held in February. The participants presented a number of recommendations to the management committee. Some of these have already been taken up, such as the opening up of the door to the Portland Bay Press, the appointment of Lyn Hollis to take responsibility for the smooth running of the June Hedditch Studio apartments. The wider use of the Studio Gallery as an exhibition space for group members and artists from the wider community. Gradual adoption of these recommendations should result in a more vital community arts complex.

Lesley Jackson (President)



Bob Stone - "Games 2" from the "Deep Cuts" exhibition

Book Discussion Group

This is our 57th year as a Book Discussion Group through the CAE, (Council for Adult Education), but it may also be our last, as our membership is down to 7 at present and the CAE require a minimum of 8.

There are several reasons for this: One being that we meet of an afternoon, which precludes most working people - but if we met in the evening some of our older members wouldn't be able to attend. Another is the high cost of CAE membership. Full fee is now \$125 PA, concession \$76. (This covers buying sets of books, freight, note writing and member insurance.)

We have read a wide range of books in the last year from Tim Winton's short stories - "The Turning", through life stories including Ruth Cracknell's "Journey from Venice", to last month's book - a novel of dark deeds called "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold.

This month we are reading Rosalie Ham's novel: "The Dressmaker". If anyone would like a copy to try out, I can be contacted by telephone.

Our next meeting will be held at 113 Cape Nelson Rd on Wednesday, August 6th @ 1:30pm. Please come and join us.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Choral Group

We had our AGM last week and the following office bearers were elected:

Convenor/Conductor	June Roberts
Secretary:	Deanne Atkinson
Treasurer:	Helen Myles
Librarian:	Nola Bremner

We are working on some new pieces as usual, currently John Rutter's "God be in my head" and a multi key version of "Dry Bones".

Warren Mars (Bass)

Fibre Group

We continue to meet weekly in the Pavilion at the Arts Company every Thursday from 10:30am - 2:30pm.

Last Monday, 14th July, 6 members travelled to Yulecart to their Sharing Day. It is great to be able to compare notes and learn new crafts. The speaker was from Port Fairy. She spoke about Silk Painting. She indicated that she would be interested in conducting a workshop in Portland if we want her to.

New members are most welcome.

PS. Following our AGM, Mary Sharrock is still President and Jo Koch Secretary.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

Craft Group

The Craft Group meets on Tuesdays from 10am till 11.30am or longer if required.

On Tuesday 29th the CWA ladies will be there to learn "Chicken Scratching" on checked material.

On Tuesday, August 12th the group will be looking at doing cards for males - birthday, fathers day, etc. All welcome.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

FILM SOCIETY

The next screening is on Saturday, August 16th, 7.30pm at the Arts Centre. Come at 7.00 for drinks and nibbles. Our film "Tell No One" is a tantalising French thriller/action movie based on the Harlan Coban novel.

On July 5th we were thrilled to assist in the Portland presentation of some of the best short films from the St. Kilda short film festival. These films came to Portland as part of the Glenelg Shire Arts program, and may perhaps be the forerunner of our own film festival.

In May, Allen and Berice attended the AGM of the Federation of Victorian Film Societies, and were very surprised and pleased to receive a certificate of membership recording our 'CEMA Film' presence in the Federation from 1962 until the present. Thanks to all past and present members and patrons who have kept the flame burning and the reels turning.

The Film Society AGM was held in June, and the following office bearers were elected:

Convenor:	Clinton Saunders
Secretary:	Berice Jones
Treas/Memb Sec.:	Bronwyn Petrie
CEMA reps. (alt.):	Clinton and Bronwyn

We also have on our Committee, Kathy Cameron, Heather Richardson, Allen Jones, Danielle Marasco, Phil Cousins, Geoff Hollis, and Warwick Logan.

Our appreciation and thanks to Lynn Hollis, who has retired from the Committee. Lynn has been a great advertising rep. and committee member during the year.

If you want to know more collect a brochure from the Arts Centre.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

The next meeting of the group will be at the Portland Arts Centre on Sunday, August 17th at 2pm. New readers and listeners will be made most welcome.

The same office bearers were re-elected for the coming year namely: D Turner (convenor), and H Anderson (sec/treas) at our recent AGM. We are looking forward to another enjoyable year of poetry reading.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held on Thursday, 7th August at the Portland Arts Centre at 1.30 pm. The program for this month will be "Our Grandparents - their home, work, recreation". Enquiries to Betty Vivian

Betty Vivian (President)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Keep this date free, Xmas Break-up this year will be at Hamilton. Lunch at Dariwill Farm (yet to be confirmed) then on to the Art Gallery for the afternoon.

We had our Annual General Meeting last Monday. Office Bearers for the coming year are:

President:	Mavis Jennings
Secretary:	Dorothy Longney (provisional)
Treasurer:	Heather Rowbottom

The Quilters' Exhibition was opened last Monday evening, 14th July, and will run until the 11th August at The Arts Company. Please come in and have a browse around. The A-Four Project has been completed and can be seen at Exhibition.

We have made and donated a daffodil quilt and cushions to the Portland Cancer Council which is currently in the window of The Arts Company. This is currently being raffled and will be drawn on Daffodil Day on 22nd August.

Baby Quilts are needed for the Hospital, 20 + 30 ins.

Our next meeting will be 11th August. Project will be to make Mary's Bag. Materials needed: coordinating scrap material, wadding, can also use cushion panels.

Mavis Jennings & Carmel Jasper



Carol Darby shows off her decorated bag as part of the Craft Group report at the CEMA AGM

portland bay press

In the PBP's AGM the following office bearers have been re-elected for next financial year:

Bronwyn Mibus: Convenor
Heather Richardson: Treasurer
Therese Dolman: Secretary

Our "Deep Cuts" Lino-cut exhibition will run until the end of July and is now on the web!

Our next exhibition is "HARD CORE... Body Parts" an exhibition of PBP members' prints exploring internal human body parts. The opening will be @ pbp, Friday, 29th August at 5.30pm.

Therese Dolman (Secretary)

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

present:

Tell No One

(Ne le dis à personne)

Guillaume Canet (2006) France

Harlan Coben (novel)

Guillaume Canet & Philippe Lefebvre (screenplay)

Starring: François Cluzet, Marie-Josée Croze, André Dussollier, Kristin Scott Thomas, François Berléand, Nathalie Baye, Jean Rochefort, Marina Hands

The pediatrician Alexandre Beck misses his beloved wife Margot Beck, who was brutally murdered eight years ago when he was the prime suspect. When two bodies are found near where the corpse of Margot was dumped, the police reopen the case and Alex becomes suspect again. The mystery increases when Alex receives an e-mail showing Margot older and alive. The message warns him to "tell no one". A tantalising action movie.

Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, 16th August, 7:30pm



Elaine Shelton - "Reflections"
On sale now at The Arts Company.