MAY:2010

THE Artful DODGER

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THAT WAS THE WARDROBE THAT WAS

The Follies have been packed away into the wardrobe for another year. On page 3 we take a last, fond look at all that colour and movement.

WHAT A BARGAIN THOU ART

The next bargain sale offers more than you bargained for, as the potters join the painters with some new work and a few leftovers. On page 4 we have a bit of a look at what they've been up to.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Have you joined the Warrandyte Theatre Company? Are you involved in one of Marjorie's pottery groups in the Studio? Perhaps you are a painter or craftie. But do you realise that you are a vital part of a bigger, umbrella organisation that also promotes the arts in Warrandyte and looks after its historic hall. Do you know why this organisation is called the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association Inc?

Do you think your subs are too big or too small?

How do you think the money we raise should be spent?

Do you have some good ideas to share?

Get involved, or at least have your say by coming to the Annual General Meeting of the WMI&AA on Monday, 3rd May at 8pm at the Hall. (Committee meetings are never long-winded affairs, and the AGM is no exception – but there should be a good supper!)

If you wish to nominate someone for a position on the committee, please fill in the form below:

Dates to Remember:

3 May, 8pm - WMI&AA AGM @ Hall

6 May, 8pm - 1 Act Play Auditions @ Hall

9 May, 2pm - 1 Act Play Auditions @ Hall

23 May - Painters/Potters Bargain Sale @ Hall

28 May, 8pm - Follies DVD Night

Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association Inc
Committee Nomination Form

I wish to nominate: _____

For the position of: _____

Nominator: _____ Seconder: _____

(nominee, nominator and seconder must be members of WMI & AA Inc)

I agree to the above nomination (Signed by nominee): _____

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary, WMI & AA Inc, PO Box 150, Warrandyte, 3113 by 1st May 2010

Group reports.

Theatre

1.Follies

The Follies are finished, and we are tired but satisfied with another great production. For the memories, here are some photos from the official Follies photographer (Deb Silva). Don't forget our DVD night, which has been scheduled for Friday 28th May. If you haven't already ordered your copy of the DVD, please send an email (simsunkiefer@bigpond.com) to Simone (or call her on 98445727).

2. AGM Excitement!

A wonderful turnout at the AGM, and a rejuvenated incoming committee. Much discussion about the past, present and future - and much of it related to the WTC!

The 2010-11 Committee (with roles/portfolios listed) consists of:

David (President)

Simone (Treasurer)

Noelene (Secretary)

Naomi (Communications & Promotions)

Phyllis (Social)

Bill (Set Building)

Blaine (Technical portfolio)

Adrian (Creative Portfolio)

Gail (Wise Woman)

Daryll (Wise Man)

Also, thanks to our lovely non-committee portfolio holder Hazel, who is happy to continue to star in her FOH role.

Thank you to all who contributed to the life of the Theatre group in the past year, and to those selfless volunteers who put up their hands to keep the magic going!

On a personal note, I want to especially thank my pumpkin, who works very hard to support me and to keep up with all the mundane but important Treasurer business for the WTC and the entire WMIAA - wow!

3. One Act Plays

Don't forget auditions for our OAPs are Thursday 6th May 8 pm and Sunday 9th May 2 pm at the hall - we look forward to seeing youse all there for another fun season! We are planning the usual OAP Festival circuit, tentatively Macedon, Ararat and Ballarat. Can I finally, on behalf of other company members, confess an already deep and true love for our new deck - it has quickly become our leisure lounge of choice, particularly with a couch, good company and a glass of red. Thank you one and all for yet again verifying the proverbial "if you build it, they will come...".

David Tynan 9844 5727

Craft

Rosemary Climas 9844 2154

Pottery

Marion Oakley visited us on the first day of term - bringing examples of the mosaic letterboxes she as been helping to create for the Strathewen fire victims. They are quite inspirational. She certainly inspired our group. Already the drying rsacks have a collection of local birds and flore. We are not sure yet in what direction we are going. It will be quite a challenge.

We are joining the painters for the bargain sale this month. There will be goods at prices never to be repeated.

Marj Beecham 9844 3206

Painting

Don't forget the Bargain sale on the 23rd May. Paintings to be at the Hall for hanging between 9am - 10am.

Pauline Cross 9439 1775

Choral@Montsalvat

7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham

SUNDAY 2 May 2010

Sunday, 2 May 2010 – open from 9am to 5pm

Time	Barn Gallery	Long Gallery	Great Hall Gallery
12 – 12:45	Yarra Gospel Choir	Yarra Valley Singers	Choir to be announced
1 – 1:45	Melbourne Chamber Choir	Cranbourne Chorale	Greenhills Primary School Choir & Methodist Ladies College Choir
2 – 2:45	Australian Welsh Male Choir	La La La French Choir	Watsonia North Primary School & Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Choir, Bentleigh
3 – 3:45	Melbourne Women's Choir	Majellan Singers	Young Voices of Melbourne
4 - 4:45	Showcase of Australian contemporary works	—	Showcase of Australian contemporary works

Program detail will be available at the venue

See 5 events in 5 hours
- $65 Family of 2 adults, 2 children
- $30 Full price single ticket
- $24 Concession price (student, pension, health card)
- $12 Children under 16 years

See Montsalvat & picnic beforehand: open 9am
(BYO or Cafe available)

Bookings: 9818 1296 or write...
or book on www.fdsingers.com

Remit cheques to:
The Faye Dumont Singers Inc., PO Box 456, Richmond Vic 3121

Preparing for the Bargain Sale

Sandra Finger Lee

Margaret Allen

Pauline Cross

Just a little something we ran up.

An Invitation to

Drinks on the Verandah

The staff and volunteers of the WARRANDYTE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE would like to invite members of the WMI&AA to share a drink with us on the verandah. For those who don't know, we would like to explain what we do next door to you, and for those who already attend our classes, we'd just like to say g'day. We'd also like to find out a bit more about what you do, to see how we could get involved.

You will also be treated to our fabulous "OP-SHOP FASHION PARADE"

How gorgeous can you look without breaking the bank!

FRIDAY MAY 14TH FROM 6.00PM

Upstairs at the Community Centre 168 Yarra Street (above the Op– Shop)

Please RSVP by May 10 on 9844 1839.

A Convenience Truth

A foyer with space, a dunny for the cast !!! and a deck to dream of. What a difference to the first Follies I was in - 1997 I think - with a cast of about 35 plus crew and stinking hot weather night after night that set the nose wrinkling at rehearsals and particularly at every performance when there was nowhere for the cast to go but the green room and a couple of chairs outside the back door. The difference is striking and, when you consider that the difference is, in large part, due to A BANK ! it's a bit like arriving in heaven and finding that you can still behave the way you always did. Banks, like heaven, aren't supposed to be like that. Banks take your money – they don't give it – particularly to feckless folk like Arts Associations and thespians. But they did. Hurrah for them. And we should be very, very, very grateful.

It's not the first time either that our local Warrandyte branch of the Bendigo Bank has given us money. Last year they gave us money for lighting. This year it's a major renovation. And it's not just us either. Lots of volunteer groups in our area have been given "no strings attached" grants. I shake my head in amazement every time I think of it.

It's not quite finished yet. There are issues with the foyer and toilet flooring and some minor finishing bits and pieces but we had to have things ready before the Follies and time ran out on us a bit. So keep watching.

Next time you're in the bank let them know how much we appreciate what they've done – not just for us – but for the scores of local organizations whom they've helped. *Jack Stringer*

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