

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

Newsletter - March 2009

President's Report

And We're Off!

CEMA activities are off to a great start for 2009. We had a great turn up at Executive last Thursday and will continue to meet on the Third Thursday of each month at 5.30pm until further notice.

The Wreck of the Admella

On February 7th we had a terrific evening with Doug Mann and Stephen Georgiadis and more than 30 interested people for Community Theatre Project - "The Wreck of the Admella". Thanks to Bev Martin, Heather Clark and Karl Hatton for assistance with organisation and catering. The project will proceed to the enthusiasm of all at the reading, and we hope to hold auditions on the long weekend in June. You will hear a lot more about this project as the year progresses.

PAC Improvements

All who have visited the Portland Arts Centre over recent months can't help but be impressed with the improvements in the theatre. Congratulations to Karl Hatton and the Glenelg Shire Council for all the hard work improving the spaces that are so important to the Cultural life of the Shire.

Other

What a busy weekend! Firstly Relay for Life with the usual great input from the Arts Community in providing music and enthusiastic walkers in many teams and another great Film Society screening.

Good luck to all groups in their endeavours for 2009.

Enjoy your arts.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Here we are back again after the Christmas break. It is encouraging to welcome several new members to the various groups, especially the Woodturners who have been low in membership

Last weekend we joined 16 other locals to make our way through the kangaroos to attend "The Magic Flute" in Casterton. Another great performance by Co-Opera to a sell out audience The local hospitality, enthusiasm and their Art Deco hall ensures this annual event will stay in Casterton.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

We are looking forward to an exciting year with some new initiatives at The Arts Company.

Thanks to Nikki the workshop program will include a variety of activities in the first semester of 2009. It includes a range of introductory workshop sessions in the diverse range of studio spaces available at The Arts Company.

- Screen Printing Introduction with Therese Dolman
- Beginners Printmaking - Using solar etching technique with Annette Taylor
- Beginners Printmaking - Drypoint with Annette Taylor
- Beginners Feltmaking - Make a scarf with Jenny Griffin
- Advanced Feltmaking - A seamless bag with Jenny Griffin
- Beginners Digital Photography - Joanne Allwood
- Lead Lighting introductory workshop

Our Program will be ready to pick up from The Arts Company, have emailed or view on the Portland CEMA webpage from the 1st of March 2009.

We are also calling for expressions of interest for learning how to Spin and for Woodturning.

The Arts Company will host a series of Artist Talks every month with local and regional artists. This will be a informal setting where the artist will deliver a casual presentation about their work. Lovely coffee and cake will be shared and hopefully a lively discussion will take place.



The Arts Company as it appears today, compare this with the photo on the previous edition.

The Arts Company is also hosting an Art Sale to raise funds for the Bushfire appeal. The exhibition of donated artworks will open on Friday the 6th of March at 6pm. The exhibition will be open for one week only in our Studio Gallery. All proceeds will go directly to the Bushfire appeal. This is a great way for artists and craftspeople to contribute to the community effort in raising funds.

Lesley Jackson (Chair)

Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held at the Portland Arts Centre on Thursday, 5th March at 1.30 pm. Members are asked to bring along their happy childhood memories carried over from the last meeting.

Enquiries to Betty Vivian.

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

The Leadlighter's Guild have recommenced for 2009. Our meeting times are every Wednesday from 1 pm and Thurs from 7.30 pm.

We will be conducting introductory classes to leadlight sometime this term, if anyone is interested please register your name at the front counter of The Arts Company.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be held on the 16th March owing to the public holiday on our usual meeting day. We will be making trauma dolls, and members are also asked to bring along materials suitable for the Angel quilt we will be making for the Make a Wish Foundation.

The winner of the butterfly quilt raffle was Nelma Foley.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)



A selection of knitted items on sale at TAC

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY present:

Black Water

David Nerlich, Andrew Traucki - 2007
Writers: David Nerlich, Andrew Traucki

Starring: Diana Glenn, Maeve Dermody, Andy Rodoreda,
Ben Oxenbould, Fiona Press.

While on vacation on Northern Australia, Gracie, her husband Adam and her younger sister Lee decide to take the Blackwater Barry tour in the swamp for fishing. Their guide Jim uses a small motor boat and takes the tourist along the river to a remote spot. When they stop, they are attacked by a huge crocodile that capsizes their boat. They climb a tree and when they realize that help would never come to rescue them, they decide to try to find a way out of their sheltered location. However, in the muddy water, their boat is flipped and the crocodile stalks them under the water.



Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, March 21, 7.30 pm

Poetry Reading Group

Poetry Reading Group will continue to meet every third Sunday of the month at 2 pm in the PAC. Contact is also unchanged with information readily available from Dawn Turner & Helen Anderson.

We had a pleasant meeting last Sunday, full of philosophy, humour and love. As it had been Valentine's Day the day before, the famous poem by Elizabeth Barrett to Robert Browning was read.

Next meeting is 15th March.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Local Eyes

Local Eyes aims to bring to life the positive work United Way Glenelg undertakes to support the community and showcase issues facing our community today.

Local Eyes enables seven individuals from the Glenelg Region to exhibit their valuable and insightful perspectives of our community through digital photography. It will build understanding among people living in this community.

2 to 27 March
Portland Arts Centre
Admission free

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Easter Art Exhibition

PAS are holding an exhibition over the Easter period at the Arts Company, from Monday 6th to Sunday 19th April.

All new work is required for this exhibition, so get those brushes out and start working towards some fantastic paintings for us to display .

The opening will be on Monday, 6th April. If you have any friends or acquaintances you know are interested in art then leave their names with Jeanette, Jenny or Elaine ASAP so that we can send out invitations. Wine and nibbles will be provided on the opening night. Popular entry voting will be held, with the winner receiving a prize.

Seals By Sea Tour

Possible date for this tour as a group will be Saturday, May 9. Any interested persons should contact Jeanette or Jenny so we have some idea of numbers when booking. Cost would be \$30 adults, \$25 concession.

Bushfire Relief

The Arts Company are holding sale of articles by members from Thursday, 5th March until Thursday, 12th March. All proceeds will go to Bushfire Relief. If you have any paintings at home which you would like to donate please bring them to The Arts Company before the 5th March.

Paintings at PDH Specialist Clinic

All members are invited to participate in displaying their artwork at the Portland Specialist Clinic. Nikki started this service in November 2008 and intends changing the display every 6 months. She has done a fantastic job organizing the display, catalogue and means by which paintings viewed in this area can be purchased through the Arts Company. Anyone interested in having their artwork displayed on the changeover please contact Nikki at TAC or talk to Jeanette.

Other

A number of our members have submitted work for the Arts Section of the Heywood, Wood Wine & Roses festival. Check them out if you get a chance.

There is the possibility of a pastel workshop in the near future. More details on this next month.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Book Discussion Group

Over the Christmas break we read Barbara Blackman's autobiographical reflections: "Glass after Glass".

Currently we are reading: "The Broken Shore" by Peter Temple. The Sydney Morning Herald calls it: "One of those watershed books that make you rethink your ideas about reading".

Our next meeting will be held at 113 Cape Nelson Rd @ 1:30pm on Wednesday, March 4th, to discuss this book. New members welcome. Phone me to obtain a copy of the book.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society had a successful start to the year with the Ken Loach film 'Ae Fond Kiss'. This was followed on February 21st by 'The Band's Visit'.

On Saturday, 7th March we will be screening two films based on books by Colin Thiele. These are 'Storm Boy' at 4.00pm, and 'Blue Fin' at 7.00pm. These will be public screenings, suitable for children and adults alike, with the proceeds donated to a charity, yet to be chosen. Full Film Society membership holders may choose to attend one or both of these screenings as a free extra. Hot and cold drinks and biscuits free.

The film "Storm Boy" is set on the Coorong district in SA and is about a boy's love for a wild pelican. 'Blue Fin' is about the blue tuna that inhabit the seas around Australia. If these screenings are successful, we hope to have others especially suitable for family viewing.

Our next monthly members' screening will be on Saturday, March 21st with the Australian film: 'Black Water', a tension-filled thriller about three ordinary people who set off on a fishing trip only to be caught up in a struggle for survival in a mango infested crocodile swamp.

You may join the Film Society at any screening, or collect an application at Portland Arts Centre.

Berice Jones (Secretary)



Warren Mars - "Almost Obama"

Check It Out

Set in a supermarket, Check Out! follows the remarkable adventures of tantrum-throwing Baby who is determined to get what she wants.

Filled with puppetry at its most inventive and cheeky, Baby soon meets shelf products which come to life, and Speedy who helps her discover that you need more than just stuff to see you through.

Rest assured that adults will love this show just as much as children.

Thursday, 12 March, 12.30pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$15 Child \$10



A Stretch of the Imagination

This play by Jack Hibberd's (he also wrote 'Dimboola') has become a classic.

Acclaimed actor John Wood plays Monk O'Neil, a social outcast living alone in the bush. The humour is black, as the cantankerous, sometimes vulgar, though strangely endearing Monk, re-enacts his version of love, lust, life and death.

Please note that this play contains Adult themes, partial nudity and some language that may offend.

Wednesday, 25 March, 8.00pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$35 Concession \$30 Student \$10 Family \$72

Glenelg Shire Arts Program



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Pirates of Penzance

Promac Productions have been successfully touring a concert version of this popular Gilbert & Sullivan musical for the past ten years, but this is "the final fling of the Pirate King", so make sure you don't miss the music, fun and laughter.

Monday, 2 March, 11.00am
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$20 Concession \$15