

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

Newsletter - August 2010

President's Report

Thanks to all those members who came to our AGM on 22nd July. Bronwyn Petrie kindly offered to support me by accepting the position of Vice President, and so I have taken on the role of President knowing that I have help, and hoping that we can entice Bronwyn into the role next year!

Thanks to all groups for reporting so well on their year's activities. There was a common theme, where most group leaders were re elected unopposed at group AGM's. Let's hope all of these Leader's don't burn out at the same time! Thanks to those who lead the groups!

Thanks to the Executive members who accepted re nomination. Gregor Mc Gregor – Treasurer Heather Clark – Secretary, Bev and Bill Martin – Membership Secretaries. Thanks to Ron Colliver for taking on the role of Webmaster, and to Katrina Antony for her kind offer to remain as Newsletter editor. The constitutional amendment was passed. A quorum will now consist of 5 members at executive meetings.

65th Birthday. –

I want to thank Bev Martin, Heather Clark, Bronwyn Petrie, Anna Deacon, Ron Colliver, and Nikki Pevitt for their fantastic support in promoting CEMAs 65th Birthday celebrations. We did a massive amount of publicity, and spent 100s of combined volunteer hours, for a very disappointing result!

It was a gut wrenching decision when the sub committee was forced to cancel the event due to lack of ticket sales. The sub committee still had to turn up to the cancelled event to refund tickets to the small number who had not seen the Observer announcement. Bev thoughtfully contacted Life Members, and a few stalwarts to come and help eat the Birthday cake, and to share a bit of "home grown" music.

This thoughtfulness and the company of a few "likeminds" took the "sting" out of the whole "episode". But it did not feel like a "Happy Birthday!"

Midsummer Night's Dream-

Karl Hatton has a large group of actors on standby until two extra Males are found for the cast!

The introductory workshops were a great success, and auditions proceeded well. Cultural Strategy Review- Make sure you have some input into this! Enjoy your Arts.

Jan Colliver (President) 5526 5264

Membership Secretary's Report

We end our seventh year of keeping track of CEMA members. When we took over in 2003-04 there were 215 members. The last three years have seen the numbers stabilize at around 160 which is the number we have this year. This number includes several half year memberships and ten new members who joined in June.

Like most organizations we are getting older. We do not know the age of our members but 54% are concession members. We have several retired non group members who continue to support CEMA as a worthy organization.

We look forward to the forthcoming theatre production "Midsummer Nights Dream" to boost



"Playing with words—workshop photo"

our numbers and give our aspiring thespians the opportunity to participate in local performance which is how a lot of members came to CEMA.

We hope we have a great 65th celebration with members and friends.

*Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)
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THE ARTS COMPANY

July has started with a buzz of excitement with the visit of artist Sally Gilchrist from Colorado in the US. Sally is working with Carmel Wallace and community members in the 'Illuminated by Fire' project. The feature of Sally and Carmel's workshops is our local icon, Mellblom's Spider Orchid. This rare orchid needs fire to propagate and will feature in the presentation of Carmel's installation as part of this year's Upwelling Festival. Local artists and craftspeople are using a number mediums to represent the orchid.

The school holidays saw large numbers of children working in the studio Gallery with Angela Phillips and enormous piles of cardboard which were morphed into a city of apartments, pirate ships and castles. The Creative Kids after school program will continue for the next semester. Work will commence shortly on refurbishment and painting of the exterior of The Arts Company. Unfortunately the large wall along the laneway will not be included as it requires lime render and is beyond Council's budget. The sum of \$6,000 is required, any philanthropists out there?

CEMA members are invited to use the Member's Lounge in the Studio Gallery. Members, especially those from out of town, may relax in the lounge and make a cup of tea or coffee. To cover costs a donation of a gold coin would be appreciated. Sixty-five years of CEMA in Portland is worth commemorating. In the 1980's I visited 'The Arts Council' in the UK and ascertained that although the organization as started in the UK and around the Commonwealth in the 1940's Portland was the only branch to keep the name CEMA. Most other organizations had changed their names to The Arts Council. Does that mean we are ahead of the rest of the world or behind it?

Lesley Jackson (Chair) 5523 4866

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY
present:

Shall We Dansu

Producers Shoji Masui and Yuji Ogata.

Written and Directed by Masayuki Suo.

Cast Koji Yakusho, Tamiyo Kusakari, Naoto Tkenaka.

A timid Japanese business man learns how to dance and live. A commentary on controlled Japanese society, with well drawn quirky characters and good humour, that puts this film at the top of the foreign film dance card.

Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, 21 August 7.30 pm



ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Hello to all our art friends! The year is flying by so fast. Sorry for not having our column in last months newsletter but I was in the Flinders Ranges painting with a group comprised of artists living and working in the region.

Last Thursday we attended the Annual Meeting with Jenny reading the annual report. For those not present highlights were, three members won awards at the Rotary exhibition. Members took part in the Wood Wine and Roses festival with June Lynch winning the popular painting. Easter exhibition was fantastic and the large canvas has been completed.

Camberwell Artshow weekend was very enjoyable, with over 3500 paintings on view. It was like going to the biggest banquet, and having an over indulgence, of the best food! On Sunday we went to the Rupert Bunny exhibition, what a master of portraiture and figureative painting, the use of colour lights and darks and sheer size of these works was magnificent and showed his character as they were romantic and sensual.

We also viewed modern Art by graduate students which were superb. They showed that students

today have great talent and new creative artistic competence! It was sad that more members did not take part in this enjoyable weekend. Members continue to meet Thursdays at 1pm and occasional Tuesdays over the winter. We have enjoyable conversation and try to solve the problems of the world! We even make up poetry here is some of mine A brush of art I paint to and fro and paint the colours of the rainbow, the paint on the canvas has yet not dried nor has the creativeness inside...this was the start hope to finish it. We have fun so come and join us . We would all like to wish our dear friend BETTY who is very ill at the moment a speedy recovery our thoughts and prayers are with you Betty and hope you get well soon! All our Love and Best Wishes from all your Friends at the Art Group. Yours in art Anna Deacs Secretary

Anna Deacon (Secretary) 0413375338

Leadlighter's Guild

We held our AGM on July 14th all positions were filled. Continuing to meet Wed afternoons and Thurs evenings when not too cold.

We will be having a Day outing on Thurs 19th August. Travel to Darryl and Joy Trezise's home at Sandford to see his beautiful leadlight windows in the old church. We will meet at the rear of Arts Company at 9am and travel from there, to return by 3.30pm.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

Poetry Reading Group

At our AGM an enthusiastic small group re nominated the office bearers. Dawn Turner convenor, and Helen Anderson secretary/treasurer. We will meet on August 15th at 2pm to enjoy the self-selected poetry of members. New members welcome.

*Dawn Turner (Convenor) 5523 1804
Helen Anderson 5523 4659*

Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society is on Thursday, 5th August at 1:30. This meeting is at the Maritime Discovery Centre,

where after a short meeting, the members will view the display, "The Building of a Port".

Betty Vivian (President) 5523 1790

PIONEER QUILTERS

Pioneer Quilters meet at the Pavilion at the Arts Company at 10am for a cuppa, and have our meeting at 10.30am.

The workshop for this month is a door stop with Marj. For a list of requirements please contact one of the numbers below

*Dorothy Longney (Secretary) 5523 2658
Mavis Jennings (President) 5523 1556*

Fibre Group

The Fibre Group meet every Thursday in the Pavilion at the arts Company, at 10.30.

We have travelled to Hamilton Spinners to attend their annual social day at Yulecart, and had a very enjoyable day.

Our next district get together will be at Norval, Halls Gap on October 18th.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary) 5523 2658

portland bay press

Portland Bay Press exhibitions and election of office bearers for 2010.

September- October "green", prints by Transition SWTAFE students

Opening October 22nd and running till the end of November" Pyriscience- Friendly Fire" in conjunction with the Illuminated by fire project and the upwelling festival.

We thanked Bronwyn for fantastic efforts as convenor over the past years and congratulated Phil on his new position as pbp convenor. Heather is Treasurer and Therese secretary.

Therese Dolman (Secretary)

The ARTS COMPANY

**We will be hosting
a Garage Sale on
September 18th
from 9 am-12 pm.**

**All resident groups are
encouraged to take part, its a
great chance to clean out
some of your groups
unused items.**



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