

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

Newsletter - May 2010

President's Report

The recent CEMA executive meeting was a week later than usual due to many apologies. Consequently the newsletter is later. Thanks to the groups who emailed reports in good time this month. If your group is not mentioned please check to see who should be communicating on your behalf. Welcome back from holidays to our newsletter editor Katrina Antony.

Recently I had a email come through the Cema website. Bob Parsons from the Botany Department at La Trobe University was interested in finding a home for some Woolcock drawings which had been stored in his office for many years. Our website enabled him to find out that Collin was a past President of Portland CEMA inc and the history of the "Woolcock Gallery" and collection. After some further communication Mr Parsons sent us 7 drawings, which Collin had prepared for "The distribution and conservation of Native Vascular Plants in the Victorian Mallee" by A.C. Beaglehole in 1979.

At the recent executive meeting it was decided to investigate whether these drawings could be handed on to the Cultural Collection. Mr Parsons is happy for that course of action to take place. We will keep members informed.

Executive were delighted to have a potential director come forward for a **theatre production**. Karl Hatton has offered to direct "Midsummer Night's Dream" later this year. Karl would be doing this in a "private" capacity, not as part of his employment. It is envisaged auditions would take place mid year and the show would be staged late September. Logistics are currently being explored.

Thanks Karl for the initiative on this project.

Our AGM will take place on the 22nd July at 7.30pm. (This is a week later than executive had recommended due to a clash with the incoming performance of "Driving Miss Daisy".) Please mark your diaries.

We look forward to CEMA's 65th Birthday

Celebrations...see Bev Martin's below.

Enjoy your Arts

Jan Colliver (President) 5526 5264

Membership Secretary's Report

As we continue to attract new members our membership is now 148 which is similar to 2009 at this time.

A reminder to all members to hat CEMA will celebrate our 65th Anniversary on Sat. 31st July. A sub-committee was formed at the executive meeting to organise the celebrations.

After the very successful 60th celebrations with George Dreyfus and "The Adventures of Sebastian the Fox" George will return with his band to play along with silent movies. Please mark this date on your calendar.

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



Marg Beams—After Dark

THE ARTS COMPANY

The Annual General Meeting was held on 14th April. The Guest Speaker, Steve Robertson gave a lively speech on 'Drama in Art', it left us thinking of a different way of looking at art and seeing 'drama' in it's production.

Annual Reports were given by the office bearers and group representatives. Elections were held for the Management Committee for 2010. I was reelected as chairperson. Heather Clark was returned as deputy chair, Ros Norton as treasurer. Lisa May stepped down as secretary and there were no nominations for that position. Heather Clark took on marketing and publicity. Mary Sharrock is to be CEMA representative. As Council is reviewing its Cultural Services Strategy the position as Arts Advisory Board representative was put on hold. I will represent The Arts Company on the Portland Tourist Association. The Argyle Gallery selection committee will consist of Mary Sharrock and Jeanette Huppatz. Individual Group representatives will be appointed at the next general meeting.

The AGM was followed by the April meeting of the Management Committee. Nikki Pevitt was welcomed back as Arts Program Officer. The search is on for a secretary. It is expected that the major task could be taking of the minutes. Any volunteers? The Public Officer's position is also vacant.

We have a quote to revitalize the courtyard area and we are seeking funding opportunities.

The Painting with Parkinsons Art Therapy Group was welcomed this week to The Arts Company. It is hoped that other community groups will take advantage of our community arts complex during 2010.

Thank you for your support.

Lesley Jackson
Chair
0428234866

Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be on Thursday 6th May at 1:30 pm. This meeting is to be held at the Arts Centre on the corner of Glenelg and Bentinck Sts. New members and interested persons welcome. For any additional information phone Betty Vivan.
Betty Vivian (President) 5523 1790

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY
present:

Whatever Works

Rating M

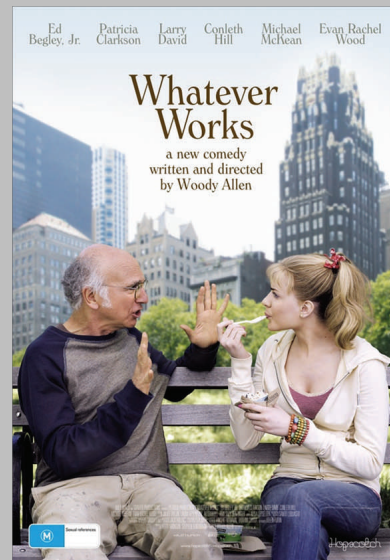
Director: Woody Allen Year

Starring: Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood
and Patricia Clarkson.

In Woody Allen's new comedy, Larry David plays an eccentric New Yorker who abandons his privileged upper class life to lead a more bohemian existence. He meets a young girl from the south, played by Evan Rachel Wood, and when her family get involved no two people seem to get along in the entanglements that follow.

Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, 15 May 7.30 pm

Berice Jones (Secretary) 5593 2687



ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Hello to all our friends in the Art Group. This year has gone by so very fast, the Easter Art show presented itself with an art show to remember with a room full of artists best works, unfortunately only two were sold.

Warren Mars and Anna Deacon won highly commended for their works. Anna also won most popular painting. All those who attended enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea of scones and cakes. Thank you to all our members who helped with the setting up and cleaning afterwards and all those who bought along a plate.

Dates to remember: Annual Meeting 29th April at 12 noon. Camberwell Art Show next month, details to follow.

Congratulations to Marg Beames for her prize painting displayed at the library. Her painting is



A Community Partner of CEMA Inc
2008-2010
"Arts For Life"

now printed on the library postcard.

Welcome to new members Monica and June.

Art Tips to remember:

- When painting birds size does matter! Birds should be painted in life size or smaller, so research this aspect. Birds should be painted smaller when including background detail.
- When painting watercolour artists tend to paint darks to darks and lights to light, especially from a photo.
- Time is well spent getting to know your subject on location. Paint there what you see the best features are right in front of you.
- Think of art as theatre. I do, before I paint I think of my canvas as the stage, on which I am telling a story which involves the following cast.
- Leading role=focal point the superstar. so should be stated clearly. Supporting acts These are important to tell the story in an elegant or elaborate way, but do not dominate the superstar. Stage management= finally the most important factor of all the light if the stage is not fully lit it is boring. at first glance everything is revealed at once. if you really look closely and everything is not well the attention of the viewer is lost because they were not captured by the story.

Anna Deacon (Secretary) 0413375338

Craft Group

The Craft group meets every Tuesday (unless most of us are away) at 10am – 11.30am.

It's a social gathering that discusses the outcomes and shortfalls of the days economy and that does craft work occasionally.

Some members are knitting slippers to help the CWA out. These are sent to Travellers Aid and other outreach places.

At present we have a member who is not very well and we wish her the best in her recovery.

On a sad note we have lost a very valuable and treasured member in Dorothy Dodson on thurs. 22nd April. Her wit, laughter and stories will be missed.

Dorothy had seemed to have been with the Craft group for ever and will be sadly missed. Our sympathy to all her family.

Carol Darby

One of the many Conveners.

Carol Darby (Convenor) 5523 4498

Fibre Group

Meet every Thursday at 10.30 am in the Pavilion at Arts Co.

Bring your own projects to work on, and enjoy good company.

Dorothy Longney

Secretary (5523 2658)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on the 10th May at 10 am at the Arts Company,

We will be preparing 12 inch blocks for the cut & slash quilt to be donated to the D E B R A organisation.

Also would members please bring scraps from the butterfly blocks to be joined together for the binding.

Dorothy Longney

Secretary (5523 2658)

FILM SOCIETY

Unfortunately our chosen film for May "Mother" will not arrive in time, so we have had to choose another. The film is the latest Woody Allen, the comedy "Whatever Works." in which he returns to his earlier New York setting.

At our last screening the long anticipated 'sausage roll off' was held with the modest Phil Cousins voted winner over the more traditional style from Clinton Saunders.

Phil. says the secret of a successful sausage roll is well chosen spice. As in life, also in sausage rolls it seems. Congratulation Phil.

Berice Jones (Secretary) 5593 2687

Coming Up

Mothers Day at Bridgey Bay

Talented local musicians combine together to fundraise for the new Portland Cancer Information Centre. Bring Mum for a great day out - food and drinks of all kinds available at the cafe. Great raffle prizes. Entry by donation. Happy Mother's Day!

LOCATION: Bridgewater Bay Cafe

CONTACT NAME: Celeste Bolte

PHONE: 55233481

EMAIL: couscous_99@hotmail.com



Coming Up

Zulya and the Children of the Underground

Zulya, originally from Tatarstan in central Russia, has a unique sound and song writing style, which has gained her a very popular following in Australia. The extraordinary musicianship of her band creates melancholy, beauty and drama while weaving through a combination of musical styles.

Full price \$25 Concession \$20

Student \$10 Family \$60

LOCATION: PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE

CONTACT NAME: Joy Ralph

PHONE: 5522 2263

EMAIL: jralph@glenelg.vic.gov.au

Portland CEMA Inc
P.O. Box 385
Portland VIC 3305

portlandcema.org.au