

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

Newsletter - October 2009

President's Report

As I write at the end of third term, there's a definite feel of "spring" in the air. I feel as though I've been hibernating after the flurry of Admella activity.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Murder, Mystery, Musical that was Portland Secondary College's "Death at Midnight". Directed by student Grace Warren, supported by Ashley Elijah and Brian Healy as producer and Musical director, it was a crowd pleaser. It was great to see the CEMA costume dept receiving credit for the support it gave for the production.

While executive was meeting this month I was involved with St John's school activity with visiting performers Bushwahzee. The threesome of folk musicians arrived in the morning for a concert and workshops and by early evening had students performing songs and dances of a bygone era. The new Portland Civic Hall floor certainly had a workout with more than 300 people up set dancing at one point. I had a flashback to an amazing "Bushwackers" dance I went to once in the seventies at the Showgrounds in Melbourne! Felix Maher started the morning by playing a plastic school recorder. I think the "status" of the humble recorder was raised to a new level for some of the audience!

I enjoyed a quick visit to the new tea rooms in the old Uniting Church Manse in Percy St. Congratulations to those members who are exhibiting work there.

Please note that the regular Costume Department hours will resume in the School term. Carmel will be available by appointment only during the second week of the holidays.

Enjoy your arts.

Jan Colliver (President) 5526 5264

Membership Secretary's Report

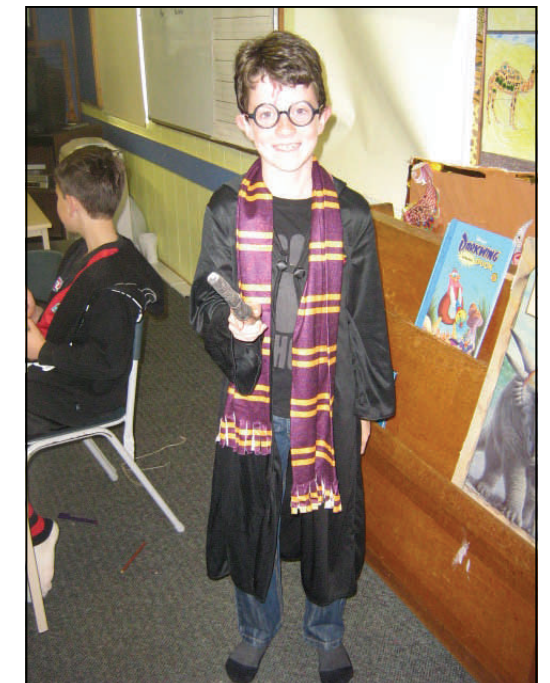
Thanks to a couple of good friends paying their membership at Film Night on Saturday we have 100 paid up members. This is better than same time last year. The October newsletter will be the final one for those who have not rejoined. It makes our job much easier if payment is made prior to October as farm activities are hectic in November.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)
5527 9270

Leadlighter's Guild

Working groups Wed Afternoon and Thurs Evening.
Need to start creating Christmas items for gallery.
Next meeting Thurs 22nd October at 7.30 pm
Secretary

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)



...satisfied customer from the
Costume
Department
Photo courtesy Lee Gibbons,
Bolwarra Primary School.

Portland Upwelling Festival 2009

31 October 2009 (9am - 7pm)

Portland Foreshore will come alive and 'well up' with excitement with this new festival concept - celebrating the unique features of our beautiful coastal town.



The Portland Tourist Association, in partnership with the Glenelg Shire Council, have reinvigorated and revitalised the Festival with a new vision based on the Bonney Upwelling. The Bonney Upwelling is the epic natural ocean occurrence that powers a seven month (November to May) feeding frenzy of tuna, crayfish, giant crabs, squid, fish, seabirds, seals, krill and blue whales. An incredibly rich ecological food web, the Upwelling is at its greatest off the coast of Portland and is the cornerstone of our lucrative local fishing and tourism industry. The Endangered blue whale is the signature species of the Bonney Upwelling.

9am - Blessing of the Fishing Fleet on the trawler wharf
10am - Upwelling Street Parade, Bentinck St
10am to 5pm - Upwelling Markets
11am to 6pm - local entertainment on two stages throughout the day
6pm to 7pm - Final act on main stage

ALL DAY - The main feature will be five life size blue whales in five different art mediums designed by local and Melbourne artists with assistance from the Portland community. Come and see the five massive 25 metre blue whales blow - there will be an inflatable whale, a giant puppet whale, a floating fishing net whale, an aluminium whale and a sand castle

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THE ARTS COMPANY

2nd semester Workshop Program

New workshop program is now available for downloading at www.portlandcema.org.au or call into 19 Julia Street and pick up a brochure.

Creative Kids

Creative Kids will have a break over the school holidays, but will return for the last term of 2009. Early primary Tues 4.30 - 6 pm
Senior primary Thurs 4.30 - 6 pm

June Hedditch Apartments

Available for Artist and Cema member's visiting families for overnight, w/end or weekly accommodation when available, reasonable rates, some shared facilities. For rates & bookings please ring Karl Hatton on 5522 2263

Lesley Jackson (Chair) 5523 4866

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Hello to all our friends in the Artists Society. This month we spent cleaning up the art room it looks much more organized after our cleaning day. Warren has designed and been nominated the job of building the shelving on the back wall to store all our possessions. Thank you to all those who came on the Saturday to cleanup. A great BBQ lunch of scotch filet steaks were enjoyed afterwards.

The Portland Rotary and the Glenelg Shire Council Art Shows are on next month have you been busy painting, and put in an entry? if not give it a go, you could win the prize! The Mural has almost been



Mrs Wishy Washy
Photo courtesy Lee Gibbons,
Bolwarra Primary School.

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY
present:
**Vicky Cristina
Barcelona**
Rated M (Mature Themes)
Director: Woody Allen
Starring: Penélope Cruz, Javier Bardem,
Scarlett Johansson, Rebecca Hall, Patricia Clarkson

Javier Bardem Penélope Cruz Scarlett Johansson

Patricia Clarkson Kevin Dunn Rebecca Hall Chris Messina

Vicky Cristina Barcelona
Life is the ultimate work of art.

completed, where will we hang it? We thought we could donate it to the tourist information centre, any suggestions?

Congratulations to Joy Shultz and the Heywood Artists for their colourful and great exhibition at the Gallery, well done.

Welcome back to Betty after her winter break up north. Tuesday Artists enjoyed a nice afternoon Tea at the new Tea Tree Gallery, most impressive and well worth a look! There have been lots of art sales this month, congratulations too all those who have sold!

Don't forget to register for the painting weekend for next month

Happy Painting
Anna Deacon (Secretary) 0413375338



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FILM SOCIETY

Our next screening, on Saturday October 17th is the latest Woody Allen film. 'Vicky Cristina Barcelona'. This is a film about two young American women, conservative Vicki and daring Cristina, who become involved with a Spanish artist. The beautiful city of Barcelona provided a stunning backdrop to this comedy about a culture clash between Americans on holiday and their hosts. 7.30 pm at Portland Arts Centre.

Also during the Waves and Whales festival on the last Saturday in October the film society is screening some local surfing film. Watch for more detail in newspapers, or telephone Bronwyn on 55236186.

Berice Jones (Secretary) 5593 2687

PIONEER QUILTERS

October 12th next meeting in the Fibre Group room at 10am. Glenys will be teaching Casserole Covers.

Requirements:
50cm fabric for top, bottom and handles
50cm fabric for lining
50cm Wadding
Material for binding
1 mtr Narrow Cord
Sewing Machine- walking foot, pins etc
Enquires please ring Mavis.
Dorothy Longney (Secretary) 5523 2658

Mavis Jennings (President) 5523 1556

Poetry Reading Group

The last meeting was held on 20th September. Part of the program was taken up with reading "Sonnets" and other self selected verse. General discussion of works read as well as the Poets concern contributed to an in-

teresting afternoon.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 18th October at 2:00 pm. For more information please contact Dawn.

Poetry Grand Slam

Glenelg Libraries is pleased to be hosting Heat 5 of Poetry Slam 2009. Portland was chosen by the State Library of Victoria to be one of only 3 Victorian Country heats of the Slam. Spoken-word artist Emilie-Zoey Baker will be our host for the Slam.

We invite everyone from Year 7 up to 100 years of age to compose a piece of original poetry and then speak, scream, howl, whisper or sing it at the live event to be held at Portland Arts Centre on Wednesday 7th October at 6.30 pm. Registration at 6 pm. The Heat has a limit of 20 poets, so don't be late.

In the Australian Poetry Slam we really want to encourage people to get up on stage with whatever piece of original writing they have, and perform in whatever style they want, but without musical accompaniment or props.

Each person has two minutes to get up on stage and wow the audience with anything they can think of that has been written within the last 12 months. Judges are chosen randomly from the audience, and hold up scorecards ranked from one to ten for each performance. The winner collects a \$100 prize and goes through to the next round which will be held in Melbourne in November.

More info: slv.vic.gov.au/goto/poetryslam
australianpoetryslam.org

Enquiries to Sue Boddi at Glenelg Libraries on 5522 2265.

Dawn Turner (Convenor) 5523 1804

Helen Anderson 5523 4659

portland bay press

The "Shipwrecks" exhibition ran until 31st August and was very well received with good sales.

The Tafe transition students work was particularly popular. The press will be displaying members works for the next month.

Therese Dolman (Secretary)