

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

Newsletter - July 2008

President's Report

I'm sure my friends and family in Melbourne are astounded at the amount of Arts activity in Portland! The phone calls go something like this!

"Where were you last night? "

"Oh at Portland Film Group screening!"

"And the night before?"

"A film night for the Friends of the Great South West Walk"

"And this afternoon..?"

"Listening to Dave Tognon at the Bridgewater Kiosk"

"I tried phoning you a few times last weekend"

"Yes Well it was my dance group concert Sunday and Friday night dress rehearsal and then I popped into the Portland Bay Press Lino cut exhibition."

It's not such a bad part of the world to live in, is it?

Congratulations to all who have been busy creating art for exhibitions in the last month or so. We enjoyed the opening of Ink and Stone, with prints from Andy Govanstone and stone carving from Steve Singline.

It's great being able to see an exhibition a few times after the opening and notice more detail in the different light. Using the Arts Centre for my dance classes and CEMA meetings provides many opportunities for me to view the works on display and to enjoy other people's reactions to the pieces as well!

Portland Bay Press hosted another successful opening with the Lino cuts of Bob and other members. I'm sure the opening of the door from the gallery allows more people to become aware of the wonderful work of this group.

Hospitality has always been a wonderful part of the CEMA Arts scene, from earliest Arts Council Shows and Theatre group suppers, and continues at exhibitions openings and at Film Group Screenings! Thanks to all those who work "behind the scenes" and "in the kitchen" to add to the sense of occasion and community for all of us to enjoy.

Thanks to Danielle, Clinga, Jason and Karl for some much need clearing up of the Theatre Group Sets area!

A group of stalwarts helped sort through some old CEMA theatre group and Arts Council records recently.

The petty cash envelope from 1976? gave us quite a thrill and is safely in the treasurers hands!

Thanks to the "out of town brigade" of Bev and Bill Martin and Gregor McGregor for continuing to be such loyal and valuable members of executive.

I encourage all members to PLEASE ATTEND THE AGM AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 17TH JULY. AT THE PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE. ALL GROUPS SHOULD CONDUCT THEIR OWN AGMS BEFORE CEMA INC AGM Each group needs to prepare a short written report of the year's activities, and have a member present it on the night. A financial statement is to be provided to the treasurer. It looks like President, Treasurer and Secretary are willing to re nominate, so please don't be scared off coming to the meeting, thinking you'll get "pressured" into taking office. There will be some assistant jobs vacant.

Members please bring a small plate of supper to share.

The umbrella nature of the CEMA organisation means that all groups are supported. Show your support for our organisation by attending the AGM.

Don't just enjoy your Arts in July. Make sure you know how the organisation works and where you and your group fit in.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Just a reminder that the AGM is Thursday, July 17th membership renewals will be due again - where did the year go?

Great to see the enthusiasm around the Arts Company at the monthly meeting. The workshops are generating much interest and hopefully new members. Of course we still had the usual session on keys, where are they or who has them?

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Bob Stone speaks at the opening of "Deep Cuts".

THE ARTS COMPANY

May and June have seen some interesting developments at The Arts Company, the presentation of the autumn and winter program of workshops and the opening up of the Portland Bay Press to visitors to the galleries. The PBP lino cuts exhibition, 'Deep Cuts' has proved very popular.

We are already seeing a period of revitalisation and this is happening partly due to the employment of Nikki Adams as the Arts Program Coordinator. The workshops program has introduced a number of people who we hope will continue to be involved in The Arts Company.

The forward planning sub-committee will present recommendations to the next management committee meeting and I am confident that adoption of these will result in a more effective community arts complex.

Unfortunately, our secretary Joanne Allwood has tendered her resignation due to work commitments. She will be sorely missed. The search is on for a new secretary, please contact Nikki or myself if you are interested in taking up the position.

Lesley Jackson (President)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Due to other groups having exhibitions in the Studio Gallery during the next month our current display will be taken down and members are asked to come in and pick up their work during the next week. To compensate for the temporary loss of our normal display space we will be given the use of the West Wall in the Argyle Gallery to hang our work. Members are asked to bring along one piece of new work for this space.

As some of our senior members are currently away on holidays we will be delaying our AGM for the time being.

Warren Mars & Jeanette Huppertz



"Kathy's Trivet" - Andy Govanstone
from the "Ink & Stone" exhibition at the PAC recently.

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY present:

Closing The Ring

Richard Attenborough, 2007

Writer: Peter Woodward

Starring: Shirley MacLaine, Christopher Plummer,
Mischa Barton, Gregory Smith, Stephen Amell

In 1943, A dying gunner, who was in a crash involving a United States B-17, gives a ring to a local to return to his girlfriend in the USA. Fifty years later, a man finds the ring and tracks down the girlfriend and the history of this ring. Set in Belfast and North Carolina.



Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, July 19, 7.30 pm

Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be the AGM. This will be held on Thursday, July 3rd at the Portland Arts Centre at 1.30 pm. Members are asked to bring a sports trophy for display and discussion. Enquiries to Betty Vivian.

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

Leadlighters AGM Reminder. Thursday 26th June at 7.30 pm with a normal meeting afterwards. We need to organise events, outings and/or fundraising for the rest of the year.

Currently we are low on stock and variety of goods in the shop for sale. It would be great to see more items for sale, small or large and we need more volunteers to help in the shop on our roster.

Cheers!

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

The Beginner's Guide to Pirates!!

A swashbuckling, rip-roaring pirate adventure. Rough, tough and unruly - with outrageous pirate characters, this show will entertain and thrill kids of all ages. With laughs a-plenty, sword fights, adventure, pirate treasure and interactive fun.

COME DRESSED AS A PIRATE!

Thursday, 10 July, 11.00am & 1.30pm
Portland Arts Centre
Full price \$15 Child \$10

PIONEER QUILTERS

The Annual General Meeting of Pioneer Quilters will be held on 14th July at 10.30 am.

Please remember the A-Four project is due at this Meeting.

A Quilt Exhibition is to held at Arts Company from July 14 to August 11. The Official Opening will be from 5.30pm - 7pm on July 14. Could members please bring a plate of savories. Thank you.

Carmel Jasper (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Last monthly meeting was held on Sunday, 22nd June.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for July 13, (Sunday), at 23 Short St. * Please note change of venue. A reminder will appear in the "What's On" column of the Portland Observer on July 11.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

portland bay press

Portland Bay Press had yet another successful exhibition opening. "Deep Cuts" was the initiative of PBP member Bob Stone.

Bob is a passionate Lino-cut print-maker, who produces intricate portrayals of local Portland scenes. All PBP members exhibited at least one lino-cut & in some cases this type of printing was their first time.....the opening night was jammed packed with interested people, a flurry of sales & good reds

This exhibition runs to the end of July & you can view it any time through access from the Arts Co.

Therese Dolman (Secretary)

Theatre Group

Even though the Theatre group has been lying low for quite some time now we have been having some rather informal catch-ups and reading some wonderful scripts.

If you would like to join us please contact Danielle for details regarding the next script reading.

Danielle Marasco



Interested people at the "Deep Cuts" opening at the portland bay press.

A Shorte Hysterical Historie Of Musicke

The very funny and talented David Scheel takes music from Gregorian chant up to the present day, and hilariously compares the lifestyles of the great composers with our own contemporary living. How would musical geniuses down the ages cope with modern society, if they could time-travel?

All the music is composed by David, but in the authentic style of the various composers whose lives he explores.

Thursday, 3 July, 8.00pm

Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60



St Kilda Film Festival

- Regional Tour -

Two x 60 minute sessions of short films (the best of the Festival) presented in collaboration with the Portland Film Society. Please note that the content of each session is different.

Saturday, 5 July, 6.30pm & 8.00pm

Portland Arts Centre

One session only \$10 Both sessions \$15

The Pitch

This one man show starring Peter Houghton, is a satire about an aspiring screenwriter - Walter Weirman - trying to sell his screenplay to an all powerful Hollywood film industry panel. His hilarious, panic stricken, desperate effort involves him demonstrating all the roles that he hopes will be played by Hollywood A-list actors, including Sir Anthony Hopkins, Clint Eastwood, and Catherine Zeta Jones.

Wednesday, 9 July, 8.00pm

Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60