

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

Newsletter - April 2009

President's Report

I am out of action at present due to a leg injury. Thanks to Heather for chairing the last Executive meeting.

Vale Nancy Malseed

Members were saddened to hear of the death of Nancy Malseed. Nancy was a Foundation Member and a Life Member of CEMA and made a huge contribution to the musical life of CEMA and Portland.

Enjoy your arts,

Jan Collover (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Email instead

Due to the rising cost of postage Executive have suggested we encourage more members with email addresses to consider receiving your newsletter by email as we need to contain costs where possible. We realise not all members have email. Please send email addresses to: newsletter@portlandcema.org.au

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Creative Kids Program

It is good to see The Arts Company reach out to the next generations. The Creative Kids program has started with primary-school-aged children meeting after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30pm until 6pm in the Studio Gallery to create artworks under the expert tutelage of Rita Burridge. Bookings can be made by calling Nikki Adams on 5523 6566.

Bush Fire Relief Exhibition

The Bush Fire Relief Exhibition attracted a wide range of artworks from all over Australia, from afar as Sydney and South Gippsland. The Red Cross Bush Fire appeal was increased by over \$1,000 from The Arts Company effort. It was pleasing to see the Studio Gallery with such an eclectic display of works. It may not be widely known that the Gallery is available to the community for single exhibitions at a very moderate fee.

Volunteers Please!

The Arts Company relies on volunteers to keep the retail gallery open. Please contact Nikki if you have the time and interest to join our volunteer ranks.

New Workshops Program

The new workshop program is available to pick up at The Arts Company or you can have a PDF file emailed to you. It will also be uploaded to the CEMA webpage soon. Email Nikki on theartscompany@westnet.com.au

A full range of workshops including, Paverpol Garden Sculpting, a variety of Printmaking classes, Feltmaking, Silk painting and Lead lighting. We are also introducing an Artist Talk series on a monthly basis where you can share in the work of local and regional artists.

Arts Co AGM

The Arts Company Annual General Meeting will be held April 22nd at 6.30pm. There will be a Guest Speaker, Bill Collett, who will speak on '19th Century Shipwrecks and Rescues'.

Drinks & nibbles will be served at 6pm. (Members please bring a plate of food.)

Lesley Jackson (Chair)



Anna Deacon - "Pelicans", for sale at the Arts Company

Choral Group

Present and former members of the Choral Group combined with singers from the Wesley Uniting Church to form a special choir for the funeral service of Mrs Nancy Malseed, who was the Choral Group's first pianist from 1990. Nancy passed away in Peshurst on 3rd of March and is very fondly remembered by many, for her outstanding contribution to music in Portland over many years.

We have one new member, but attendances are still being affected by so many choristers who also love traveling! There are immediate vacancies for male and female singers aged from 12 up and we would especially welcome a pianist. Not sure? - well come along at 7:30 any Monday night at the PAC and try it.

June Roberts (Convenor/Conductor)

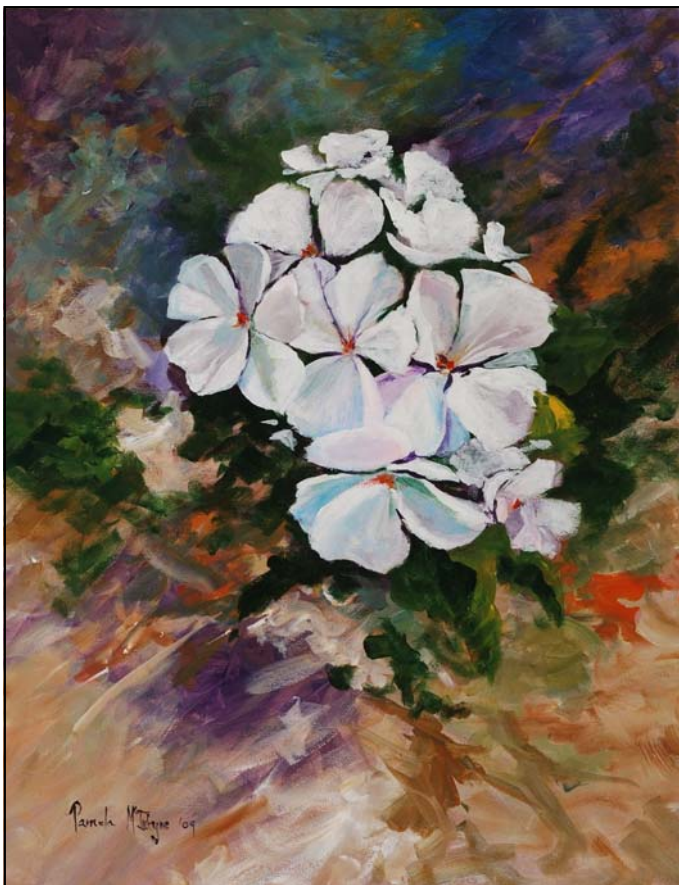
Fibre Group

Our president Mary Sharrock left for her trip from Moscow to Beijing on the 9th March. She will be home mid April, and we all hope she has a happy and interesting trip.

We welcome new member Joyce Trezise. We would welcome anyone interested in working with fibres. We have talented members who are able to teach spinning, felting, knitting, crocheting and weaving, plus other small projects.

Shortly we will share the pavilion with the Quilters. Some new cupboards will soon be installed for the Quilters to use.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)



Pamela McIntyre - "Geraniums", from Bushfire Relief

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY
present:

Sukkar Banat (Caramel)

Nadine Labaki - 2007

Writers: Rodney El Haddad, Jihad Hojeily

Starring: Nadine Labaki, Yasmine Elmasri, Joanna Moukartzel, Gisèle Aouad, Adel Karam, Sihame Haddad, Aziza Semaan, Fatmeh Safa, Dimitri Staneofski, Fadia Stella, Ismaïl Antar

Six women in Beirut seek love, marriage, and companionship and find duty, friendship, and possibility. Four work at a salon: Nisrine, engaged to Bassam, with a secret she shares with her co-workers; Jamale, a divorced mother of teens, a part-time model, fearing the encroachment of time; Rima, always in pants, attracted to Siham, a client who smiles back; Layale, in love with a married man, willing to drop everything at a honk of his horn. There's also Rose, a middle-aged seamstress, who cares for Lili, old and facing dementia. Rose has a suitor; Layale has an admirer on the police force. Is delight a possibility? Is caramel a sweet or an instrument of pain?



Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, April 18 at 7.30 pm

FILM SOCIETY

On 7th March the Film Society had a successful screening of 'Storm Boy' and 'Blue Fin'. This was our own bush fire fund-raiser. Proceeds will be donated to the RSPCA appeal for animals traumatised by the fires. Thanks to the South Australian Film Commission's help with this project. Many thanks also to Southern Star film distributors who waived the screening rights fees, which allows a further amount of \$110 to be added to the donation.

Exact amounts will be published in the Observer and in next months newsletter.

Our April screening will be 'Caramel', on Saturday, 18th of April, 7.30pm at the Arts Centre. A film set in a Lebanese beauty parlor where the women who work there share friendship and wisdom. A heart-warming film rated P.G.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

The Portland Artists' Society
Present their Annual
Art Exhibition

All new work by local artists.

April 6 - April 19
The Arts Company
19 Julia Street

Opening night Monday, 6th April at 6pm.
Drinks and nibbles provided.

Historical Society

The Portland Historical Society will not hold a meeting in April. Instead they will celebrate the Society's 45th birthday with lunch at the Royal Hotel on Thursday, 2nd April at 12 noon. Enquiries to Betty.

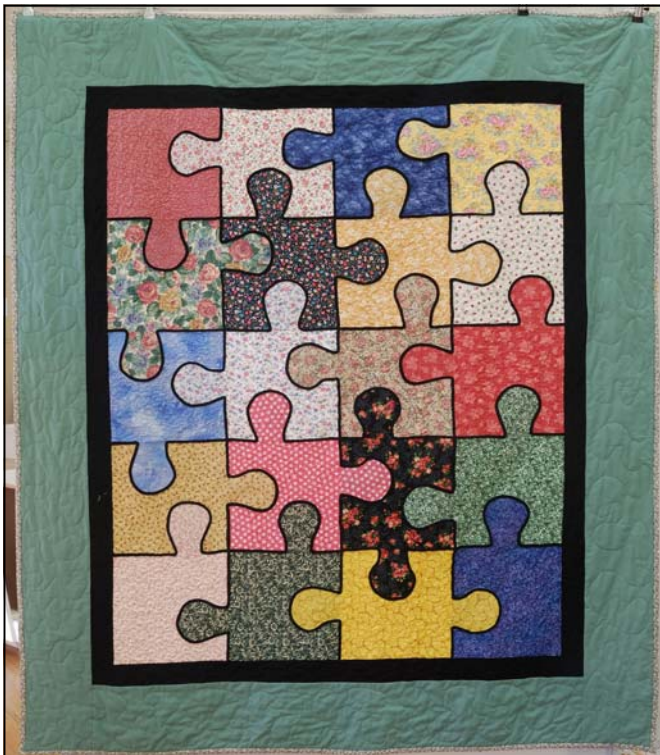
Betty Vivian (President)

PIONEER QUILTERS

Next meeting will be on April 20th at 10am for a cuppa, followed by the meeting. Members please bring "Angel" material - We have purchased blue for the background. Dianne will be teaching the jigsaw blocks. A completed jigsaw quilt is hanging in the Arts Company where Quilters meet.

The quilt raffle was won by Kelma Foley and a profit of \$713:40 was realised.

Mavis Jennings (President)



"Jigsaw Quilt" on display at the Arts Company

The Arts Company present

Artist Talks

The Arts Company will host a series of informal Artist Talks over the next few months, which will include a variety of presentations by regional artists. The evenings will provide a relaxed setting to enjoy a coffee or glass of wine and develop further understanding of an Artist's practice. A great opportunity to share and celebrate an artist's work.

Nathan Curnow (Poet): Friday, April 24th
7.00pm at the Arts Company
Free

Further details about each artist can be picked up from our front desk. A diverse variety of art practices are included in their work. This is a wonderful opportunity for Secondary students to engage with artists.

Poetry Reading Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 19th of April at 2pm at the PAC. Self-selected poetry will be the order of the day. Readers are asked to do a little research and present a short dissertation on the poet in question to go with their selection.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Portland Artists' Society are holding an exhibition of new work by their members and others. It will be on display at The Arts Company from the 6th to 19th April, 2009. Opening night will be Monday, 6th April at 6.00pm, drinks & nibbles provided. All CEMA members welcome, as well as general public interested in local art. Entry forms available at the Arts Company.

PAS will be holding their AGM at 12 midday on the 30th April at The Arts Company. All members please attempt to come along. Lunch will be provided by PAS. Any enquiries please contact Jenny Ward or Jeanette Huppertz.

Jenny Ward (Convenor)



The Redecorated Interior of the PAC

A Master's Voice

The internationally acclaimed Melbourne Chamber Orchestra presents a diverse and entertaining program including Munro, Divertimento for Strings; Bach, Brandenburg Concerto no 6; Mozart, Piano Concerto in A K414; and Suk, Serenade for Strings. Ian Munro is the featured pianist in the program.

Tuesday, 28 April, 8.00pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$35 Concession \$30 Student \$10 Family \$72

Cape Bridgewater Community Artists

The small Cape Bridgewater community is blessed with a number of very talented artists. This exhibition presents work by some of them and is characterised by a diversity of styles and subject matter.

30 March to 24 April
Portland Arts Centre
Admission free

THE ARTS COMPANY - WORKSHOPS

March to July

The latest series of workshops include a range of introductory sessions in the diverse range of studio spaces available at The Arts Company. These include:

- Introduction to screen-printing with Therese Dolman Sat 9 & 16 May
- Printmaking for beginners - using solar etching technique with Annette Taylor Sat 2 May
- Printmaking for beginners - drypoint etching with Annette Taylor Sat 18 July
- Introduction to Printmaking & Mono Printing- Bronwyn Mibus Thurs 2 April
- Introduction to Felt making- make a scarf with Jenny Griffin Sat 30 May
- Felt making (advanced) - a seamless bag with Jenny Griffin Sat 20 June
- Introduction to more Creative Digital Photography for beginners with Joanne Allwood : Choice two sessions Mon 16 March or Sat 21 March
- Introduction to Lead lighting with Miriam Ray - Date TBA
- Silk Painting - Kathryn Weatherly Sat 25 July
- Paverpol Sculpting Sharon Porter - Fri 27 March 10
- Art Spectrum-Information Session on the range of products available Thursday 25 June 6.00pm
- Seeking expressions of interest for learning how to Spin
- Seeking expressions of interest for Woodturning
- Seeking expressions of interest for Quilting

For further information, forthcoming and exhibitions, contact -
Nikki Pevitt: Phone - (03) 5523 6566



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Trevor Smith - "Handbags", from the Bushfire Relief