

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

Newsletter - June 2008

President's Report

A very brief pres report: It's great to see the profile of the Arts Company out and about with a new selection of workshops. Congratulations to Nikki and all involved in the planning. Please pass brochures and info onto friends in and out of town. I'm sure there is a market for visitors to come and have an energising "Arts" experience in Portland. Also lots of family friendly activities for the next school holidays...Don't leave the marketing to Nikki. "Word of mouth" marketing works wonderfully in this place!!

Our recent executive meeting operated only as a "Discussion" due to lack of quorum. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES ON GROUP AND EXECUTIVE CALENDARS.

June Executive will be held at 5.30 pm on the third Thursday of the month 19th June.

ALL GROUPS SHOULD CONDUCT THEIR OWN AGMS BEFORE CEMA INC AGM: **JULY 17TH, AT 7.30PM, AT THE PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE.** 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. More news on this next month.

Jan Colliver (President)

THE ARTS COMPANY

When I moved back to Portland after five years away I intended to quietly 'retire' with no commitments. Then I was paid the compliment by some members of The Arts Company who asked me to return to the Chair of that great organisation. I decided to take up the offer for the time being until a more permanent arrangement can be made. So much for a quiet retirement!

In February a day was spent looking at forward planning for The Arts Company. A sub-committee was formed to look at the recommendations which came from that workshop. The first meeting was held last week and some innovative ideas are being examined further. I can see an exciting future for The Arts Company community arts complex.

Lesley Jackson (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

At this time of the year there is little to mention in the membership department so there is need for the usual filler.

How often do we still hear the Portland Arts Centre referred to as CEMA and of course everyone knows where it is? Recently I was very keen for family members to see a particular exhibit in the exhibition at the Arts Centre. They reported that they had missed it as the door was closed at 4 pm. Of course they had been to the Arts Company! Do I now say CEMA and know they will find the right place? Interesting...

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Our members and friends are meeting on Thursday afternoon at 1 pm and Tuesday at 7 pm.

Jeanette Huppertz has started her oil and acrylic classes on May 12th for 6 sessions. Other workshops in art are:

1. Life drawing monthly starting on the 20th May
2. Botanical Art with Margaret Muffet in July
3. Pastel drawing by Raelene Sharp in August
4. Oil painting with Raelene Sharp in August.

More information is available at the Arts Company.

Come and join us on Thursday or Tuesday. All welcome.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Lesley Jackson after being elected President of the Arts Co

Choral Group

Those who ventured forth into the cold and wet Monday evenings recently were rewarded with some new material by a couple of venerable Irish lyricists, to wit: Thomas Moore and Samuel Ferguson. "We have but a Second" is certainly the first *slip jig* that I have heard sung and "The Lark in the Clear Air" is an old favourite of course.

As always prospective members are always welcome. Come down to the Portland Arts Centre at 7:30 on Monday nights.

Warren Mars (Bass)

FILM SOCIETY

Our June screening is the much anticipated Swedish film 'As It Is In Heaven'. A heartwarming tale. Don't miss it! Drinks and nibbles at 7.00pm.

Our July to December program brochure will be available soon.

Enquiries: Portland Film Society: jaba@westvic.com.au or 15 Waterford Avenue Portland.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held at the Portland Arts Centre on Thursday, June 5th at 1.30 pm. We will be discussing pharmacists of yesteryear. Special guest Mr. Bill Collett. Enquiries to Betty Vivian.

Betty Vivian (President)

Poetry Reading Group

We had a good meeting. 10 stalwarts read a variety of poetry. We did have a new guest that might become a member.

The next meeting will be on June 22nd, 2pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

Helen Anderson

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY present:

As It Is In Heaven

(Så som i himmelen)
Kay Pollak 2004

Writers: Anders Nyberg & Ola Olsson
Starring: Michael Nyqvist, Frida Hallgren, Lennart Jähkel, Ingela Olsson.

A successful international conductor suddenly interrupts his career and returns alone to his childhood village in Norrland, in the far north of Sweden. It doesn't take long before he is asked to come and listen to the fragment of a church choir, which practices every Thursday in the parish hall. Just come along and give a little bit of good advice. He can't say no, and from that moment, nothing in the village is the same again. The choir develops and grows. He makes both friends and enemies. And he finds love.

Portland Arts Centre
Saturday, June 21 at 7.30 pm



The quorum at the reconvened Arts Company AGM last month

Painting : Oil or Acrylic

Jeanette Huppatz

Following on from a very successful introductory term one class, students can now concentrate on their chosen painting medium.

Learn a variety of painting techniques in your chosen medium. Jeanette will guide students through the following sessions: colour, perspective, proportion & balance, composition, shadows, people in landscape/seascape. Still life, river scene, boats, building /street scene.

Dates: starts May 12th (6 sessions in total)

Cost: \$70.00

Evening: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Requirements: List on enrolment of different paints and brushes etc.

Stone Carving

Parent & Child workshop

Steve Singline

Steve Singline, an accomplished sculptor will provide a unique creative workshop for Families. You and your child can together carve a beautiful Talc Stone piece to symbolize your bond. A great opportunity for families to explore a creative activity together. All materials and tools are provided in this unique workshop session. Steve will be exhibiting his beautiful sculptures at The Portland Art Centre.

Date: Saturday 24th May

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

Cost \$30.00 for parent and child, extra child \$10.00

Requirements: All materials supplied.

Make A Felt Scarf

Jenny Griffin

Learn the basics of wool felting while you create your own felt scarf. Examples of finished scarves can be seen in our display window. A great way to warm up your winter clothes selection and learn a unique skill with a local tutor.

Date: Saturday 17th May

Time: 9.30 - 3.00pm

Cost: \$50.00

Requirements: Most of the materials will be supplied but there is a small list of items to bring along.

A Stitched Coiled Basket

Jenny Griffin

Basket making is one of the world's oldest crafts and is a great skill to acquire. Jenny will provide one to one assistance to guide students through the process involved with the Stitched coiled basket technique. An example of the technique can be seen in our window display at The Arts Company. Students are required to collect their own foliage. A list is available on enrolment.

Dates: Saturday June 21st

Cost: \$50.00

Time: 9.30am-4pm

Requirements list on enrolment. Various items required

Life Drawing

Casual Class

Once a month life drawing sessions will be conducted which are a valuable opportunity from beginners to established artists. Secondary art students will also be able to develop their drawing folio. You can enrol in one class or in all four. For beginners a tutor will be on hand to assist.

Date: May 20th, June 24th, July 22nd, August 19th

Time: 6.00 - 9.00pm

Cost: \$10.00/session

Requirements: Bring your own art materials. Easels and drawing boards provided. Some newsprint and charcoal available also.

Creative Crochet

Annette Clayton

Create colour, texture and motion with this technique. Suitable for beginners to more advanced students. Using unconventional methods, this exciting technique has been developed by highly innovative textile artist Annette Clayton. It brings the elements of art and crochet together in an eclectic and vibrant expression of pure visual delight.

Participants will explore the use of colour, mix textures and random objects and fibres using freeform stitching to create a piece of wearable art, a static sculptural piece or a functional accessory.

Date: Friday 20th June and/or Friday 11th July

Time: 10am-2pm

Cost: \$45.00

Requirements: List available on enrolment. Includes crochet hooks and some wool.

Bookbinding

An artist book and Portfolio

Annette Taylor

Learn various forms of bookbinding and the techniques involved. Participants will produce their own stitched leather bound artist book and also have the opportunity of a presentation folio. Most materials will be supplied.

Date: Saturday 14th June

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$65.00

Requirements: BYO cloth cover if desired. Further details on enrolment.

Family Workshop Sessions July School Holidays

Talc Stone Pendants

Steve Singline

Participants will use carving techniques to produce their own beautiful Talc Stone pendant on a leather necklace, which students will be able to take home. All materials provided.

Date: Monday June 30th

Time: 1.00pm-2.30pm Cost:\$15.00

Polymer Clay Fun

Lara Le Reveur

Explore this great medium with Lara. Using 3 different colours, basic cane building and firing of the product will be explored. Great for 7 years and up, but under 12's need to be supervised by an adult.

Date: Friday 4th July

Time: 9.00am-12.30pm Cost:\$40.00

Pop up Puppets, Masquerade Masks and Fridge Magnets

Danielle Marasco

A number of terrific workshop sessions will be available over the Holiday period. Further details in June.

Please register your interest.