



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

Newsletter - July 2010

President's Report

Calendar reminders for all members

CEMA—AGM

Thursday 22nd July, 7:30pm
Portland Arts Centre

All positions will be declared vacant. Reports (financial and activity) are required from all groups. All members are encouraged to attend. (Group AGMs need to be held before this date.)

Saturday 31st July, CEMA's 65th Birthday celebrations.

Sebastian's Greatest Adventures 2pm A Steam Train Passes and The Bomb 3.30pm. Films with live music from visiting musicians George and Jonathan Dreyfus and friends. Followed by a birthday afternoon tea. Members are encouraged to contribute food for the celebration. Exec will provide a birthday cake and Film group have offered to help with refreshments.

Important news:

Executive regretfully accepted the resignation of Warren Mars as our voluntary "webmaster". Warren has been looking after our "online" face for many years, and has worked solo on this huge project. I would like to thank Warren on behalf of all groups and members for his contribution to our organisation through both the website and formerly the newsletter. We hope he will continue his Arts pursuits with the Artists Society and perhaps again with music sometime. Warren has offered executive some advice on a finding a new "webmaster" and executive encourage any members with skills in this area to contact us.

Feedback:

Do members want monthly newsletters to continue? Would Bi monthly newsletters suffice?

What is the best way of communicating?

AGM AGENDA ITEM:

MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT EXECUTIVE HAS RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:
Current Rule 24 (4) Any 7 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee. (resolution rule change 20/8/1998) amend to 5 members.
Reason: the number of groups has decreased significantly since 1998. (Original Cema constitution had stated 4 members)

Jan Colliver (President) 5526 5264

Membership Secretary's Report

As we come to our final report we have four less members than last year. The arrangement that has new members who pay full membership in June being members next financial year has eight new members joining in June. All other memberships will be due after the Annual Meeting in July.

We ask all members to include your groups on the membership form, the simplest for us is for your group to collect memberships and us to receive them all together with a cheque.

Along with our president we ask you to come to our 65th birthday. After having George at our 60th celebrations we were invited to his 80th birthday party in the Hawthorn Town Hall where some 800 guests enjoyed his group playing along with silent movies. The municipal council then provided us with afternoon tea and birthday cake. A memorable event.

*Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)
5527 9270*

THE ARTS COMPANY

There are many new and exciting things happening at The Arts Company over the next few months.

Illuminated By Fire workshops will be held by Carmel Wallace along with Sally Gilchrist, (an International Artist), see details of this wonderful project in this months newsletter.

School Holiday Activities Nikki Pevitt, our Arts Program Coordinator has organised a range of art activities for kids at The Arts Company during both weeks of the School holidays, details also in this newsletter.

Term 3 program Workshops available soon, if you would like to receive a PDF please email Nikki Pevitt at theartscompany@westnet.com.au or drop into The Arts Company in Julia St.

Lesley Jackson (Chair) 5523 4866

Fibre Group

We meet every Thursday at 10.30am in the Pavilion at the Arts Company.

We work on our own projects and welcome any interested in joining our happy group.

On July 12th we travel to Yulecart, where the Hamilton spinners have their annual Social day. We are busy knitting bottees for sale at the Peter McCallum gift shop.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary) 5523 2658

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on the 12th of July in the Pavilion at the Arts Company. We Have a cuppa at 10, and the meetings begin at 10.30, which this month Is the annual meeting. The workshop for the day has yet to be decided.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary) 5523 2658

Mavis Jennings (President) 5523 1556

Leadlighter's Guild

The Leadlighter Guild are holding their AGM on Wed 14th July at 1pm in our guild room, members please bring a plate of afternoon tea. All current and past members welcome.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

Poetry Reading Group

The Poetry Group will hold its AGM on 18th July at 2pm at Portland Arts Centre. Last meeting was successful with a small dedicated group members presenting a variety of readings including CJ Dennis.

Dawn Turner (Convenor) 5523 1804

Helen Anderson 5523 4659

Illuminated by Fire

Illuminated by Fire is a two-year project, initiated by Regional Arts Victoria (RAV), about the places we care about and the story and role of fire within those places.

Working across Victoria, the project aims to share stories, increase understanding and create astonishing art. Eleven projects have been chosen from across the state including a project in Portland led by Carmel Wallace.

With the help of the local community, Carmel will build a large sculpture in the form of a ship's hull, referencing the emigrant ship *The New Zealander*, which burnt for 3 weeks in Portland Harbour in 1853. This will be filled with giant sculptures of our endangered *Mellblom's Spider Orchid* which ultimately relies on fire for its survival. A fiery performance will be part of the installation of the sculpture in Portland Harbour this year, and the project will culminate in a site-specific multi-media installation in Federation Square, Melbourne in 2011 when the Portland sculpture will be fired up on the Yarra River!

Illuminated by Fire will be delivered in partnership with the Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre (NHLC) network. The Arts Company will work in partnership with Portland Neighborhood House in support of our local project, and a workshop program will engage participants through a staged process beginning with the sharing and development of stories in relation to fire, to the local presentation outcome."

Sally Gilchrist (an artist from Colorado) will also be visiting Portland to be involved with the project and will be an artist in residence for 10 days. Carmel and Sally will be hosting an open studio session at The Arts Company in mid July to develop elements of the project. There will be great opportunities for community members to become involved in the project. Register your interest by contacting Nikki to receive further information regarding Illuminated by Fire workshop information to be held at The Arts Company and Portland Neighbourhood house.

Creative Kids Classes – Art Classes for primary school aged kids Nurture the creative spark

School holiday activities

Week One : Art activity table and ART TREE

Parents can bring their children to our Gallery to supervise their child making an artwork at our Activity Table. Kids can choose from the Art Tree for a surprise art project to make at the table. Gold coin donation.

Week Two: Art Space – PAPER CREATIONS

Daily Workshops – Morning and Afternoon sessions

Art Space morning sessions – 10am – 12pm

All things paper and cardboard will come to life in our Studio Gallery. 3D forms and large scale paper collage murals. All artwork produced will add to the creative paper play area. Fun for all ages.

Art Project afternoon sessions 2pm – 4pm

Angela Phillips our Creative Kids tutor will guide kids through a variety of different art projects that they can take home. Each workshop session is \$5.00 and includes all materials.

Wear warm comfy clothes that can get messy.

CALL : 55236566 or 0408 536 349

Our Creative Kids Classes will continue for Term 3
Call in for a flyer or to enroll. Starting second week
of Term

PLAYING WITH WORDS

A way to understand Shakespeare's plays

Portland CEMA Inc Theatre Group is presenting a production of *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* later this year, which will be directed by Karl Hatton.

Prior to commencing rehearsals for the play, Karl is also offering **two workshops** for the general public, which aim to help people better understand and appreciate the language of Shakespeare's plays.

These workshops will be activity based, and fun to do, but they don't require participants to have any previous knowledge of Shakespeare, or any particular skill or experience in theatre.

Both workshops are similar in content, but are designed for different age groups, and there is **no cost** for participants.

Workshop 1:

Senior Workshop (for ages 14 and above)

Sunday, 4 July, 1.30 – 3.30pm, Portland Drill Hall

Workshop 2:

Junior Workshop (for ages 8 to 13)

Sunday, 11 July, 1.30 – 4.30pm, Portland Drill Hall

These workshops are made possible through Portland CEMA Inc's *Arts for Life* Partnership with Portland Aluminium.

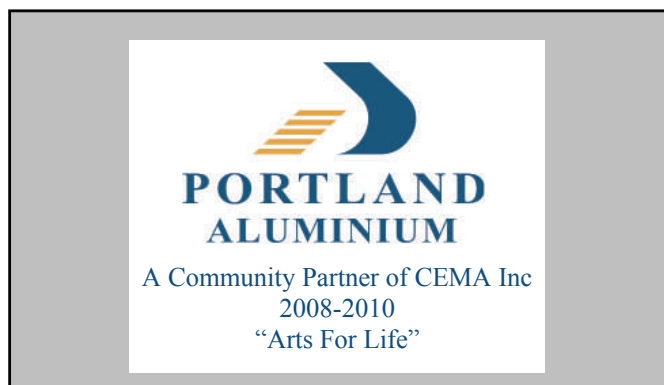
There will be a limit on numbers for both workshops, so it is essential that you register if you wish to participate. Please enrol for Workshop 1 by Friday, 2 July, or Workshop 2 by Friday, 9 July, by contacting either:

Jan Colliver – Ph. 5526 5264 (H) OR

Karl Hatton – Ph. 5522 2301 (W)

Information about Karl Hatton

Karl is currently employed by Glenelg Shire Council as the Cultural Services Officer, and manages the Portland Arts Centre. He has considerable experience, both as a performer and director in amateur theatre over many years, and was also a Drama Lecturer in Ballarat prior to moving to Portland. Karl's offer to direct *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* is made in a private and voluntary capacity.



Coming Up

Drum Solo Workshop

The Ballarat Diva's will be teaching a Belly Dance Choreography to the People of Portland in a 2hr workshop held at the Portland Academy of Dance, presented by the Portland Belly Dance Group. Cost \$15. Stud. \$10. Please bring Water and wear comfortable clothing. Heated dance Space.

LOCATION: 101 Browning St, Portland.

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