



Members and Friends Newsletter

May 2022

Penicuik Community Arts Association

Dear PCAA members and friends,
There are two major pieces of news for you: Details of the AGM and
Details for Penfest Week.

PCAA AGM

The PCAA AGM will take place on Monday 16th May at 7:30pm. Unless there is a change in Covid restrictions to prevent it, we will hold it in Room 1 of the Arts Centre. Documents have been sent to PCAA members. We will be proposing small changes to the constitution.

The committee is actively looking for a new Exhibitions coordinator. Jenni has been doing this job for several years now and she has our sincere thanks and gratitude for a job well done for so long. The new coordinator doesn't have to be a committee member, although communication with the committee is essential. The committee will also offer as much support as is needed to the new coordinator.

PENFEST 2022

Penfest runs from Saturday 21st May - Sunday 29th May 2022 to coincide with, and collaborate with, the popular Hunter & Lass week.

Programme (all events at West Street Arts Centre, Penicuik, except the plant sale which is part of Penicuik in the Park)

- **Throughout May**: "Inspiring Penicuik" - an exhibition from the PCAA Art Group and friends in the café-gallery and in Room 1 upstairs. Free.
- **Throughout May**: an exhibition of the PCAA Community Postcard Competition entries. Currently in Room 2 upstairs. Free.
- **Saturday 21st May 3pm**: Artists "Show and Tell" - come and meet the "Inspiring Penicuik" exhibition artists and hear about their work. Free - just turn up! Refreshments will be available.

- **Sunday 22nd May 3pm**: Roxburgh Quartet. This popular ensemble make a return visit to Penicuik. We anticipate a full house, so buy your tickets early! Tickets £15 available now from the PCAA website shop (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>) and from West Street cafe-gallery. Refreshments will be available.

- **Tuesday 25th May 7:30pm**: Talk and demonstration “Paint like Renoir” by Damian Callan. Tickets £5 - available now from the PCAA website shop (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>) and from West Street cafe-gallery. Refreshments will be available.

- **Saturday 28th May**: PCAA Plant stall at “Penicuik in the Park” from 1pm. We need your plant donations! Please let us know if you can offer anything (email penicuikarts.org@gmail.com) and bring your contributions along on the day from 10:30am onwards. Many thanks!

- **Sunday 29th May 3pm**. PCAA members-only social gathering. Free. Refreshments, blether, optional quiz and games, & view the exhibitions. Please email to let us know you’re coming so we can estimate catering needs.

After Penfest - Friday 10th June 7:30pm

Once Penfest is over, we’ll be looking forward to a concert from vocalist and singing teacher Kirsty Law. Kirsty is leading our singing workshop series. As a finale she will perform a concert for us, hopefully with a bit of support from the singing workshop participants! We’ve had a lot of interest in this series of six workshops and we’re already halfway through. There are still a few spaces available, and it’s OK to join in at this stage, so do get in touch if you’re interested. £5 a session, free if you have low income.

Best wishes!

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Above - some of the entries for the PCAA Community Postcard competition on display.

PCAA Publications

The PCAA Community Poetry Book “Pentland Voices” is available at £10 from the Arts Centre café, from Pen-y-Coe press or online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/>). With a foreword by Gerda Stevenson and illustrated in full colour by local artists, it's a collection of work from local writers, much of it inspired by our town and countryside, and some inspired by family, friends, or other people. The PCAA receives a small profit from the sales which is extremely helpful as we try to restore our financial reserves to pay our bills and to meet the next major building repair bill.

Pentland Voices

Poems of People and Place

Foreword by Gerda Stevenson



A Community Poetry Project from the
Penicuik Community Arts Association

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Regular PCAA events

Monday mornings: The PCAA Art Group meets to sketch or paint together, and discuss their projects. Please contact Jackie on pcaa@penicuikarts.org with “Art Group” in the subject.

One Saturday afternoon a month: a new PCAA music group meets 3-5pm to play traditional and other music together on our various instruments. It’s only just started and is experimental at the moment. If you play at “intermediate” level or above and would like to join us, please contact Sue on pcaa@penicuikarts.org with “Music Group” in the subject.

Becoming a PCAA member

This general newsletter goes out to PCAA members and friends.

If you are a member, you will also receive a members-only newsletter once a quarter, and can attend a free members-only social event once or twice a year.

If you are an artist and wish to exhibit your work for sale in one of our monthly slots in the café-gallery, you need to be a fully paid-up member.

If you're not already a member, we hope that you'll consider joining our friendly community of amateur artists, musicians, crafters, photographers, writers, gardeners, actors and general supporters to help keep Penicuik's very own Arts Association and Arts Centre on the road!

The PCAA needs its members. Apart from the small amount of income that we raise from membership fees, more important is the demonstrable support for the organisation shown by membership numbers. This is important for our grant applications for projects, concerts and running costs. If we can't demonstrate a healthy membership to our funders that justifies running an Arts Centre, then we wouldn't get the grants, and the PCAA would fade away.

You can join online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/> and click "membership" in the top menu, or find the "How to Join Us" button at the bottom right when you scroll down), or email us (pcaa@penicuikarts.org) to let us know you want to join, or pop into the café and ask for a membership form.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our events or exhibitions

Please visit our PCAA website for full details of events and exhibitions - scroll down and click the Calendar "What's On".

www.penicuikarts.org

You can find all sorts of information on the website - about the café-gallery, exhibitions, concerts, room hire, past history etc etc.

Your suggestions for the website are very welcome - just email us at penicuikarts.org@gmail.com. Thank you!

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