

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

Newsletter - August 2009

President's Report

I've had a really enjoyable but busy weekend helping costume the cast of the "Wreck of the Admella", thanks to those members who sent along clothing and to Helen Myles for her support in somewhat chaotic conditions. The team were happy to be treated to some "road tests" of the set, and Doug Mann and Karl Hatton continued to patiently deal with the demands of a large cast. We shared a social activity, attending the "Kursk" performance which was intense and full of interesting staging effects.

Congratulations to Bob Stone and Bayview students on an engaging exhibition on the Admella story.

Thanks to all who attended the AGM. It was a really encouraging turn out, and we heard of an amazing amount of Arts Activity happening at group level through the reports. CEMA inc continues to fulfill a wonderful social function in this community. Its members and their individual and collective creativity are its greatest strength.

One of the best things CEMA inc has going for it is that it stays true to its original mission of "Encouraging Music and the Arts" and the other is that its umbrella nature has meant that "smaller" arts interest groups have been allowed to survive. These groups may not have been sustainable as independent entities.

Thanks to Phil Darby for taking the chair during elections. Office bearers for 2009- 2010 are:
Jan Colliver – President, Heather Clark – Secretary, Gregor Mc Gregor – Treasurer, Bev and Bill Martin – Membership secretaries, Katrina Antony – Newsletter editor, Bronwyn Petrie – Arts Advisory Committee rep, Bev Martin – Arts Company rep.

At the AGM I thanked all groups and individuals who have supported executive over the past year. I thanked Portland Aluminium for their partnership and in particular Lyndelle Hampshire. I paid tribute to the work of Warren Mars who is retiring from his mammoth job of newsletter editor and webmaster and thanked him on behalf of all members. Warren was presented with a certificate of appreciation. I thanked outgoing secretary Katrina Antony for her support and especially executive members Gregor McGregor who cheerfully attends to financial matters, Bev and Bill Martin membership officers extraordinaire, and Heather Clark vice president. I thanked the office bearers of all groups and the members of CEMA who add so much to the cultural life of this place.

I wished all groups well for the next Arts Year and urged CEMA inc members to buy a ticket to the "Wreck of the

Admella" play.

I now look forward to the Schools Performing Arts Festival in a couple of weeks (formerly known as the Music Festival, and before that the Choral Festival!), and to all of the Arts events over the Admella festival

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

The new year has taken off with a rush with 25 paid up members already mainly due to the Theatre Group who are in the process of invigoration.

Payment of membership may be made to your group convenor or at the Arts Company who will accept Eftpos or post to us

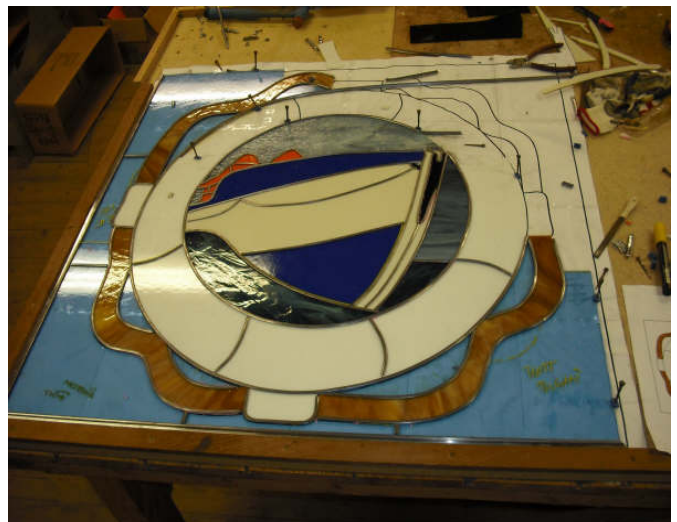
Bill & Bev Martin
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Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

Leadlighter's Guild

The Leadlight guild are well on the way to completing the leadlight window as part of the display for The Arts Company's exhibition "A Tribute to Portland Heroes".

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)



The Leadlight Project for the Admella 150th Anniversary

THE ARTS COMPANY

The Arts Company continues to flourish and this month we look forward to some exciting events.

As part of the Admella 150th Festival our groups will present a combined art installation 'A Tribute to Portland's Heroes'. The installation is to commemorate the crew of the lifeboat who played a vital part in the rescue of the survivors of the wreck of the Admella. Groups taking part are The Leadlighters Guild, The Camera Club, The Fibre Group, The Artist's Society and the Pioneer Quilters. Opening night will be Tuesday 11th August at 7pm. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. The 'portland bay press' will present a complimentary exhibition in their gallery.

A new volunteer program will commence shortly with the continuation of the volunteer list but on each Thursday a check will be made followed by a ring a round to fill any vacancies. I will take this opportunity to remind members that if everyone who provides objects for sale in the gallery volunteer three hours per month the roster would be covered.

Term three of the Creative Kids program has commenced for enquires re enrolment contact Ebony Yuill Arts Program Coordinator, 55236566.

Our next free Artist Talk will be held on Friday 31st July at 7pm with featured artist, Carmel Wallace. A great opportunity to share and celebrate an artist's work. The evening will provide a relaxed setting to enjoy a coffee or glass of wine and develop further understanding of an Artist's practice.

The workshop program continues on Saturday, 18th July with 'Printmaking for beginners' drypoint etching with Annette Taylor and Saturday 25th July 'Silk Painting' with Kathryn Weatherly.

Lesley Jackson (Chair) 5523 4866



Audience at the CEMA AGM

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

present:

Appaloosa

Director: Ed Harris

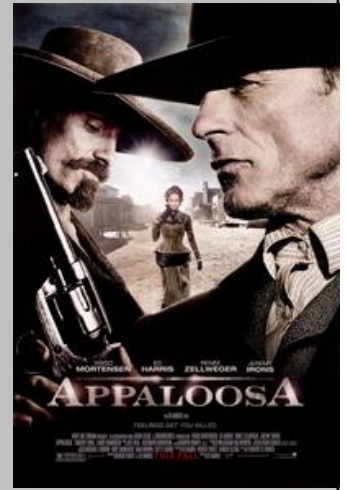
Written By: Robert Knott & Ed Harris

Starring: Ed Harris, Renee Zellweger, Viggo Mortensen & Jeremy Irons

Portland Civic Hall,
Saturday, 15th August 7.30 pm

The movie starts out with the explanation of the relationship between Virgil Cole (Ed Harris), the gunman/lawman for hire and Everett Hitch (Viggo Mortensen), a west point grad who decided that the army wasn't for him and he needed to discover himself in the wild, wild west. Everett had helped out Virgil once in a gunfight and since then, the two had been inseparable, with Everett taking second fiddle to the infamous Virgil. They're gunmen who only shoot when it's legal aka: When they're hired agree to be lawmen for towns that seem to have too many bad guys.

Cut to Randall Bragg (Jeremy Irons), a man in the town of Appaloosa who is trying to control the copper mines that have been discovered with his huge bunch of cronies.



Historical Society

The next meeting of the Portland Historical Society will be held at the Maritime Discovery Centre on Thursday, 6th August at 1.30 pm. We will meet there with Trevor Smith, Glenelg Shire's Cultural Collections Officer who take us through his latest exhibition which highlights Portland in 1859, the year that the "Admella" was wrecked.

Can you Help? Volunteers are sought to assist existing volunteers open to the public the recently Heritage Listed Curator's Cottage in the Botanic Gardens during the "Admella" Commemoration weekend August 14 - 17. If you can help us would you please contact Betty on 5523 1790

Betty Vivian (President)

WOOD TURNER'S GUILD

Des Baker (Vice-President)

Costume Department

Please note correction to phone no for
CEMA COSTUME DEPT
Open Thursdays 4.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment.
Phone: 0427 473 130

Fibre Group

We meet every Thursday in the Pavilion, and knit, spin, crochet, embroider, etc and enjoy lots of chatter - come and join us.

At our Annual Meeting, Mary Sharrock was re-elected President/Treasurer and Dorothy Longney - Secretary.

We have welcomed 4 new members through the year, and farewelled Jo Koch, who has moved to Loxton. Jo was made a life member for her contribution as secretary over many years, and we wish her well in the future.

Dorothy Longney

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be held in the Pavilion (please note) on August 10th at 10am for a cuppa, and 10.30 for our meeting.

Our workshop will be Oriental Vases with Diane Malcolm. Don't forget, fabric fish are needed for the Admella display by August 6th.

At the Annual meeting, the following office bearers were elected:

President - Mavis Jennings
Secretary - Dorothy Longney
Treasurer - Heather Rowbottom

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Anna Deacon (Secretary)

Book Discussion Group

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Choral Group

June Roberts (Convenor/Conductor)

Craft Group

Carol Darby (Convenor)

FILM SOCIETY

Our next film is 'Appaloosa' screening at 7.30 pm on Saturday 15th of August at the Civic Hall. Please note the change of venue. We are looking forward to trying out the new equipment at the Civic Hall, and sharing a great evening with other members. "Appaloosa" is a late release western starring Renee Zellweger.

New members always welcome.

Supper will be served as usual.
Berice Jones (Sec.)

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Poetry Reading Group

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Helen Anderson

portland bay press

Therese Dolman (Secretary)

Theatre Group

Danielle Marasco
Sue Ireland



Jan Colliver presenting Warren Mars
his certificate of appreciation

REFLECTING ON A TRAGEDY -The wreck of the SS Admella, August

AN EXHIBITION :

Lino-cuts by Bob Stone workshops, and individual work by Bayview College students, provide a reflection on the tragic events surrounding the wreck of the SS Admella, which occurred in 1859. This exhibition forms part of a large program of events for the 150th commemoration of this tragedy, and the involvement of the Portland lifeboat in rescuing the last remaining survivors from the wreck.

Open now....Don't miss it! Until 16th August

Admission:Free

LOCATION: Portland Arts Centre

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Coming Up

“Wreck of the Admella”
by Doug Mann - Community Theatre Project

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

7.30pm Portland Arts Centre

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

8pm Portland Arts Centre

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

3pm & 8pm Portland Arts Centre ph: 03 5522 2263

Tickets Adult \$15/Child \$8/Family \$36

7.30pm Portland Arts Centre ph: 03 5522 2263



Coming Up

Artist Talk Series -
The Arts Company - Carmel Wallace

Friday, 31 July 2009

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

A great opportunity to gain an insight into the work of Carmel Wallace. This informal setting will provide those attending with a wonderful opportunity to discuss elements of Carmel's work. All welcome.

LOCATION: The Studio gallery - The Arts Company -
19 Julia Street, Portland

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