

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

Newsletter - March 2008

President's Report

February executive meeting was well attended. The new "school term" started with a flurry of Arts activity; exhibitions, workshops, performances, regular group meetings, a planning day at The Arts Company and the hectic schedule of February events.

As usual many CEMA members have been busy with "Relay for Life", "Wood Wine and Roses", Tyrendarra Show and the "Make A Wish Foundation". The sense of community in our part of the world is very strong!

Well done to June and the Choral group for promoting themselves as part of the "Come and Try" events within the recreation sector.

Congratulations to all involved with a great start to the year. Keep checking The Arts Company workshop brochures for activities that may interest you.

Remember there are many newcomers in the district who may need some help to locate an Arts group or activity. Keep promoting your events through the usual sources: CEMA newsletter, Glenelg Shire Website and What's On, Portland Observer and local radio.

Next CEMA executive meeting will be: WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH AT 7 PM. (This time is different to the decision made at the meeting!!) ... Executive members please amend your calendars

Enjoy your Arts.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Welcome to Film Group member Miranda Russell and many thanks to those who have recently renewed their membership.

We thoroughly enjoyed "Lucky Miles" at the last Film screening. It is good to see the Film Society getting off the ground so successfully. We were pleased to meet ex Drum-borg residents who have retired to the Portland area. All round a great night out and we look forward to "The Italian" next month.

Thank you to the Artists Society for their regular contribution to Heywood's "Wood Wine & Roses" festival.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

AGM

We are holding our AGM on Wednesday, 9th April at 5.30 pm for drinks/nibbles for a 6 pm Start.

This year our guest speaker is Trevor Smith, the Glenelg Shire Collection Officer.

I encourage all our members to become actively involved in some way with the Arts Company, the management committee is always looking for new members, new ideas and new energy. Our gallery is also in need of new volunteers. Whether you are from one of the groups or from the community who has an interest in the arts, everyone is welcome to become involved.

Sometimes we need to remind ourselves how lucky we are to have such a wonderful complex like The Arts Company here in Portland to be able to pursue our hobbies and to have the opportunity to explore other art forms, but to keep all of this and to improve these facilities we do require a great team of management who can all work together for the purpose of our community art complex.

There is a nomination form included with this newsletter, if you would like to become involved with the committee of management or in any other way, please fill in the form and return it to the front desk. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any issues or positions on the committee.



Mavis Jennings, Trish Cooper & Heather Clark
at last November's Arts Company Open Day

Annual Gallery Fee from the 1st March

For all the people who submit art work for sale in our gallery, from the 1st of March there will now be one gallery fee per year of \$5.00 instead of a gallery fee for each item you submit for selling. After the 1st March could you please pay the annual fee with your first lot of items you submit for the gallery. I am sure everyone will agree this will be a far easier method than paying a gallery fee for each item you submit for sale.

Workshops

There are more exciting workshops happening over the next few months, like:- life drawing, basket making, random weaving, book binding etc, if you are interested in any of the workshops please make sure you have a paid a deposit early to secure your place for that workshop. If you have any questions about the workshops please ring Nikki Adams at The Arts Company. Nikki is now working on Monday mornings, all day Thursday and Friday or you may leave a message for her with one of our volunteers.

Heather Clark (President)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Our group were involved in the "Wood, Wine & Roses" festival in Heywood last weekend.

We are preparing for Brigitte Boettger's exhibition, which we have been asked to be part of. This is starting on the 25th Feb until 23rd of March. Official opening is on Thursday, 28th at 7 pm. Paintings will be for sale.

We are holding our Easter Exhibition at The Arts Company from March 17th until April 1st. Non members are welcome. Entry forms are at The Arts Company with full particulars.

We are meeting on Thursdays at 1pm as usual. Come and join us.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Phil Darby comes to grips with the reality of Leadlighting at last November's Open Day

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

present:

The Italian

Andrei Kravchuk, 2005

Starring: Kolya Spiridonov, Mariya Kuznetsova, Nikolai Reutov, Yuri Itskov

Writer: Andrei Romanov

Subtitles, M

Vanya is a 6 year old orphan living in a rundown orphanage in a remote Russian village. For Vanya and the other children, life is without hope, unless, of course, they are adopted by wealthy foreigners. For Vanya, hope comes in the form of an Italian couple. But while arrangements are being made an incident occurs when the mother of another child appears, seeking her son. Vanya begins to wonder what would happen if his own mother reappeared, and he was living in Italy. With the assistance of older children, Vanya is able to access his records and find the possible whereabouts of his mother. He escapes and travels across the country, pursued by the adoption agents.

Portland Arts Centre

Saturday, 15th March, 7.30 pm



Choral Group

We are delighted to welcome 2 new members to our group this year so far, and would encourage anyone else who would like to pay the choir a visit to drop in and see what we do.

We thank Dorothy Longney who is assisting us as accompanist while Helen Sobey is busy with "Cats". We are expecting some new music shortly, including "Dry Bones" and John Rutter's "God be in my Head".

June Roberts (Convenor)

An Expression of Impressions and Other Things

Local painter Brigitte Boettger is the featured artist in this exhibition. Her work is supplemented by contributions from some members of the Portland Artists' Society.

25 February to 23 March
Portland Arts Centre
Admission free

Fibre Group

We re-commenced our Thursday 10:30 am meetings in the Pavilion at the Arts Company on 31st January. Each member is continuing with their own projects - knitting, embroidery, spinning, crochet etc.

We would be pleased to welcome anyone who is interested in these crafts. Later in the year we hope to hold weaving workshops.

Please contact the Arts Company or our President: Mary Sharrock, who will be pleased to show you around.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

FILM SOCIETY

On Saturday, 15th March the Portland Film Society will screen 'THE ITALIAN' at Portland Arts Centre, Glenelg St. Portland.

Film Society membership for 2008 is available on the night, or you can submit an application form (available at the Portland Arts Centre) to 'Portland Film Society, 15 Waterford Avenue, Portland, 3305'

Membership includes. Drinks and nibbles at 7.00 pm. & Supper at interval.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

Next meeting of the Historical Society will be held at the Portland Arts Centre on March 6th at 1.30 pm. The speaker at that meeting will be Gwen Bennett who will speak about some of the less well known Churches in the Glenelg Shire. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME FROM NOW ON. Enquiries to Betty Vivian.

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

The guild has recently purchased more glass for sale for our members and more tools for the guild. If you are looking for any different type or small pieces of glass make sure to check what the Guild has for sale first.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Four members will be available for the March 10th Workshop.

Blocks for Daffodil Quilt were given out. These to be worked on at the March meeting. Please think of some ideas for the year's program. Friendship quilts and Mavis' project, please bring to next meeting.

March meeting on 17th March.

Glenys Sharrock (Assistant Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

The reading of a great variety of poetry was thoroughly enjoyed on Sunday, February 17. Humour to the fore (not organised) included a clever play on words in "I want to go to Morrow", Limericks in verse: "Men's Secret Business" and Bob Magor's "The Magpie Season".

We went back in time with lyrics of old, English folk songs as well as more contemporary with Gig Ryan and Anthony Lawrence. Chilean poet Pablo Neruda provided yet another dimension to our enjoyment.

Next Poetry Reading will be on Sunday, March 16, at 2 pm, at the Portland Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



The Woodturners' workshop with some lathes.

Ireland

"The voice of an angel . . . so pure, so perfect, that . . . you will want to stop and listen" (Ray Martin - Channel 9).

Australian-born soprano Annalisa Kerrigan is internationally acclaimed for performances of a wide range of music, from coloratura repertoire to traditional Irish airs, from blues to musical theatre and classical interpretations of rock classics.

Monday, 17 March, 11.00am
Portland Arts Centre
Full price \$20 Concession \$15



The Mikado

In Concert

Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular musical is full of fun and frivolity. This highly acclaimed concert version combines fine singing with great comedy and stars Brian Hannan, Jason Wasley, Michelle Fitzmaurice and Philip Wheeldon.

Saturday, 8 March, 8.00pm
Portland Arts Centre
Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66

Little Wing & Twinkletoes

This is an exciting fairy-tale adventure musical about two young fairies determined to find out more about themselves and the world around them. The show's bright, bouncy songs are designed for audience interaction with 3 to 8 year olds.

Wednesday, 26 March, 11.00am & 1.30pm
Portland Arts Centre
Adult \$15 Children \$10