

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

### Newsletter - June 2009

#### President's Report

##### Important Business!

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS WISH TO REMIND ALL MEMBERS THAT YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PORTLAND CEMA INC WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 16TH JULY AT 7.30PM, AT THE PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE.

Groups should conduct their own AGMs before this date, have a written summary of the year's activities, and a financial report ready to present at the CEMA Inc AGM. A group representative will be required to read your report to the meeting, and your financial report will be submitted to the treasurer.

For over 60 years our organisation has operated in a supportive manner, with groups pulling their weight and enjoying the benefits that "the umbrella" organisation can provide. Recently we have heard the catch phrase "too busy", to excuse non attendance at executive meetings, and no excuses for lack of newsletter input from some groups.

Please discuss in your groups how you can better support the communication of the organisation. An apology for non attendance at Executive, and a short article for the newsletter will let others know that you are still "on board". We are all "busy" in our "Arts lives" and "personal lives".

##### Good news!

I've been "really busy" enjoying my involvement with Executive matters. Bev Martin and I attended the Regional Arts Victoria Showcase at the Malthouse Theatre in Melbourne recently on behalf of CEMA inc. It was a great opportunity to see "snippets" of shows that are willing to tour to regional Victoria, to network with Arts lovers from across the state and feel the "energy" of people who are truly committed to their craft.

Closer to home there was "energy and enthusiasm in abundance" at Doug Mann's "Acting Skills Workshops" last weekend. We had a marvelous response to our ads and Observer articles, with lots of newcomers to the acting world making contact. In excess of 40 people participated over the weekend. The cast of the "Wreck of the Admella" is now assured and Doug will be notifying participants of their characters very soon. We had a few former CEMA theatre group members present, and we all enjoyed a weekend of "creativity and laughter". I was amazed at the imaginative responses of the younger children, and grateful that we have a platform where people of all ages can enjoy their arts pursuits together.

#### Wardrobe Manager

You may have seen the small ad in the Observer advertising our costume department position. Executive was overwhelmed by the response. Many wonderful applications. The successful applicant will be notified by the end of the week. Watch out for the ads announcing the re opening of the Wardrobe.

Enjoy your Arts, but don't forget to support those who look after your group, and those who act for all of the groups. Special thanks to those who travel from Drumborg, and Heywood to support executive.

Jan Colliver (President)

#### Membership Secretary's Report

2008-09 year is drawing to a close with the AGM on Thursday, July 16th.

To date we have 156 financial members, 22 new members and about 30 who have not rejoined. This means that convenors must consistently source new members by keeping their groups interesting and vibrant. Remember any new members joining in June will become 2009-10 members.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Young participants enjoy the Acting Skills Workshop run by Doug Mann (Pic Tom Stanford)

## THE ARTS COMPANY

Our AGM was held on 22nd April. We were entertained by guest speaker Bill Collett speaking on "19th Century Shipwrecks and Rescues". Bill gave a fascinating talk on the little known wrecks around our shores. The election of office bearers followed. The position of Chair of The Arts Company management committee was retained by me with Heather Clark as Deputy. Trish Cooper will continue as Treasurer and we welcome Lisa May as Secretary.

The first in our series of Artist talks was most successful, a large number of people braved this year's coldest evening to listen to Nathan Curnow, one of Australia's most popular poets. Nathan discussed in an informal manner, his life as an artist. This month's artist Trevor Smith will talk about his eclectic art. A sample of his work is in the window of The Arts Company in Julia Street. Trevor will speak at 7pm on Friday, 29th May.

A campaign to recruit new volunteers for the Gallery is being launched, with a guided tour and morning tea at 11am on Wednesday, 27th May.

The term 2 Creative Kids program has been a sell-out with primary school aged children meeting after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30pm until 6pm in the Studio Gallery to create artworks under the expert tutelage of Rita Burridge. Bookings for next term can be made by calling Ebony Yuill on 5523 6566.

Plans for the art installation commemorating the Wreck of the Admella, 'A Tribute to the Portland Heroes' are progressing well.

Lesley Jackson (Chair)



Nathan Curnow providing insight into the creative process.

## PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

present:

### El Orfanato

(The Orphanage)

Juan Antonio Bayona - 2007

Writer: Sergio G. Sánchez (screenplay)

Starring: Belén Rueda, Fernando Cayo, Roger Príncipe, Mabel Rivera, Montserrat Carulla, Andrés Gertrúdx

The former orphan Laura raises her adopted son Simón with her husband Carlos in an old house and former orphanage where she was raised. Simón is HIV positive and tells Laura that he has five invisible friends, and she believes they are fruit of his imagination. Laura decides to reopen an orphanage for handicapped children in the location and during the opening party, Simón calls her to show the little cabin of his friend Tomás. The busy Laura does not give much attention to her son; then she sees a mysterious masked boy and Simón vanishes. Laura feels the presence of other persons in the house and months later, the desperate Laura invites a team of parapsychologists to try to unravel the mystery.



Portland Arts Centre,  
Saturday, June 20, 7.30 pm

## PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting will be held on June 15th at the Arts Company - 10 am for a cuppa and 10.30 for the meeting.

It will be a sit and sew day, and also we will look for suitable material to make fish for the Admella project to be held in August.

The Green Triangle Day in Hamilton, will be held on 17th June, and members are to meet at IGA carpark at 8.am.

Don't forget the sewing kits for the bushfire victims, and any uncompleted angel blocks

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)



The Artists' Society take to the sea.

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

The Portland Artists' Society AGM was held at noon. The meeting started with an enjoyable lunch and 10 members present. The positions for 2009-2010 are:

President - Jenny Ward  
 Secretary - Anna Deacon  
 Treasurer - Jeanette Huppatz  
 CEMA Rep - Anna Deacon  
 Arts Co Rep - Joan Beattie

At the meeting we discussed activities for the year ahead, suggestions were paintouts at Port Fairy and Koroit, Tutors and trips to the NGV and Camberwell Art Shed in Melbourne. Any other suggestions or interest please let us know.

The "Seals By Sea" tour happened with great enthusiasm - 9 members and partners braved the high seas of Bridgewater Bay, swamped by waves, some suffered sea sickness! We endeavored to take photographs and study the habits of the seals. Those who were hungry enjoyed a great feed of fish and chips in the Cafe afterwards. What an exciting experience!

Members will be painting the Admella Lifeboat crew on canvas or transparent plastic (undecided) for the Admella 150th commemoration in August. We will be starting this project soon on our painting days, so come along and help us.

The screen printers have returned to the Art Room, so an extensive reorganisation of Artists' property is required. Cleanup days will be held on Thursday afternoons and shelves will be built across the back wall. If you have left property there for a long time could you please come and collect it or it may be cleared away.

A changeover of hospital paintings will be happening in June so bring in your new paintings by Friday, June 5.

Our next executive meeting will be held at noon on the last Thursday in June, all welcome. All enquiries to Anna Deacon.

Anna Deacon (Secretary)

## FILM SOCIETY

On Saturday, June 6th, 7.30pm there will be a special screening of "The Savages" our feature planned for last month which unfortunately had to be replaced at the last minute. This will be a free screening for all Film Society members. Tea coffee, and biscuits will be available but there will be no prepared supper.

On Saturday, 13th June, (6.45pm for a 7.00pm start), United Way are holding a fundraiser screening of two Monty Python classics: 'The Life of Brian' and 'The Holy Grail'. Tickets for this fundraiser are available at "The Shed" in Bentinck St or contact Nicole Reefman on 041 051 3305

On Saturday, 20th June, 7.30pm the Film Society screening is the Spanish film: 'The Orphanage'. Supper included.

All screenings are at the Arts Centre. Our brochure listing the June to December screenings will be available in early June. Telephone Berice Jones for more details.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

## Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held on Thursday, 4th June at the Portland Arts Centre at 1.30pm. This month's program will be "Remembering Nancy".

Betty Vivian (President)

## Poetry Reading Group

Our last meeting, held on Sunday, 17th May was very successful. Poems read included Pam Ayres, AB Patterson, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Adam Lindsay Gordon and RL Stevenson.

We look forward to meeting again at 2pm on Sunday, June 21st at the Portland Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Ebony Yuill - The new Arts Program Coordinator at The Arts Company



Bill Collett gives his talk to the Arts Company AGM.

## Deeply Offensive And Utterly Untrue

\$290 million in bribes was paid to the regime of an evil dictator on the eve of war. Why? Government ministers and Australian Wheat Board executives all struggled to remember what exactly what went on, but no one is too sure. . . .

The 8,500 pages of transcript of the Cole Inquiry into the 'wheat-for-weapons' scandal have been transformed into a provocative, innovative and entertaining piece of theatre by version 1.0 It's time to kickback the kickbacks!

Wednesday, 10 June, 8.00pm

Portland Civic Hall

Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



## Lotte's Gift

(written by David Williamson)

Internationally acclaimed classical guitarist Karin Schaupp tells the remarkable journey of three generations of women - Karin, her mother Isolde and Grandmother Lotte.

A talented actor, Karin brings to life her effervescent grandmother and displays her own sublime musical talent, playing the music that signposted their lives. An extraordinary and personal journey, Lotte's Gift will leave you uplifted and inspired by the power of both love and music.

Friday, 19 June, 8.00pm

Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66

Glenelg Shire Arts Program



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Arts Company - Artist Talks

## Trevor Smith

The Arts Company will host a series of informal artist talks over the next few months, which will include a variety of presentations by regional artists. These evenings provide a relaxed setting to enjoy a coffee or glass of wine and develop further understanding of an Artist's practice.

A great opportunity to share and celebrate an artist's work.

Friday, May 29th, 7.00pm onwards

at The Arts Company, Julia St