

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

Newsletter –November/December 2010

President's Notes:

Since the last newsletter I chaired a very successful public meeting that resulted in two new groups being formed under our CEMA arts umbrella. Welcome to members of the Camera Club who will now have their regular meetings at the Portland Arts Centre, and to the Belly Dancing group who will rehearse on the Arts Centre stage each Monday.

We welcomed some new faces to the executive meeting and I was delighted to hear from Historical Society that the Garden's Cottage will be opening regularly. Congratulations to society volunteers for all the ongoing work cataloguing artifacts.

I encourage members to support this week's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

**Opening night is Thursday 11th at 7.30pm.
Followed by shows on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th at 7.30pm.**

Thanks to director Karl Hatton, who has put this show together as a volunteer, and to all of the cast and crew. CEMA members can buy tickets at a reduced rate for this show.

Our final executive meeting will be held at The Arts Company on Thursday 2nd December at 5.30pm. We will have a chance to look at the open day activities, have a quick meeting and share a pizza for dinner.

Thanks for your support in 2010.
Jan Colliver

Membership Report

It is pleasing to welcome the members of two new groups this month. We look forward to the camera club and the dance group enjoying the benefits that CEMA offers and in return CEMA benefits from the addition of new people and ideas.

There appears to be bright prospects for invigorated theatre activities with Midsummer Night's Dream leading the way in the coming week. This is a great comedy and very entertaining. Please support our acting members.

Bev & Bill Martin 5527 9270

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

Thanks to all our members and others who continue to support us. It has been a good year, with so many wonderful events- from the Maurice Murphy visit in March, the screening and talk by Daniel the heroic round the world sailor, and the fun of the sausage roll off

Thanks to Jan Colliver Cema President, Bronwyn Petrie Film Society representative, and all members of the CEMA executive for their efforts on behalf of the Film Society and all the Cema groups and of course to Karl Hatton who, as the Glenelg Shire Cultural Officer and manager of the Portland Arts Centre is always available with a ready ear and sound advice

We are also grateful to friends and management at the Portland Observer, for the wonderful coverage we have received throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing Film Society friends old and new in 2011. Everyone is welcome to join, so watch out for our 2011 program in December of this year.

Our screening for 20th November 2010 is 'Crazy



Heart' starring the award winning Geoff Bridges, in the story of a country music star's rocky road to redemption

Then on the 18th December we finish the year in light-hearted mood with the French comedy MicMacs where a man and

his friends come up with an intricate and original plan to destroy two big weapons manufacturers.

Writer and Director: Jean-Pierre Jeunet

With good wishes to all from the Portland Film Society Berice Jones



The Arts Company continues to encourage Community Arts in our area of the Shire. Good use has been made of the June Hedditch apartments with visiting artists from outside Victoria. The Creative Kids after school program is proving very popular with good numbers of children attending. Last week they embraced paper making following sessions of still life drawing. They have also taken part in the Tweet project painting material birds. The TWEET project is a textile community arts project which will see hundreds of hand made birds flock to locations within the south west. You are invited to contribute to make material birds following the simple pre-made pattern which is available at The Arts Company. After three months of hatching across the region the TWEET flock will set flight nesting in various locations in the southwest during 2011. The target of 500 birds is well on its way to be reached by December this year.

The 'Illuminated by Fire' Project has seen The Arts Company facilities used by various parts of the project including an exhibition of painted orchids and botanical drawing workshops.

A number of members took part in the Upwelling festival project "Portals".

The Artists Society installation in 'Lorraine's Salon', Angela Phillips in 'Megs', Joanne Allwood in Paper Nautilus, Bob Stone in 'Seaview Cuts', Nikki Pevitt in the Lifeline shop. (Personally I glad I did not have to judge that project). Catherine Bailey, exhibited her installation in The Arts Company window which pointed out the threat plastic bags are to the marine environment. The West Wall Outreach Exhibition Space project has begun with Pam Connelly and ceramics artist Deborah Gill exhibiting their work. The free exhibition space will be offered to local artists and hopefully introduce them to The Arts Company. No doubt you have noticed that work has begun on the exterior maintenance of the building.

Lesley Jackson
Chair
The Arts Company
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We now have an online presence. Find us on Facebook or our blog. This is regularly updated with information and images of latest happenings.

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/The-Portland-Arts-Company-Inc/151835211500638> or
<http://theartscoportland.blogspot.com/>

OPEN DAY

Thursday 2nd December
All Studios will be open for you to explore
2pm – 8pm
Enjoy a cuppa or perhaps a glass of wine.

Current Exhibitions

portland bay press
Pyrscience (friendly fire) – Until November 30th

The Christmas Show – Opens 30th November

Studio Gallery
Portland Artist Society – current works

West Wall
Outreach Exhibition Space
Pam Connelly – Paintings – Cape Bridgewater
Artist

Deborah Gill – Pottery – Drik Drik Artist

Workshops

Breast Cancer Awareness – Painting project
Free painting workshop
November 27th
10am – 3pm
Produce your own unique Naïve painting.
All you need to bring along is a Bra (to attach to your artwork!) and your imagination.
Call Nikki : 5523 6566 or email :
theartscompany@westnet.com.au

Introduction to Printmaking – For new members of
Portland Bay Press
November 20th
Email dolmanm@hotmail.net.au if interested

Christmas mini book class/ pocket page album
Tutor : Joanne Allwood
Produce your own unique scrapbooked album or
mini book.
Register your interest. Date to be scheduled

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th
November at 10 am for a cuppa,
and 10.30 am for the meeting.

Our workshop is making a Rubik's cube, and the requirements are:-

- fat quarters of 6 different fabrics
- crochet cotton
- lots of pins
- needle

the foam blocks have been ordered

Dorothy Longney
Secretary 5523 2658

THE ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Hello to all our Art friends, this is the final Newsletter for the year.
Our window display looked great! and was on display for a week at Laurens Hair salon. Thank you to all who helped with this project.
The end of the year awards exhibition will be exhibited from 5th December to 3rd January. the entry forms are available from secretary Anna Deacon (0413375338) and can be posted to you or pickup at the Arts Company. There will be 2 Awards and most popular painting.
The Xmas breakup party will be at the Lemongrass Thai Restaurant opposite Safeway on Saturday 11th December any enquiries phone Anna.
Jeanette Huppertz is currently holding a Solo exhibition at the Tea Tree Gallery. On Thursday members had a preview it features Portland Landscapes and looks fantastic!
Monica Clay is having her Wildlife Exhibition on Saturday 4th Dec at 6.30 featuring over 50 wildlife paintings from around the world.

ACRYLIC PAINTING TIPS

Always use a white palette its easier to see the colour you are mixing.
Always dry between coats.
Remember you can never lighten without paint looking opaque
Colour prevents boredom. Handle the focal with detail and interest.
Large areas need a variety of colour, lots of layers, scumbles and smears.
To get definition, darken behind the object.

Happy Painting Anna Deacon (secretary)

PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December meeting will be a luncheon at the Mac's Hotel at 12 noon on the 2nd December.
Anyone interested in attending, please phone Margaret before the 30th November, on 55233959.

Thanks, Margaret

LEADLIGHTER'S GUILD

A few members have been busy with projects and restorations.
Regular workdays: Wed 1pm-3.30 Thurs 7pm-9pm.

We are in the process of creating a Leadlight Clock and a Leadlight Fairy to raffle, tickets will be available at The Arts Company's front desk later this month or from members

The Arts Company's Open Day Thurs 2nd December, the leadlighter's room will be open for people to visit and have a go at cutting glass. We will also have an array of suncatchers and

Leadlight Christmas decorations for sale in the Gallery.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all Cema Members

Heather Clark
Secretary

PORTLAND BAY PRESS

FREE INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Portland Bay Press will be holding a free workshop Saturday 20th November from 12-2pm for new members and anyone interested in joining. Participants will be shown basic printmaking techniques and introduced to the use of the presses and other equipment.
Bookings essential. Contact Phil or Heather 55232192 or 0419308970.

PYRISCENCE EXHIBITION

Current exhibition exploring the relationship between our local flora and fire is on until the end of November.

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

PBP's annual Christmas show will be on again in December. Opening date to be advised, stay tuned and don't miss out, it will be fun!
Heather

PORTLAND FIBRE GROUP

Meet every Thursday, 10.30, to 2.30 where we work on our own projects.
New members always welcome

Dorothy Longney
Secretary 5523 2658

POETRY GROUP

Meetings continue to be held 3rd Sunday of every month (unless otherwise advised) ie; October 17th, November 21st and December to be decided.

New readers and /or listeners are always welcome.

Dawn Turner (Convenor) 55 23 1804

THEATRE GROUP

Show now on...don't miss it.

A meeting to discuss possible 2011 activities will be held on Thursday 25th Nov at 7.30pm. Portland Arts Centre. All Welcome



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
Opening Thursday 11th November- for three nights only!
All shows start at 7:30pm SHARP!



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



A comedy
by William Shakespeare
Directed by Karl Hatton
Presented by CEMA Community Theatre Group

Tickets on sale NOW from Portland Arts Centre 55 22 2263 Adults \$16 Family (2plus2) \$36
Children and Students \$8 Concession (includes CEMA members and Seniors) \$12

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