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MOaRTZ MUSE

Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable.

~George Bernard Shaw~

All art requires courage.

~Anne Tucker

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.

~Scott Adams

Happy New Year to all Moartz members. We are hoping that this year will be a busy arts time in Moe. Theatre events are already starting with rehearsals etc. I am including in this Muse a bit of a report on 2009 as I didn't get to do a Muse before Christmas. My apologies. The Moartz Annual Report (Thanks to Jeanette Teague) has more detailed information on what we did last year. Contact me if you wish to see a copy.

I need **you Moartz members** to contribute to fill the Muse with interesting events, articles, photos, artworks, exhibitions, workshops, quotes, anything you think is relevant to us in Moe and the Latrobe Valley.

Send to me: Sharon Anderson at artfxpaint@netspace.net.au or Phone me on 0409 436 268



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Michelle Linahan, Graham Scott, Kristina Creighton, Bruce Beamish, Linda Beamish, Andrew Hood

'Arts Latrobe Newsletter' is sent via email on a regular basis. To receive the newsletter or to have info included contact Nathan Tyrer at Latrobe Regional Gallery nathanty@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Regional Arts Victoria also has a very interesting newsletter 'eGroundwork' if you wish to receive a copy I can email it to you ~ Sharon Anderson

Motown Arts

Moartz and Moe Life Skills successfully acquired the old church and hall in Langford Street Moe to be used as a centre for the arts.



Celebration

On April the 3rd of last year we had a Celebration and get to know you event in the church building. This was to celebrate our partnership and the purchase of the property and included a 'World Cafe' style consultation where we discussed three focus questions:

~ What's in a name?

~What might the buildings look like in ten years time, what improvements did we want?

~What are our hopes and dreams for the centre? (What kind of activities do we want to see occur)

The evening was facilitated by our valued member, the late Euan Comrie, to determine our dreams for the centre and some fabulous ideas came out of the night.

In addition to some great suggestions put forward on the night of the Celebration we created a media opportunity to announce our partnership and ask the community to join us in suggesting a name for the centre. The name 'Motown Arts' came up at both the World Cafe event and as a suggestion from a Mr Jim Keily from the community and the Joint Board settled on this name with endorsement from both governing committees.

Moartz use of the facility

In 2009 all rehearsals for 'Avatar' and

'Too Close For Comfort' were held at the church saving us venue hire fees usually paid in association with rehearsal needs of each annual production.

'Moartz Take a Bow' writing competition and celebration of the 10th Anniversary. It was a very successful event held at the centre on the 29th of November.

Cleaning Motown Arts

.As a part of our agreement with Moe Life Skills to maintain the building, Moartz takes turn to clean the facility and mow the lawns. We clean on the weekends, every alternate month. The cleaning is not arduous (takes about 1 hour for one so shared its 1/2 hour for 2, less for 3), the lawns about an hour too.

If anyone would like to assist in this task, a year long roster is being compiled and Linda Beamish would like to hear from you on 5127 5800. Moartz's next turn is the month of March so you call would be appreciated ASAP.



From left, Moartz Secretary Sharon Anderson, first President John Mutsaers and President Graham Scott



John Mutsaers with his painting

Moartz take a bow

Writing Competition and Moartz 10th Anniversary Celebration 29th Nov 2009

Writing and Art Get Together

Ten Years



On this day we celebrated Moartz's 10th Anniversary. A great achievement.

The cake pictured above was a nice touch and very tasty along with quite a few other delectable treats for those members who came along to the AGM and writing competition presentations.

There was a display of Theatre memorabilia of all our productions since 1999.

Moartz has achieved a great deal in 10 years in theatre, visual arts and community events.

'Moartz Take a Bow' writing competition was a very successful event held at the centre on the 29th of November.

The Winners - Ann Beschle



The concept was for authors to write a story based on the painting by John Mutsaers (pictured above.) There were many wonderful stories inspired by John's painting.

Graham Scott's review of the event is as follows.

Writing and art get together

Crikey turned ten just this month, which is a Big Deal for a News Blog which has grown into a fully fledged internet news source. However all they do is talk.

But MOARTZ beat them to it. We turned ten last year and we did it in style. We got people to create for us.

Song - Cora Pal



MOARTZ has always been the home for art practitioners. Artist John Mutsaers was our first President and his GAME group was the backbone of the art shows we had in the Moe Mall.

So it was fitting that we wanted to incorporate the reactions of locals to art in our celebrations. And even though his painting stock had been decimated by the fire in his studio John came good with a striking painting for us to use as stimulus for a writing competition.

Originally we aimed at writers in our local area but the word quickly spread and in the end we had entries from

Poem - Rosaline La Vie



Traralgon to the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The quality was so good we had a presentation of the finalists at the Motown Arts centre with our actors reading the pieces and the painting on display for all to see

This was quality work receiving the careful treatment of experienced actors and the writers loved it.

There were four categories and the winners in each were:

Short Story – Open Class: **A Broken Hallelujah** by Anne Beschle from Churchill

Short Story – Junior Class: **Learning to Fall** by Samantha de los Angeles from Traralgon

Junior - Samantha de los Angeles



Poem: **Black Despair** by Rosaline La Vie from Boolarra

Song: **Blue My Love** by Cora Pal of Hazelwood South

MOARTZ is working to have the record of the presentations played over local radio and for the winner's pieces to be published.

Our thanks to Latrobe City and to Larsen's Jewelers for their sponsorship of this anniversary event. Oh, and did I mention we had a CAKE? See the pictures and be jealous!

Thankyou also goes to Latrobe City for their funding of this event.



Moartz THEATRE 2010

'Too Close For Comfort' 2009

We had a very successful info night for "Lord Marmaduke Murkee's Last Misdeed" on 28th Jan with 13 people turn up including 7 "new" faces to Moartz plus two apologies. Unfortunately the same could not be said for the auditions held on 1st Feb and despite a good roll-up, Michelle Linahan (Director) was unable to cast the play ending up two women short for the roles required.

Fortunately Michelle had a "Plan B", i.e. alternative play/s and these have been successfully cast.

We will be staging two one act plays, 'Nellie's Fishy Fate' and 'Not My Cup Of Tea' back to back in a cabaret style performance where patrons may BYO nibbles and drinks in local public halls on 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 and 30 April and on May 1st.

There will also be a special performance on 30th April at the Morwell RSL with a

slightly different format to the rest. All profits from this night will be donated to the Euan Comrie Children's Fund and instead of BYO nibbles and drinks, a supper will be provided and drinks will be available at bar prices. There will be limited seats for this special event and members are encouraged to book early to avoid

disappointment. Details about price (per ticket) are still being worked out and this information will be released to members and the general public ASAP.

The plays and their cast members are listed below.

"Nellie's Fishy Fate" by G.S. Cudette

(A Melodrama)
Kathy Ross - Mrs. Vonderhoff (a wealthy widow)
Bobby Neil - Elvira Hernandez (her nurse, companion and the villainess)

Michelle Linahan - Clara
Maude Vonderhoff (her daughter, 32)

Andrew Hood - Winthrop

John Teague - Harvey (a police officer)

Gary Ford - The M.C

"Not my Cup of Tea" by Albert Groeff (A Comedy)

Kathy Ross - Mother
Kaz Witchell - Jessica (spinster daughter)

Michelle Linahan - Emmie (spinster daughter)



'Avatar' 2009

Last year we called our production "An Evening of One Act Plays". While the same could be said of this year's production, a different name to "brand" the evening is required. Any ideas about what how the evening could be promoted would be gratefully received!

Finally if anyone would like to help with any part of the production, especially in the areas of publicity, sponsorship, prompt or costumes, please phone the **Production Manager - Jeanette on 5127 6514.**

Vonderhoff (her son, 25)

Scott Miller - Benjamin Barrymore III (a lawyer & the villain)

Krissi Creighton - Nellie Dogood (our heroine)

John Lord - Dr. Fairbanks (a renowned physician)

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

 **INVITATION TO
REGENERATION
EXHIBITION OPENING**
& drumming circle led by Steve McCalloch
Friday January 29th 7pm
Main Street Yinnar (Mel Ref 528.8C) ph: 51631310

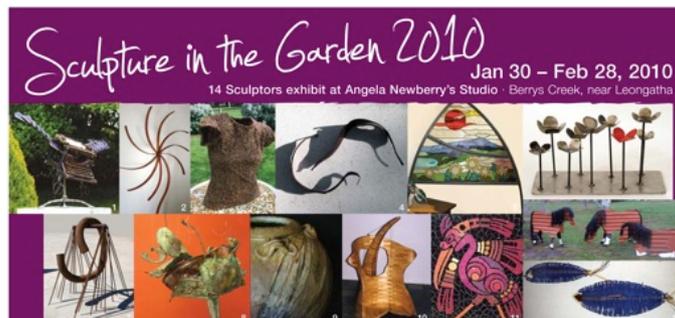
Funding was initiated in March 2009 by Arts Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria for Arts Recovery Projects in bushfire affected areas. It was identified that some South Gippsland towns had been severely impacted, so funds were allocated for this district. The outcome of this support was the arc Regeneration Open Studios and Exhibition.

arc aimed to stimulate creative endeavour with a range of activities offered over four intensive days hoping to go some way to make up for lost energies and facilitate positive & tangible outcomes while exploring creativity as a means of expression. The Regeneration group exhibition includes works by artists of the area, art which resulted from the arc workshops, and the Debum series of *Precious Little Remains* portrait photographs by Rod Bechaz.

The exhibition will continue till February 27th,
Tuesday—Saturday afternoons



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Sculpture in the Garden 2010

Wood ~ metal ~ Ceramics ~ Glass ~ Textiles ~ Ferro cement ~
basketwork ~ Mosaic

Angela Newberry Studio 46 Berry's Creek Road, Berry's Creek

Vicroads map 97 - C8 Melway Map 928 B8

Open weekends 11am - 5pm

or by appointment (03) 5668 8213

This exhibition features 14 Gippsland artists .



Great fun over March Labour Day long-weekend, featuring leading Victorian and interstate jazz bands, blues bands, street activities and parade, live jazz and blues in number of venues, plus Old Gipps town, Jazz Mass at St. Kieran's Church and three local

tours to Walhalla, Yallourn and Lardner Park on Sunday.

GIPPSLAND RHYTHM & BLUES CLUB

For anyone interested in the Blues, come along to the Blues Jam on the last Sunday of the month at the Newborough Football Club rooms. Entry is free and it is from 2pm - 6pm.

for more info check out www.grbc.org.au

JUSTA JAM

This is a jam for all types of music. All musicians are welcome. Just bring your guitar or keyboard etc. Drum and bass amps are provided.

Second Sunday of the month at the Newborough RSL from 2pm - 6pm

ARE YOU HAVING AN EXHIBITION OR EVENT?

LET US KNOW SO IT CAN BE IN THE MUSE



ARC is holding a series of art workshops for adults

in Semester 1 2010

ARC offers something for beginners and more advanced students. This semester includes workshops in **Blacksmithing** with Bruce Beamish. **Photo screenprinting** with Sharon Anderson, two Moartz members.

Workshops include: **Lino cut, Etching, Photography, Botanical Illustration, Basic Sound and light course, and Visual Arts event planning.**

A brochure is available. Contact ARC on 51631 310

or web www.arcyinnar.org.au

Celebrating Women's Art

Gallery arc Yinnar is calling for exhibition entries for this year's Annual Women's Exhibition.

Held in March this will be the 25th consecutive year that arc Yinnar has offered this opportunity to female artists. All types of art work are eligible including paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture and quality craft items. Each year we are amazed at the diversity and skill of the works submitted by local artists and others. The exhibition will be open to the public from 5 March to 3 April, 2010.

For more information please contact arc on 5163 1310. Entry forms and conditions of entry are available now from the office or download from the website www.arcyinnar.org.au under the 'gallery' page. The deadline for delivery of works to arc at Main Street, Yinnar is between 12 noon to 4 pm, Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 March.

