

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

### Newsletter - October 2008

#### President's Report

We had representatives from Theatre Group, Film Group, Fibre Group, Leadlighters, Arts Company plus Executive officers at Thursday's meeting, with lots of apologies. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 16th October at 5.30pm at the Arts Centre. The meeting should take about an hour and will be followed by an hour of sorting through the archives.

I've spent a fair bit of time at the Civic Hall in the last couple of weeks during Bayview's production of "Grease" and rehearsal and concert for St John's Lutheran School. Oh dear... won't the troops be happy when that lighting board is finally decommissioned! It really is hard to be patient when "needs" have been identified for so long. "Improvement Day" must be drawing closer.

You may have read my letter to the editor of the Observer, in which I congratulated Margo Bail and Joel Roberts from Bayview College and Ashley Elijah and Brian Healy from Portland Secondary for the work they have done with teenagers in their recent productions. Encouragement of Music and the Arts does make for a healthier and happier community! The impact of the "Live Musical Theatre Experience" should not be underestimated both for the audience and the performers!

I have had phone conversations with former Portland High School drama teacher Doug Mann, and we are exploring possibilities of a "reading" of his "Admella" play before the end of the year. Doug is a successful director in the Geelong area, receiving many accolades for his recent production of "Ruby Moon."

We were recently contacted by Cellist Kristin Rule "The Unconventional Cellist", who is currently touring Australia on her motorbike, with a trailer and solar powered amplifier. I'm pleased to be able to give you a date for your calendar. On November 8th at 2.30pm, *The Unconventional Cellist* will give a free performance in the gallery at The Arts Company. We will have tickets available for collection at The Arts Company from the 19th October - more details in the next newsletter. Check out her website: [www.theunconventionalcellist.com](http://www.theunconventionalcellist.com) and listen to a music sample on myspace.

Regional Arts Victoria will celebrate its 40th birthday next year and will compile a book of histories of its member groups. We look forward to the opportunity to dip into our archives again, and share Portland's rich arts history.

Enjoy your arts,

Jan Colliver (President)

#### Membership Secretary's Report

Memberships are coming in steadily. You are reminded that your newsletter will cease if membership has not been received by 16th October.

We were privileged to represent CEMA at the 80th birthday concert organised by the Boroondara Council for George Dreyfus at the Hawthorn Town Hall attended by 800+ people. This event was well featured in the Age and ABC 7.30 Report. Many will remember George and his ensemble when they came to Portland for our 60th birthday celebrations which included "Sebastian the Fox". George has been commissioned to write the music for Tim Burstall's children's film "Sonny's Luck". His ensemble performed the world premiere of this work which was beautifully narrated by Sigrid Thornton. Son Jonathon, now 21, is a most accomplished violinist. With his wit & confidence he has become quite an entertainer and a great MC. They are keen to return to Portland.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



One of the pieces made by the Leadlighters Guild at their "Glass Slumping" workshop last month.

## THE ARTS COMPANY

Another interesting month at The Arts Company.

portland bay press "Bodyparts" exhibition is an eye opener and should not be missed.

The Artists Society has new works in the Studio Gallery.

The Policy and Procedure Manual has been updated. It is recommended that members make themselves aware of the amendments. A copy is on the front desk.

Bev Martin is putting together a new roster of volunteers which will hopefully spread the task more evenly across the membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Stone for his practical assistance to The Arts Company.

Lesley Jackson (President)

### Book Discussion Group

This month we are reading Waris Dirie's "Desert Flower".

Sunday Express says: "A story that traverses continents, spans worlds of human experience and human pain—Waris was a victim once, but she never will be again."

Please note the change of venue for next meeting only to the PAC (CEMA) meeting room. October 1st @ 1:30 pm to discuss this book.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)



Bronwyn Mibus - "The Pump"  
from PBP's "Body Parts" exhibition

## PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

present:

### Brick Lane

Sarah Gavron, 2007, UK

Monica Ali (novel)

Laura Jones, Abi Morgan (screenplay)

Starring: Tannishtha Chatterjee, Satish Kaushik, Christopher Simpson, Zafreen, Lalita Ahmed, Naeema Begum, Bernard Holley

A young Bangladeshi woman, Nazneem, arrives in 1980s London, leaving behind her beloved sister and home, for an arranged marriage and a new life. Trapped within the four walls of her flat in East London, and in a loveless marriage with the middle aged Chanu, she fears her soul is quietly dying. Her sister Hasina, meanwhile, continues to live a carefree life back in Bangladesh, stumbling from one adventure to the next. Nazneem struggles to accept her lifestyle, and keeps her head down in spite of life's blows, but she soon discovers that life cannot be avoided - and is forced to confront it the day that the hotheaded young Karim comes knocking at her door.



Portland Arts Centre,  
Saturday, October 18, 7.30 pm

## PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on the 13th October, starting 10 am. This month's project is Mary's bag No. 3, requirements are as follows:-

67 - 3 1/2 inch squares

Lining about 24" by 36"

Batting 24" by 36"

Material for binding and handles

Directions will be available to make up at home.

Don't forget ideas for Christmas projects.

Change of plan for Christmas break-up - meeting at the Arts Company as usual, then to Isabella's for lunch.

Members have been making bonnets for the "Roses from the Heart" project in memory of the 25,566 convict women transported from the UK to Australia. Bonnets are on display at the Historic Gaol in Geelong.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

## Artist Market/ Open Day

Sunday November 2nd, 10am- 4pm

The Arts Company will be hosting their inaugural Artist Market, as part of the Portland Bay Festival. This is an exciting opportunity for Regional Artists to sell their own creations in a unique heritage setting.

In conjunction with our Market we will be holding our Open Day which is a great opportunity for visitors and locals to view our studio areas.

Members will be eligible for a reduced rate for holding a stall. For further information please contact Nikki Adams or leave a message at The Arts Company  
ph 5523 6566

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

We are meeting as usual on Tuesday nights and Thursday afternoons in the mezzanine room at the Arts Company, where members work on their pieces under good light in a friendly and supportive atmosphere, all welcome.

The annual Rotary Art Exhibition is on from the 31st October to the 2nd November. Some members will have work in this exhibition.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

## Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held on Thursday, 2nd October at 1.30pm. We will meet at the MARITIME DISCOVERY CENTRE to view the "End of a Journey" exhibition with Trevor Smith and have afternoon tea. Please note change of venue.  
Enquiries to Betty Vivian.

Betty Vivian (President)

## Leadlighter's Guild

Six members traveled to Terang for a Glass Slumping Class on 14th September. We had a most enjoyable day. We hope we can retain a lot of the information that we learnt on the day. We all learnt different aspects of a medium that we've used. Our one-on-one tutoring was great, we all learned more than we could ever have imagined, in a day class.

Miriam Ray (Convenor)

## Graft Group

Meets Tuesday mornings 10am till 11.30am. This month has been a lazy month with nothing really being made but just knitting and finishing off other work. Have you still got your "Knitting Nancy" - well we will be making something with one over the next month. I just bought one on Norfolk Island and others have found theirs from when they were kids. Come along and see what can be done with one or even to learn how to start one again.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

## FILM SOCIETY

Next monthly screening is on Saturday, 18th October 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

Our film is titled 'Brick Lane' after the street in east London which is the focus of the London Bangladeshi community. Adapted from the prize-winning novel by Monica Ali, it is about Nazneen who arrives in London from Bangladesh at the age of 17 to an arranged marriage to a much older Chanu. Thirteen years later she is the mother of two daughters, when she meets the much younger Karim.

Also next Saturday, September 27th, 7.30pm at the Arts Centre we are screening a member requested 'extra' film called 'Dinner Rush', set in a New York Italian Restaurant. There will be no supper or pre film drinks at this screening. Doors open at 7.15pm. Members who have a yearly membership enter free, others are requested to make a donation. Everyone welcome.

From our proceeds from the St. Kilda short film festival the Film Society has bought a coffee machine, set up in the Arts Centre kitchen, for the use of all. Please follow directions and use carefully.

If you would like to know more about coming films, telephone Bronwyn Petrie.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

## Poetry Reading Group

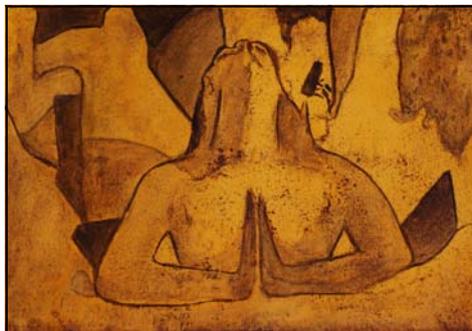
It has been some time since members have contributed their own work for reading, so it was an unexpected pleasure to hear poetry written by Eileen Kearney and Mary Knight at our last meeting. It was also interesting that although numbers were down we enjoyed readings from 16 different poets.

Our next meeting will be October 19th, 2pm at the PAC.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Red Gum goblets and bowls by Peter Schurmann  
on sale at The Arts Company



Lynne Hollis - Yoga from pbp's *Body Parts* exhibition.

## Judy & Liza

Talented songstress Martine Pavey presents a musical tribute to Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli - two glittering and beloved entertainers of the last century who just happened to be mother and daughter! The show includes memorable hits including Get Happy, Over The Rainbow, Cabaret, The Money Song, and captures all the drama, whimsy, humour and sentiment that was Judy and Liza.

Thursday, 30 October, 11.00 am  
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$20 Concession \$15



## Get Up & Go!

with Raw Dance

Raw Dance is an exciting, Queensland-based dance company. It began as Raw Metal in 1998 and the size and scope of its programs has grown significantly since then.

Get Up And Go! provides a series of daytime workshops for all ages, with a performance in the evening by professional dancers. Both the workshops and the performance focus on break, hip hop and tap dance styles.

Friday, 17 October, 7.30 pm  
Portland Civic Hall

Ticket prices to be confirmed

Glenelg Shire Arts Program



Glenys Sharrock - "Bolster Cushion" from the Pioneer Quilters' exhibition last month.