



# Members and Friends Newsletter

## July 2022

### Penicuik Community Arts Association

Dear PCAA members and friends,

Many thanks to everyone who's supported our programme of concerts and activities over the last year. It's been wonderful to get back to real life events and performances. Our 2021-2022 concert season has finished and our next series of concerts starts in Autumn. As soon as we know how successful we've been with grant applications, we'll publish a list of concerts for the coming season.

Please read on to discover what's on offer over the next few weeks!

best wishes,

Sue

#### **Free Storytelling Workshops!**

As you can see below, we're launching another amazing community project - offering free storytelling workshops. Please see the poster below and email Sue ([penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com)) if you're interested in one of the free places! There are only a couple of places remaining now.

**NB the workshops scheduled for Saturday 2nd July have been cancelled due to Covid**, so the first workshop will now take place on Tuesday 19th July 7:30pm at West Street Arts Centre.

#### **PCAA 45th Birthday project - please take part!**

The PCAA celebrates 45 years of activity this year and the committee is planning a modest celebration to take place in October.

This will include our **Annual Open Exhibition for the Turner and People's Choice prizes**, which will be on display during the whole of October 2022.

Artists and crafters are invited to enter up to 3 pieces. Items will be collected in the Arts Centre on Thursday the 29th September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm and from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. There is a small hanging fee of £3 per item. Full details are in the Artist Pack which is available from the cafe at 4 West Street, online at [www.penicuikarts.org](http://www.penicuikarts.org) or by emailing Jackie at [jmcdonaldjmm@gmail.com](mailto:jmcdonaldjmm@gmail.com).

Meanwhile, we'd love our members and friends to contribute to a series of small "patchwork" wall hangings. We're sussing out interest NOW from members and friends to make six-inch squares in different media - embroidery, knitting, crochet, painting etc with a view to making a series of small "patchwork" panels to contribute to 45th birthday exhibition. The designs can be anything inspired by the PCAA - abstract or otherwise. Please email Sue ([penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com)) if you intend to contribute something - we need to know now how many people would like to take part. Many thanks!

Penicuik Community Arts Association *presents*

# “Oor Toon”

## Six FREE storytelling workshops

led by local professional storyteller Ruth Kirkpatrick

Saturday 2 July – Tuesday 6 September 2022

Arts Centre, 4 West Street, Penicuik, EH26 9HY

Sign up now for a series of six free storytelling workshops, running from 2 July to 6 September, being led by professional storyteller Ruth Kirkpatrick. In these workshops, taking place as part of Scotland's Year of Stories, participants will learn how to recognise and develop their own stories and to share them with small audiences in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.



Places are limited. For more details and to book your place email [pcaa@penicuikarts.org](mailto:pcaa@penicuikarts.org) or text 0781 505 2929.

[www.penicuikarts.org](http://www.penicuikarts.org)



YEAR OF  
STORIES  
2022



EventScotland

*Workshop dates (participants attend all workshops, but no worries if you miss 1 or 2!)*

Tue 19th July 7:30 - 9pm

Tue 9th August 7:30 - 9pm

Tue 23rd August 7:30 - 9pm

Tue 6th September 7:30 - 9pm

**PLUS 2 MORE - dates tbc.**

*New Story-telling Club night dates*

Fri 14th October 7:30pm

Fri 11th November 7:30pm

Fri 9th December 7:30pm

**PLACES MUST BE BOOKED!**

[penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com)

Contact us now to book your free place!

([penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com) or 0781 505 2929 - leave a text or voice mail)



Penicuik Community Arts Association  
Exhibition July 2022

Barbara Hegarty

Mon 4th July to Sat 6th August 2022



Barbara's interest in art was re-awakened when she was living in France. She needed a way to meet people and discovered an art group in a nearby village consisting of French, English, Dutch and German ladies. She learned a lot and enjoyed the friendship and support. She returned to Scotland (Dalkeith) in 2011. On moving to Penicuik recently, she joined the PCAA and still attends the Dalkeith Art Group meetings. Her work is mainly in pastel, but she sometimes produces work in watercolour or acrylic.



The Café Gallery,  
4 West Street, EH26 9DL

**Exhibitions:** Our monthly exhibitions in the café gallery at 4 West Street continue. July's exhibition is from Barbara Hegarty who will be exhibiting pastels and watercolours, and in August we'll see Lorna Noble's work.

**Our paper-making film project** is still brewing - Gerda Stevenson is in the process of assembling information for the script. Please contact Sue if you have stories or anecdotes about the paper mill days which you haven't yet shared with us. Thank you VERY much if you've already been in touch - and do let us know if you're still waiting to be contacted.

### **Regular PCAA events**

**Wednesday mornings: The PCAA Art Group** meets to sketch or paint together, and discuss their projects. Please contact Jackie on [pcaa@penicuikarts.org](mailto:pcaa@penicuikarts.org) with "Art Group" in the subject. The group isn't meeting during July but hopes to resume in August.

**One Saturday afternoon a month: a new PCAA music group meets 3-5pm** to play traditional and other music together on our various instruments. If you play at "intermediate" level or above and would like to join us, please contact Sue on [pcaa@penicuikarts.org](mailto:pcaa@penicuikarts.org) with "Music Group" in the subject. We have space for two or three more to join in with the fun!

We're also trying to find funds to continue our very popular and successful **singing workshops**. Do get in touch if you think you'd like to join a second series! For more information or to tell us you're interested in any of our activities, please email Sue on [penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com) or phone 07815052929.

**The Yarn Group** is looking forward to returning to the Arts Centre on Wednesday mornings from 10-12 in room 1, from 3 August. The group is currently full but do contact us if you'd like to go on the waiting list.

### **New PCAA members needed!**

If you're a "friend", please consider becoming a member! Although our concerts and events are well attended, our membership numbers are falling and we really need to sustain them to maintain a healthy organisation and to continue to bid successfully for grants to sustain our activities.

Please see below for details of how to join us.

### **Benefits of membership**

- The satisfaction of knowing that you're supporting a very worthwhile and uplifting local organisation for as little as £10 a year (concession) and £15 (ordinary).
- A special quarterly newsletter where you can share news of your creative endeavours
- A sense of belonging to a very special community of creative people
- A free annual social, with refreshments and a simple creative activity

We'd love to hear from members and friends if they feel there is something they'd like us to offer which we're not yet doing. Just get in touch!

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## 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

Printed by Pen-Y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge Street, Penicuik, EH26 8LL  
September 2021

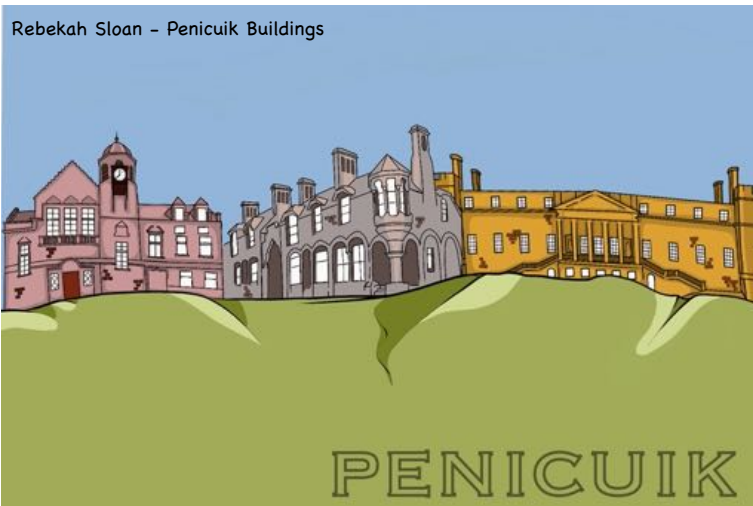


Also for sale are postcards and notelets from the prize-winners and runners-up of this year's Community Art Competition, with art from children and adults. They are available from the Arts Centre cafe craft shelves.

Fiona Thomson - Pentland Hills



Rebekah Sloan - Penicuik Buildings

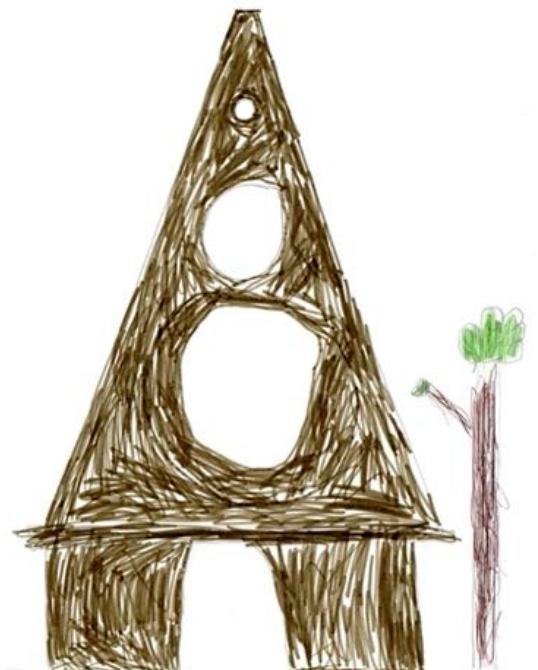


Annemarie Grant - Penicuik Graffiti Art



Dave Owen - Pilkington buildings, Penicuik

Sandy Douglas - Ramsay Monument, Penicuik Estate



## 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 also an artist, you will be eligible to exhibit your work for sale in one of our monthly slots in the café-gallery.

## 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.

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! It's only £15 a year or £10 concession.

**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](mailto: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** [www.penicuikarts.org](http://www.penicuikarts.org) for full details of everything we are doing - scroll down and click the Calendar "What's On". You can find all sorts of information 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](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com). Thank you!

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