

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

Newsletter - November 2006

President's Report

It was another busy month for groups and executive members.

Arts Company Business Coordinator

Bev Martin, Heather Clarke and I have met with Karl Hatton to firm up the job description for the Arts Program and Business Coordinator position at The Arts Company. Thanks to Karl for his valuable input on all aspects of this project.

We are grateful to the Victorian Department of Communities for a \$30,000 grant towards this project and to the Glenelg Shire for \$5,000. We await confirmation of other funding applications. The part time position will be advertised in November, with the position commencing early in 2007.

Meet Your RADO Officer

Dawn Turner and Betty Trewavis attended the meet and greet session with RADO (Regional Arts Development Officer) Jo Grant.

Monthly Forms and Requirements

Groups are requested to fill out monthly reports, including financial details before each executive meeting. Forms will be available from Katrina Antony and will be posted with minutes. Phone Katrina at work (Bayview College). If your group did not receive minutes last month...It simply means we don't have a representative's address or we haven't seen your group for a while at Executive!

FIRST AID KITS...It is recommended that all groups purchase a first aid kit, for use at group activities. (This is mandatory for groups using the Portland Arts Centre.)

Risk Assessment sheets..Please speak to Karl Hatton if your group operates from the Portland Arts Centre and has not completed a sheet.

There are still a couple of groups who need to submit their annual financial details to treasurer Gregor McGregor. This is a legal obligation.

Other Matters

Congratulations to Carmel Wallace and the Aspire organisation on the recent exhibition, and best wishes Carmel from CEMA for the upcoming exhibition at Gallery 101.

Many members will be busy over the Portland Bay Festival weekend.

Next Executive Meeting: November, third Thursday of the

month, note the earlier starting time and change of venue: 5 pm at the Arts Company.

Enjoy your arts.

Jan Colliver (President)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

This month has been very successful financially, and may be due to the new image of our Studio Gallery. During the Portland Bay Festival next week will remain open the extra time of Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday. So with the Rotary Art Show on at the same time as the Festival, it is a good chance to view Art work.

On November the 30th an Open Day is being held at the Arts Company from 10 am - 4 pm. This is a "Come and Try Day" in some areas. There will be a continuous Devonshire Tea available (\$5).

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



The Wood Turners' Guild's display at The Arts Company

Membership Secretary's Report

The financial membership is now 132, down a little on this time last year.

We must apologise to June & Les Roberts and Ben Amor and new member Yvonne Donnal for being left off last month's list of financial members. Les noted the omission and we now have a tidy office.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

After the resignation of our President and Secretary at the previous meeting, at our October meeting new elections were held. The newly elected are; Heather Clark as President, Trish Cooper as Secretary.

We hope all members will support the new executives and if you have any concerns, issues or ideas you are most welcome to ring Heather.

TAC will be holding another "Come and Try" day on November 30th, 10 am - 4 pm, \$5 entry, Devonshire Tea all day. Each group is asked to have their rooms open for the day with small activities for the public to try. Each group will require some of their members to be on duty for their room as well as on a roster for the kitchen.

The committee is encouraging all members to try and make extra products to sell in the gallery, especially for this open day and for the busy Christmas period that is nearly upon us.

Also please think of the Arts Company when you are shopping for presents this Christmas, if each member brought at least one item from the gallery for Christmas it would increase our sales immensely.

Happy Crafting!

Heather Clark (President)



"Aquarelle Sostenuto" at last month's Western District Choral Festival

Love Child

Presented by HIT Productions, starring the popular and talented AMANDA MUGGLETON, and introducing MELINDA DRANSFIELD, this is a powerful drama by Joanna Murray-Smith about the reconciliation between a mother and the daughter she gave away at birth.

The play takes both the characters and the audience on an emotional journey - through anger and remorse to excitement and joy.

8.00 pm, Friday, 3 November
Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$35 Concession \$30 Student \$10 Family \$76

Historical Society

November Meeting Thursday 2nd in the Portland Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. Guest Speakers Peg and Les Upton - "Living in Lighthouses".

In October, members visited the Gardens Cottage to view the recent refurbishments. Jan then provided a wonderful afternoon tea.

Betty Vivian (President)

Graft Group

During November we will be trying out calligraphy so that we can do our own messages inside the cards that we have been making. Meet on Tuesdays 10 am till 11.30 am.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

Choral Group

Last month saw the Portland Choral Group attending the Western District Choral Festival as we do every year in October. This time it was held in Hamilton at St Mary's church and 17 choirs had a wonderful evening listening to each other in a non-competitive format and rounding it off with an immense supper. Well done to the Hamilton Singers and the Tabor Male Choir who organised it all!

More details on this and other concerts we have been involved with are on our website:
www.portlandcema.org.au/groups/choral
check it out.

We have a couple of major concerts coming up in November. These are in conjunction with Warrnambool's "Mozart Choral Group" and feature a Christmas theme. We will be performing once in Warrnambool and once in Portland. Check out the ad on the back page of this newsletter for further details.

Warren Mars (Bass)

Random Thoughts

An exhibition of recent paintings by Tony Ashby.

also

Poetography

An exhibition of conceptual art, digital photography and poetry by Warren Munn.

at the Portland Arts Centre
November 13 - 28

Fibre Group

The fibre group continues to meet every Thursday from 10.30 am - 2.30 pm. Memberships remains at 12.

Six members travelled to Halls Gap on Monday, 23rd October to a sharing day which was hosted by the Horsham Spinners and Weavers. There were two interesting speakers. One spoke about Angora goats and how her business has grown over the years in Horsham. The other speaker, from Pomonal, talked about her Lavender farm. A happy day was had.

A new member joined our group recently. We welcome Heather Bolton, and would be happy to welcome anyone interested in working with fibres.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

Leadlighter's Guild

At our recent meeting it was decided to hold a raffle this year to be drawn at our Christmas dinner. There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes, the items will on display at the November 30th Arts Company Open Day and then for sale in the gallery. We hope all CEMA members will support our Guild and buy a ticket from the gallery, or from any Leadlighter's member. They are only a \$1 each.

Group days are still on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening, currently making Christmas items to sell in the gallery.

Our Christmas dinner will be held on the Tuesday, December 12th at 6.30 pm at the RSL, members please leave name on our notice board if attending.

Heather Clark (Secretary)

Will be open all day on Thursday 30th November for the Arts Company Open Day. Come and see us upstairs above the Woodturners and try a simple piece of leadlighting/copper-foiling.

Phil Darby

PIONEER QUILTERS

Next meeting on Monday, 13th November at 10 am at the Arts Company, Julia Street.

We will be making serviette holders - bring a square each of red and green felt; also a Christmas wreath - requirements as follows:-

Cane or twig wreath
Scraps of red and/or green material for stars (4" square)
Red or green material (9" x 7")
Beige material (8" x 6")
Scraps of cotton batting
2 metres tartan ribbon
1/4 metre fusible webbing
3 green bells on gold cord
11 buttons to be sewn on stars
Pinking shears, needle, cotton
Green and black embroidery cotton

The Quilters were presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Portland "Make a Wish" committee for the donation of 3 quilts.

New members most welcome.

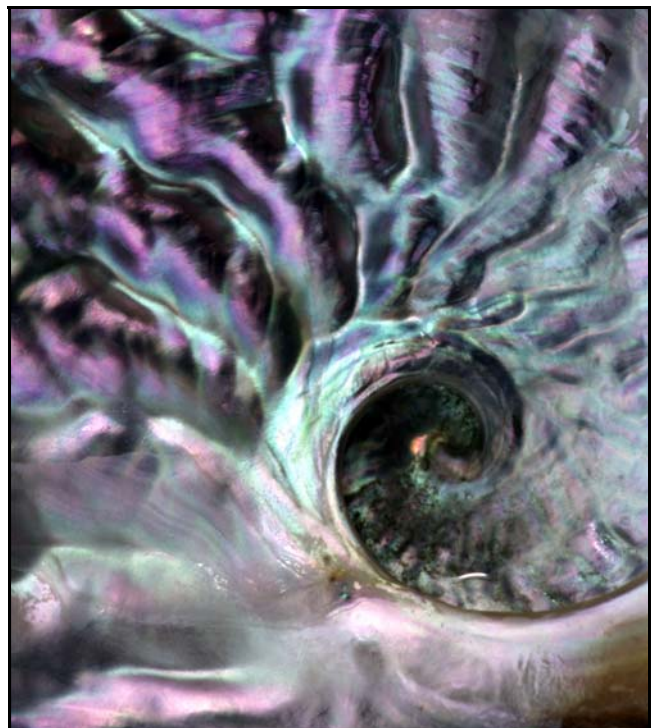
Any enquiries to Mavis Jennings, President.

Dorothy Longney (Assistant Secretary)

WOOD TURNER'S GUILD

At present we have a home school student doing a course on woodturning. He is progressing very well

John Hatton



"Abalone Shell" by Marcel Hoog Antink from the "Out & About 2" exhibition at the PAC last month.

Poetry Reading Group

At the last meeting members selected an interesting variety of verse. This ranged from cleverly written (and read) humour through to more serious and thought-provoking subjects.

Next meeting is to be held on November 19, (Sunday) at 2 pm at the Portland Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Anne Smith shows off her work in the Studio Gallery

The Portland Choral Group present:

Christmas In The British Isles

A concert of British Choral Music with a Christmas theme.

Featuring:

The Portland Choral Group

The Mozart Choral Group

(Warrnambool's main community choir)

& Fresh Voices

(a small ensemble of Warrnambool secondary students)

If you like choral music why not sit back on a Sunday afternoon and enjoy these 3 choirs singing separately and together, a concert of largely Christmas Carols, some well-known and others less so, all rounded off with the Hallelujah Chorus.

2:30 pm

Sunday, November 26

Portland Arts Centre

Adults \$10 Concession \$8 Children free