

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

Newsletter - May 2007

President's Report

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bev Martin for a successful exhibition of her mother's needlework at the Arts Company recently, and to Heather Clark and all at The Arts Company for an impressive AGM.

Community Partnership

Heather Clark, Katrina Antony and I represented CEMA Inc. at a "Community Partnership" evening with Portland Aluminium, at Sandilands recently. We are most grateful for the grant of \$5,000 to support family and youth workshops at The Arts Company. As part of our partnership with Portland Aluminium we have Frank Farnsworth as a "mentor" to the Arts Company. Frank attended the AGM and has met recently with Amy Gartlan, Karl Hatton, Heather and myself to discuss steps towards a business plan for the workshops.

Costume Hire

Our executive recorded heartfelt thanks to Lorraine Campbell for operating the CEMA costume department for the past six years. Tanya Logan has agreed to take on this role, and we have adopted some changes to "deposits" and "hire charges". We will be advertising an "Amnesty" on overdue costumes. If you know of anyone with CEMA costumes, they can be left with Karl or Joy at the Portland Arts Centre. Opening hours will be advertised in the Portland Observer.

Get Well Soon Lorraine Campbell

Some of you may have heard that Lorraine had a serious fall as she left the meeting, and I would like to thank the executive members who offered assistance until the ambulance arrived. Lorraine was transferred to Warrnambool Hospital and has had "pins and screws" put in to her ankle. She is now convalescing with relatives and will be "in plaster" for more than six weeks. All of her friends in the Arts community wish her a speedy recovery.

Executive Meetings

Our CEMA executive meetings will return to the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm at the Portland Arts Centre. All CEMA groups should be represented. Check that your group has a spot in this newsletter...if not ...find out why.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Not a lot to report as the financial year draws to a close. Unfortunately we still have a few outstanding memberships.

Many thanks to the Arts Company for making space available for "Nimble Fingers of Yesteryear" needlework exhibition. It proved a great success and gave many people including our own family members the opportunity to see what amazing work people like my mother were capable of so many years ago.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Frank Farnsworth & Heather Clark at the Arts Co. AGM

THE ARTS COMPANY

Arts Company AGM

On Wednesday, 18th April we held a very successful AGM. Phil Shanahan was our guest speaker and the Mayor: Cr Gilbert Wilson presented 10 years of service certificates to some of our members. I would like to thank those members who attended the AGM and who also helped out on the night.

Thank You Jan & Karl

In my report that evening, I omitted to thank Jan Colliver and Karl Hatton for all their hard work last year with the submissions to various organisations for funding for our Arts program and Business Co-coordinator.

Thank you both for all your time and effort that has paid off this year.

New Committee Members

The Committee for 2007/2008 is;

President: Heather Clark
Secretary: Trish Cooper
Assist. Sec: Joanne Allwood
Treasurer: Maria Christie
Selection C'ttee: Annette Taylor, Trish Cooper, Miriam Ray, Marilyn Cowland.
CEMA reps: Mary Sharrock and Betty Trewavis.

Thank you to the above people who have accepted roles for the coming year.

Arts Company Exhibitions

Last month we held a very successful exhibition of Bev Martins mother's needlework. This month there will be an exhibition of 12 different photographs depicting disability and sport, and hopefully some artwork from Kyeema clients as well. Please take the time over the next month to drop into the gallery and view the display.

Double Delight

This is not a double-header ice-cream, but just as delicious! It consists of two separate exhibitions running concurrently and showcasing the considerable talents of two local artists:

Ian Rankin - watercolour seascapes.
Annette Taylor - nudes and birds of the feathered variety.

30 April to 1 June
Portland Arts Centre

Admission free

Mother's Day Gifts

Don't forget Mother's Day this year, there are plenty of gifts available in the gallery, drop a hint to your children or call in yourself to see the beautiful range of products at present.

Thank you
Heather Clark (President)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

As usual we are meeting on Thursday afternoons at 1 pm in the Art Room at the Arts Company, also on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm.

We hope to hold some workshops later in the year.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Melbourne Jazz ensemble PLANS, featuring Portland local Steve Majstorovic, from their recent concert at the PAC.



Mischelle Star - Taking The Journey from her recent exhibition at the PAC

Choral Group

The Portland Choral Group provided the singing for the AN-ZAC Day commemoration, as usual, alongside the Portland Citizens Brass Band at the Memorial Triangle. The two anthems "God Save The Queen" and "Advance Australia Fair" were sung in unison, and the two hymns: "Lead Kindly Light" and "Recessional" in parts.

Thanks to the amplification provided by 3RPC I am told we could be well heard in the audience. It is important to show our respect on this day, and we are both proud and humble to be able to do it with song.

We continue to meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm for rehearsal. Last night saw a respectable roll up, and with a few members still to come back this was encouraging.

Warren Mars (Bass)

Leadlighter's Guild

We have approx 16 active members currently working on various projects, keep up the good work.

Coming up to Mothers Day soon, it would be great to see more stock in the gallery from members...

We wish to thank the Glenelg Shire for arranging to have our broken window repaired after a short pine post was thrown though it one Saturday night.

Happy Leading.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

Craft Group

Some members have been making a chenille bag.

Working on squares which will be crocheted together to make up 2 rugs.

In the coming months it is planned to make needle and crochet hook holders.

All welcome to come and join with us for a chat, cuppa and make something.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

Fibre Group

We continue to meet every Thursday from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Numbers attending are 8-10 each week.

We would welcome anyone interested in working with fibres. We have talented members who are able to teach spinning, felting, knitting, crocheting and weaving, including inkle loom weaving plus other projects such as basic sewing.

We are a happy group and really enjoy what we do.

So please come and join us.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

Historical Society

Our May meeting will be at Thursday the 3rd at the Portland Arts Centre at 2 pm.

Program: "Show and Tell". Please bring badges and medals for display.

Betty Vivian (President)



Mischelle Star - Maple Leaves from her recent exhibition at the PAC

Nick Charles Trio in Concert

Nick performed a solo concert in Portland in October, 2006, which was rapturously received. He also presented a very popular workshop. Nick is an internationally acclaimed exponent of acoustic roots guitar, and has been described by Artstreams Magazine as one of the best pickers in Australia.

For this concert, he is accompanied by Howard Cairns on upright bass and Peter Fidler on Dobro guitar.

8.00 pm, Friday, 11 May
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Oklahoma in Concert

Oklahoma is a lively, entertaining musical about cowboy Curly McLain, his romance with farmer girl Laurey Williams, and the challenge to their love by Laurey's threatening farmhand, Jud Fry.

This concert version of the musical is presented by John Lidgerwood's Style Music and features Rosemarie Harris, Damian Rebgetz, Verity Hunt-Ballard, Matt Hayward and Laura Topoki, as well as John Lidgerwood himself.

11.00 am, Thursday, 3 May
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$20 Concession \$15 Student \$10 Family \$52

