

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

Newsletter - June 2003

President's Report

Hello CEMA members!

Let's have a chat about what CEMA does for you. First of all it enables your group to meet to take part in your chosen activity at the CEMA Arts Centre, or the Arts Company, free of a hire charge for the space you occupy.

Secondly, rising insurance costs are not a thing your group has to really concern themselves with - that is what the Executive Committee looks after, and insurance covers all groups which is ten times cheaper than each individual group having cover themselves.

Thirdly, you have a body to express your concerns to, who act on your behalf in the community, and save you valuable time.

Imagine the costs and concerns your group would have to deal with if the CEMA umbrella was not there!! Many groups could perhaps fold due to the financial implications.

But you have got this in place, and you reap the benefits. There are responsibilities each group must take on to be involved in this process. Without responsible membership CEMA can not operate effectively.

At this month's Executive meeting, three groups out of seventeen were represented. Need I say more about groups accepting CEMA benefits, yet unwilling to take part in keeping the Umbrella going. Our rules specify representation of EVERY group, if your rep. cannot attend, send someone else in the group.

Very serious tone, I realise, but as two office bearers are standing down at the AGM in July it is time to pull up socks and support those who support you.

I look forward to seeing all of our group representatives at the next Executive meeting - June 19 - 7.30 pm.

Claire Endacott (President)

Apology

A sincere apology to Kat Warner and the Theatre Group whose newsletter submission I left out for the last two months. I simply forgot, (sorry), and will try not to forget again.

Warren Mars (Newsletter Coordinator)

ARTS PORTLAND/HEYWOOD

Some of our members are spending 24th/25th May at the Annual Arts Conference at Colac. Part of this includes the Arts Showcase where some of next years touring shows are previewed. So be on the lookout for 'their' suggestions for what comes our way next year.

August looks like being a busy month for us with Emma Vollstedt's Fashion parade in conjunction with the local secondary schools on Saturday 2nd and then our Arts Showcase for the whole month and then it looks like our silent movies may be in Portland on the 30th.

J Savill.

Choral Group

We are holding our final rehearsals for our joint concert with Warrnambool Mozart Choir which will be on Sunday May 25th in the CEMA Centre at 2.30 pm Why not spend an afternoon listening to live performers singing a variety of Sea Songs. (Men are sounding really great).

In the next few months we will be combining with Music Glenelg in organising the October Choral Festival.

Carol Darby (Secretary)



Brigitte Boettger - "Soul Mates"
"Walking The Line" exhibition at CEMA Arts Centre

Craft Group

Small attendances of late due to unforeseen circumstances. One of our members is to have an heart operation and we wish her well and a speedy recovery and hope to see her back with us soon.

We have been making "Sunflower" pot plants and next week will be shown how to do "Fillet" crocheting.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

Fibre Group

Apologies to all for missing the last two newsletters. I will try to make up for it this time.

We continue to meet every Thursday in the Pavilion at the Arts Company from 10:30 am to 3 pm. This week we will all travel to Narrawong for the "Cuppa for Cancer" with the Narrawong Craft Group.

Some of our members travelled to Streatham in March, for a "Sharing Day". The members came back with some good ideas.

We were invited to a Sharing Day at Marysville but none of us were able to attend.

The Glenormiston Craft School will be held at the end of June. Some members have attended in the past. No one has yet decided to go this year.

New members would be most welcome.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

FILM GROUP

Saturday, May 24th
MARS ATTACKS!

(1996) Jack Nicholson, Glen Close, Sarah J. Parker, Danny Di. Vito, & Tom Jones. The Earth is invaded by Martians with irresistible weapons and a cruel sense of humour.

Also "Wednesdays" (1999) VCA School of film and television. Short Australian comedy cleverly scripted to include twist and turns, sure to surprise the seasoned murder mystery viewer

Friday, June 27th
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING

(2003) A young Greek woman falls in love with a non-Greek and struggles to get her family to accept him while she comes to terms with her heritage and cultural identity.

Plus "The Music Box" (1932)

The Laurel & Hardy Moving Co. have a challenging job on their hands (and backs): moving a player piano.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

The June meeting will be held on Thursday June 5th, in the CEMA Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. Guest speaker is Mrs. Diane Kierce of "The Friends of the Portland Botanic Gardens".

History House display for June: "Musical Boxes".

Betty Vivian (President)

Music Glenelg

Planning for the Western District Choral Festival to be held in Portland 2003 will shortly take place.

The event will be co-hosted by Music Glenelg and the Portland Choral Group. Only on two previous occasions has this festival been held in Portland: in 1993 and 1997.

Music Glenelg Blue Moon Singers will commence rehearsals in August for the Choral Festival.

Music Glenelg Tutti Singers are in recess.

Peggy Roberts (Publicity Manager)

CEMA Community Theatre Present

DIMBOOLA

by Jack Hibberd

The story of a marriage in the Wimmera township of Dimboola, with a cast of Australian characters, warts and all.

All performances will be at Sandilands Reception

Friday, 13 June, 7 pm
Saturday, 14 June, 7 pm
Sunday, 15 June, 11.30 am
Friday, 20 June, 7 pm
Saturday, 21 June, 7 pm

Ticket prices:

\$40 (Friday & Saturday nights - 3 course meal included)
\$30 (Sunday matinee - 2 course meal included)
People with special dietary requirements can be catered for on request.

Bookings: CEMA Arts Centre - Phone 5522 2301
Please note that this production is not suitable for young children.

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting of the Pioneer Quilters will be held at the Arts Co. on June 16th at 10 am. Please note change of date. Fay from "Bear With Me Craft" is bringing along a small beaded project (cost \$6) and other ideas to share.

A quilt top has been donated to our group, and is in the process of being completed, and will be raffled in due course. We would like to know who the donor is, to say thank you.

For those members who are participating in the "Mystery Activity" organised by Jessica, being held after the AGM on July 14th, please prepare in advance (to save bringing your sewing machine to patchwork) the following:

After washing and squaring up your two coordinating fat quarters of fabric, place them right sides together, machine around edge, leaving a small opening for turning through. Clip corners, turn through, press, and slipstich opening closed. Bring a reel of matching thread, handsewing needle, your two beads (with large hole) and cord.

You will certainly go home with a finished item if you prepare in this manner.

Sit and Sew day will be held on 23rd of June, at 10 am.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

The full complement of 17 members enjoyed our last meeting. As usual, our policy of individual selection resulted in a delightful variety of verse - old favourites mingling with some rather starkly worded contemporaries, deep philosophicals, and of course the inevitable very humorous!

On June 19 the group will conduct its AGM at CEMA Arts Centre. Time - 2 pm.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Theatre Group

The Theatre group are busy making final preparations for the production of DIMBOOLA by Jack Hibberd. We have a fabulous cast made up of familiar faces and some new talent. Doug Elford and I will be Co-directing and are fortunate enough to have a production team made up of Jason Oates (Producer), Justin Heath (Production Assistant/Promotions) and Danielle Marasco (Costumes/Props).

The cast is made up of 18 locals, some new faces yet again!!! Very pleasing to see so many high school students turn up for auditions, this means there is plenty of life in us yet!!! We are also fortunate enough to have obtained the services of a local karaoke talent to assist with the musical aspect of DIMBOOLA.

We will be performing DIMBOOLA at Sandilands over the two middle weekends in June. We are looking at performing four evening shows on June 13th and 14th, 20th and 21st, and one Sunday matinee on June 15th. Tickets have been on sale for a few weeks now and we have actually SOLD OUT the final show!!!! This is very exciting for us as a group, but it also means if you haven't bought your ticket yet you should do so as soon as possible!

We have also commenced some workshops running every fortnight on Wednesdays that started in February 2003, for a small group of teenagers. Over approximately 8 workshops in term 1 we have taught the group a little bit about what we do and hopefully have cultivated some more eager young thespians as well as having a whole lot of fun. We will look at extending that to weekly in the near future as the workshops progress.

Finally, we would like to thank Clare Endacott for her tireless efforts over the last few years. Clare has resigned as Secretary due to study and family commitments. Congratulations Clare on gaining a place at Deakin University, we wish you well with your studies. While Clare will remain on as a committee member, Tina Young has taken her place as Secretary. Tina is a relatively new member of the Theatre Group, having roles in COSI and Twelfth Night. Tina has already been a huge asset as a committee member and we look forward to her further contributions both within the committee and on stage.

Until next time.

Kat Warner (Committee Member)



Helen Crow - Arum Lilies
"Walking The Line" exhibition at CEMA Arts Centre

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Exhibition

7 - 12 Exhibition. The annual exhibition of art work by students in years 7 - to 12 at Portland Secondary College.

This exhibition has a diverse range of medium.

Dates: 20 May to 10 June
Venue: CEMA Arts Centre

Joy Ralph (Assistant CSO) 5522 2301

The Last of the Red Hot Lovers

by
Neil Simon
presented by HIT Productions
starring
Max Gillies & Jackie Weaver

Barney has been happily married for twenty three years. He feels the need for some adventure in his life and so decides to commit adultery, but with comic and unforeseen results.

Monday, 16 June
8 pm
CEMA Arts Centre

Adult \$30 : Concession \$24
Student / Child \$15 : Family \$90

Bookings 5522 2301
Reserved tickets held for 48 hours after booking

P.S.C. Music Department Concert

Featuring
The Monash University Jazz Quintet
and
The P.S.C. Senior Band

Some of you may remember Steve Majstorovic's jazz group from the last time they played at CEMA. Composed of music students from Monash Uni's School of Music they provided an excellent form of modern jazz with an interesting and varied repertoire. No doubt they will be even better this time.

Friday, 23 May
7:30 pm
CEMA Arts Centre

Adult \$5 : Concession \$3 : Family \$15

The Portland Choral Group and The Warrnambool Mozart Choral Group present

Songs of Sea and Shore

Music with a sea theme from Handel to Sea Shanties sung by two choirs.
If you love music and love the sea this is for you.

Sunday, 25th May, 2:30 pm
CEMA Arts Centre Portland

Admission \$5, includes show, program and afternoon tea.