

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

Newsletter - April 2006

President's Report

Jan Away

Welcome to the President's report. As Jan was away in Adelaide having a well-earned rest, I hope I can do justice to the report in her absence!

There are to be some public meetings in the district, seeking input regarding proposed capital works and equipment upgrades for venues in our area. Please keep an eye out for these dates in late March to early April.

Quilters Exhibition

Well the Quilters exhibition at the Portland Arts Centre has concluded. It was a wonderful exhibition from the talented quilters in our area, very colourful and certainly some impressive subjects!

Film Society

The Film Society have been working extremely hard over the last weekend with the showing of their films in Portland and Drumborg. Reports from Drumborg were that a good time was had by all. The film "Ladies in Lavender" was a lovely movie starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. It was good to see people out supporting the film group.

Great South West Walk Art Project

Jan Colliver and myself had the pleasure of attending the introduction to the artists of The Great South West Walk Art Project. The artists John Wolseley, Vicki Couzens, Carmel Wallace, Peter Corbett, Ilka White and Nicky Hepburn were introduced to the gathering. Brian Laurence and Fiona Hall were absent unfortunately. Interesting talks were given on the origins of the concept and development of the Great South West Walk, and there was a slide show capturing the beauty of our coastline and the flora and fauna within it.

Please see the Glenelg Shire Community News for further events associated with this project, and take a look at the Great South West Walk website, for bios of the visiting artists, and opportunities to catch up with them over the next 3 weeks.

*Reminder: Please make an effort to send all surveys to Bruce Campbell ASAP.

Welcome to any new members!

Please support and encourage each other's efforts and enjoy your Arts!

Sue Ireland (Vice President)

Membership Secretary's Report

New Members

Our membership has grown to 189 due to new people to the area and increased activity in the Leadlighters & Artists Society groups with people joining to learn new skills. At Thursday's meeting June was pleased to report competent new choristers to the choir. Welcome to these members for whom this will be their first newsletter.

Half-Yearly Membership Fees

A reminder to all our convenors about memberships. New members joining after December pay half annual fee and those joining in June pay full fee and become members the following financial year without further payment. This is to compensate for all memberships being due immediately after the annual meeting in July each year.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



June Roberts at work in the Choral Group library in the committee room of the Portland Arts Centre

THE ARTS COMPANY

Firstly on behalf of The Arts Company Management Committee I acknowledge and thank Bruce Campbell, Arts Research and Marketing Officer for the Glenelg Shire, for his support of The Arts Company during the last year. Bruce has managed the June Hedditch Apartments, and been a guide and mentor in the development of our marketing plan. He has guided changes to The Arts Company procedures, and instigated and helped us to develop a focus for the future.

It has been a pleasure working with Bruce, and on behalf of the Committee, and personally, I thank him, and wish him every success for the future.

The next general meeting will take place at 5.30 pm on Monday March 27th.

The Arts Company AGM is on Monday 10th of April at 7.00 pm preceded by a BYO barbecue at 5.30. Everyone is welcome.

Berice Jones (Chair)

Book Discussion Group

Our book for discussion this month was "The Life of Pi".

We are currently reading "Things You Get For Free" by Michael McGirr. Helen Garner calls it "A fresh and funny memoir - thoughtful, searching, with reckless flashes of tenderness".

Please note change of day for next meeting only, to Monday 3rd April at 1:30 pm.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)



"The King and Queen of Benin" from the Malawi & Karak exhibition at the Portland Arts Centre

CEMAFILM

present:

84 Charing Cross Rd

Starring: Ann Bancroft, Anthony Hopkins, and Judy Dench.

An American collector of rare books makes her first trip to London and the bookshop staff she has been corresponding with for a number of years.

A true story based on Helen Hanff's memoirs and letters - a touching and humorously observant film.

also

Brittle Weather Journey

A short Australian Film about a trip into the outback.

Portland Arts Centre,
Friday, 21st April, 7.30 pm

Choral Group

We are busy getting ready for a choral concert at the Catholic church in Casterton on Sunday, April 9th at 2.30 pm.

We have agreed to sing on Anzac Day.

If you sing (even in the shower) and are interested in joining the choir please give June Roberts a call on

Carol Darby (Secretary)

Craft Group

This month we made some little photo books suitable to be carried around in the purse/bag.

Next month (March) we will be making a bag using hexagon shapes in material, and all hand sown.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

Historical Society

April will be our 42nd birthday. Lunch at the Gordon Hotel at 12 noon, Thursday April 6th. No meeting in April, just the lunch.

Needlework display continues at History House.

Betty Vivian (President)

Joy Schultz

A Review - Exhibition

Joy Schultz is a local artist presenting her first exhibition in the Portland Arts Centre

1 April to 29 April
Portland Arts Centre

Admission Free

PIONEER QUILTERS

This month the quilter's are doing something different!! On Monday 27th March, our usual sit 'n sew day, the group are taking an outing to Mt Gambier to have morning tea with Peggy Schwarz, followed by visits to craft stores and lunch. Please meet in the carpark behind the Arts Company to leave at 9 am. Please let Mavis or Chris know if you are coming.

Our April meeting is on Monday, 10th at the Arts Company in Julia Street at 10 am

The project for the day is "Betty's Cicada Bag". Betty Berry has patterns and will tell you the requirements needed for the workshop, for those wishing to make one of these little bags. Next sit 'n sew is on Monday, 24th April.

New members always welcome - come and see what we do if you are interested.

Happy Quilting!

Chris Parker (Secretary)

Theatre Group

Well, we are well under way with our rehearsals for Blithe Spirit. We have had to unfortunately say goodbye to Emma Currie as Ruth, due to her many commitments. We wish Emma well in her pursuits. We are welcoming Bonnie Geraldene, who I am sure will be a great asset to our play and our group! Welcome Bonnie!

Thank you to Dawn and the poetry group, and June and the Choral group, with whom we share the building on occasions. It is actually quite nice to have some other people in the building with us! It gives a real sense of community!

Sue Ireland

Poetry Reading Group

*N.B. As our next scheduled meeting falls on Easter Day, it has been changed to Sunday, April 23rd (one week later), at 2 pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

Members attended on Sunday, 19th March and enjoyed a delightful variety of poetry. Although the choice was predominantly Irish on account of St Patrick's Day recently, a generous sprinkling of other poems were read.

We had the pleasure of hearing Sheila Swain's own "Houses" and new member Jean Mayers' thought provoking and beautifully worded "The Dance", "Holy Ground", "The Prisoner" and "Barb". Phil Darby presented "Wind", "By The Shore" and "Mirage" written by his father. Nance Barclay read from "Irish Love Poems". Poets from Ireland included Oscar Wilde, William B Yeats, W Allingham, Padraic Colum, Seamus O'Sullivan and John Donehue; while others were Ogden Nash, Dorothy Parker, Pam Ayres, Henry Lawson and an excerpt from King Lear by William Shakespeare.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Leadlighters' Guild

Annual meeting Wed, April 29th, 7.30 pm

Welcome to new members who are doing a workshop on Thursday nights.

Carol Darby



Gail Raffey - "Masquerade Ball"
from last month's Quilters' exhibition

Reg Gorman's new One Man Show:

Hanging on to Vaudeville

In this show Reg reprises some of his best loved and hilarious sketches, plus some great story telling about Reg's life, with footage from some of his 101 television/film roles over his 50 years in the business.

A very special and funny show.

11 am, Thursday, 27 April

Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$10 Family \$52



R Edwards - Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos
from the Malawi & Karak exhibition