

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

Newsletter - September 2008

President's Report

We had an excellent turn out for Executive last Thursday. Thanks to Fibre Group, Film Group, Theatre Group, Lead-lighters, Craft group, Choral Group and Arts Company reps for attendance and to all who submitted apologies.

I am delighted to report that Heather Clark accepted nomination for the vacancy for Vice President. Heather and I worked closely together last year managing the Dept of Communities grant, and it is comforting to know that Heather is willing to chair meetings if I am absent, and that she has built up sound knowledge of the way Executive meetings run.

It was a busy "Arts Month". I attended a student production of "Sweeney Todd" at Monash, "The first step on a tram.." at the Portland Arts Centre, the film group showing, and of course "Discovery". Congratulations to all involved in the "Discovery" project it was an excellent evening, the culmination of a great deal of dreaming, planning and hard work. Extra "Word of Mouth" PR by the enthusiastic bass Bill Golding surely sold lots of extra seats!! Thanks for getting us all of our backsides Bill!!

I attended a Portland Aluminium Partners function, and am glad to announce that we received \$10,000 partnership to help encourage participation in the workshops series, encourage artists to stay at the June Hedditch and generally provide more options for youth and family involvement in the arts. Alcoa and Portland Aluminium are generous supporters of the Arts and we thank them particularly for their support of the Arts in Portland and District, but particularly for their ongoing partnership role for CEMA. You will notice logos on our newsletter from now on.

Tanya Logan continues to operate the CEMA costume wardrobe. It is open every Thursday 4.30PM - 6PM AND ALSO Saturdays 11 am to 1pm. Tanya may be contacted on by phone (Answering Machine)... Costume rates are \$20 deposit and \$10 hire for a 2 week period.

Two of my household are currently rehearsing in a band made up of Bayview Parents and Friends, supporting Bayview's upcoming performance of GREASE. The production will take place in the Civic Hall. Check the Banner on Bentinck St for the details. Margot Bail is director and Joel Roberts musical director, with some very talented students in the cast. I encourage supporters of the Arts to get behind this production, and that of PSC also in September.

Enjoy your arts,

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Thanks to those who have paid promptly and we are grateful for the inclusion of several generous donations.

CEMA have traditionally provided cards on receipt of membership fees. This is quite time consuming and of little value as there is no discount for Arts Centre performances to CEMA members now. Cards are still available on request.

We regularly travel to Melbourne by train and recently enjoyed the company of Jeanette Hajncl's parents who had been to Warrnambool for "A Nest of Wee Mountains", a performance to celebrate Tower Hill. Jeanette who is well known in musical circles including our CEMA Choral group wrote the music and lyrics and gathered all the Warrnambool musicians including their own Symphony Orchestra, choirs and various singing groups for the performance. The Hajncl's had also been to "Bells and Brass" at the Myer Music Bowl so we had much to talk about.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Mary Sharrock - Friendship Quilt 1
from the Pioneer Quilters' exhibition last month.

THE ARTS COMPANY

July was a busy month with the Studio Gallery showing an exhibition of Quilting done by members of the Quilting Group. These spectacular works were a great draw card to The Arts Company with visitors from as far afield as the USA. A quilt and cushion covers featuring daffodils, a co-operative work by members of the group, were donated to the Cancer Council to be raffled. The huge sum of \$1,180 was raised for this important cause.

The Artist's Society is currently exhibiting in the Studio Gallery with a diverse range of paintings in a variety of mediums.

The committee wishes to encourage artists from the wider community to take advantage of the availability of hiring of the Studio Gallery. Its central location and the advantages which go with The Arts Company community arts complex should attract artists in a wide array of mediums.

This year's Portland Bay Festival will include an Artisan's Market to be held at The Arts Company. If you would like to be forwarded further information about the market or would like to be involved in the development contact Nikki.

A digital artist folio is being developed by Nikki of an artist work available for sale and not necessarily on permanent display. Digital photos will be taken of an individual artists work and interested purchasers can choose to see the original artwork. This may help the space in the Argyle gallery and allow prospective purchasers to appreciate the full range of artists work.

In August we are hosting a workshop coordinated by The Koorie Heritage Trust with printmaker Rosalind Atkins. 15 local indigenous artists are taking part in a two day printmaking workshop.

The Arts Company is in the process of developing a new opportunity for artists. 'Friends of The Arts Company' membership will be available to artists of diverse arts styles i.e. writers, sculptors. Watch this space for details of memberships.

Thanks go to Bev Martin who has taken on the position of Secretary (with help from Bill). The Arts Company could not continue to operate without the continued commitment of volunteers so thank you all for your work which keeps The Arts Company viable.

Lesley Jackson (President)



The Daffodil Quilt displayed in the front window at TAC.

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY present:

The Edge of Heaven

(Auf der anderen Seite)

Fatih Akin: 2007

Writer: Fatih Akin

Starring: Nurgül Yesilçay, Baki Davrak, Tuncel Kurtiz,
Hanna Schygulla, Patrycia Ziolkowska, Nursel Köse

Nejat seems disapproving about his widower father Ali's choice of prostitute Yeter for a live-in girlfriend. But he grows fond of her when he discovers she sends money home to Turkey for her daughter's university studies. Yeter's sudden death distances father and son. Nejat travels to Istanbul to search for Yeter's daughter Ayten. Political activist Ayten has fled the Turkish police and is already in Germany. She is befriended by a young woman, Lotte, who invites rebellious Ayten to stay in her home, a gesture not particularly pleasing to her conservative mother Susanne. When Ayten is arrested and her asylum plea is denied, she is deported and imprisoned in Turkey. Lotte travels to Turkey, where she gets caught up in the seemingly hopeless situation of freeing Ayten.



Portland Arts Centre
Saturday, 20th September, 7.30 pm

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

We welcome back our President: Jenny Ward who has been on an extended tour of Outback Australia and also Betty Trewavis who has been enjoying a similarly extended break in Queensland.

Many members have submitted work for the Casterton Art Show, stayed tuned for news on the results.

Warren Mars

Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held at the Portland Arts Centre on Thursday 4th September at 1.30 pm. We will be discussing immigration in the 1850s, our ancestors' arrivals and the "Immigrants Wall".

Enquiries to the President, Betty Vivian.

Betty Vivian (President)



The reelected CEMA executive major office bearers after July's AGM.

Book Discussion Group

Last month we read "The Dressmaker" by Rosalie Ham. Everyone enjoyed the book—the humour, the drama, the instruments of malice, hatred, love & passion. Many of us recalled living in places like Dungatar, and found many of the characters quite believable (perhaps not a cross-dressing policeman!).

Our current book is "Falling Leaves" by Deline Yen Mar, which we will discuss at our next meeting: September 3 at 1:30 pm at 113 Cape Nelson Rd.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Fibre Group

Seven new members attended a sharing day at Yulecart in July.

We have a new member, Sue Hayes, who is interested in learning to spin.

We continue to meet every Thursday from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Each of us are working on our own projects.

Mary Sharrock left for an overseas trip with two of her daughters, on 14th July. She is at present staying with her daughter Judith, in Cornwall. We look forward to seeing her home again early in September.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

FILM SOCIETY

Next screening is 'The Edge of Heaven' winner of the best screenplay for 2007 at the Cannes Film Festival. This drama moves back and forth from Germany to Turkey in a seamless story of interlocking lives. It is about the challenges faced by parents and children relating to one another, and also about religious extremism and race relations.

7:00pm drinks for a 7:30 start, at The Arts Centre, Saturday, 20th September.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting will be on the 8th September. It will be a sit and sew day, and patterns will be available of various sized doorstops to make at home. Mary's no.3 bag will be discussed, and members are asked to bring along ideas for a Christmas project.

5 baby's quilts have been made and delivered to the hospital.

The Christmas break-up will be held at the Darriwill Farm restaurant then on to the Art Gallery for the afternoon.

New members welcome.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Our last meeting was well attended; we had 5 male and 4 female members.

With deep regret we accepted the resignation of Nance Barclay who has been a stalwart of this group for many years. Her presence and contributions will be greatly missed.

Next meeting will be September 21st, 2pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

New listeners or readers are most welcome.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Raina Gouda - "Mosaic Mirror" on sale at TAC.

Smart Art Exhibition

Now an annual event, this exhibition consists of works generated as part of their course work, by Year 7 to 11 students from Portland Secondary College. The art features a variety of both visual arts media and subject matter.

18 August to 12 September
Portland Arts Centre
Admission free

Kazba

Following the huge success of the 2007 Kazba where the Portland Arts Centre turned into a wealthy Middle Eastern House interior, the 2008 Kazba - larger than last year - will again delight patrons. Organized by Gypsy Star and her dance troupe, proceeds this year will be for Child Cancer Research.

Saturday, 13 September (evening time to be advised)
Portland Star Cinema
Cost: TBA



Dianne Malcolm - "Christmas Tree"
from the Quilters' exhibition at the Arts Company.

