



# Members and Friends Newsletter

## November 2022

### Penicuik Community Arts Association

#### Dear PCAA members and friends,

In this newsletter you can find out about our exciting programme of events until Christmas, and there's also a wee summary of our 45th Anniversary Celebration events.

#### Upcoming programme

For all events, please buy tickets in advance if you can - there are two reasons for this:

First, it ensures you get a seat - space is limited and some events are very popular - we'd hate to turn anyone away!

Secondly, it helps us know if more promotion is necessary when pre-event sales are low.

**Saturday 29th October 10am - 2pm** - free - PCAA 45th Anniversary Exhibition at the PCDT Open House at the Cowan Institute. NO TICKET REQUIRED.

**Friday 11th November 7:30pm - Storytelling Club** £5 (£3 low income). Join Ruth Kirkpatrick and friends for a wonderful evening of stories and song. Refreshments by donation. (Apologies for wrong date in the last newsletter). TICKETS ON SALE NOW ONLINE & IN CAFÉ FROM 25th OCTOBER.

**Saturday 12th November 3pm - Children's music workshop** from the Sequoia Duo - now full

**Saturday 12th November 7:30pm - Sequoia Duo concert** - £15 - violin and cello classical music depicting the environmental water cycle. TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE CAFE AND ONLINE

**Sunday 27th November 3pm - Sunday afternoon concert from White Rose** - £15 - soprano, clarinet and piano

**Friday 2nd December 2pm** - free - Justyna Jablonksa at Cowan Court. 30 minutes free concert of cello music. TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW IN THE CAFÉ.

**Friday 9th Devember 7:30pm - Storytelling Club** - £5 (£3 low income)

Please note - the PCAA Craft Fair on Sat 19th November has been cancelled. Apologies.

***Please see website for details of events and tickets - [www.penicuikarts.org](http://www.penicuikarts.org) (click "shop" in the top menu).***

## **NEW FOR THE 2022-2023 Season of Classical Concerts SEASON TICKETS!**

We're trying out the idea of offering a season ticket for £75 for the six classical concerts on offer. The full price is £90 for all six concerts, so the season ticket represents a saving of £15.

They are available NOW online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/> and click the "Shop" option in the top menu). Or simply contact Sue to make arrangements for your season ticket purchase (0781 505 2929 or email [penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com))

## **PCAA 45th Anniversary Celebration**

We didn't go mad, but what we did was very successful and very well attended. The Open Exhibition was organised by Jackie McDonald, and she, Di Davies, Christina Finlayson, Alister McDonald, David Owen, Brian Nicholson have our warm thanks for doing all the work that was needed - receiving the art, hanging the art and the many other jobs needed to put on the exhibition. We also thank Fiona Maher for judging the art for the Penicuik Turner Prize, we thank everyone who voted for their personal favourite for the People's Choice prize, and we thank Andrew Gillie, Sheena Stewart and Carol Mann who selected the art from the exhibition which will appear in the PCAA calendar for 2023.

## **Prize-winners**

Fiona Maher judged the Exhibition "blind", studying the works first before looking at the catalogue. Fiona commended Ulla Hipkin for her creative use of mixed media, Linda Sheridan for her folded panel piece which she described as "lovely work" and Barbara Gillespie for her skilful quilting. Fiona chose "Undercurrent" by Nancy Bryce as the winning artwork; she said she loved the movement, depth, colour and composition, and the balance between calm and "chaos" in the painting.

Fiona's final comment was: "Well done to everyone who contributed work - the exhibition is rich and colourful, reflecting the seasonal change - keep creating - artists are such a valuable resource in our ever changing world" The People's Choice votes selected Michele Catto as the winner of the People's Choice prize for her painting "Changes". She's won this award five times now!

Many congratulations to Nancy and Michele!

PTO for news of a special offer on a Permaculture Course to be held at the Arts Centre, starting in January 2023.

## Offer of one reduced price place on Permaculture course starting in January

James Chapman is using the Arts Centre's Room 1 to run a Permaculture Course. He's kindly offered a PCAA member a place for the reduced price of £300 for the 12-day course.

James says on his website "This full **Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC)** is accredited by the *Permaculture Association of Britain*. The PDC develops an understanding of permaculture ethics, principles, design processes and implementation techniques. Completion of the full PDC provides recognition as a Permaculture designer, and enables you to go on to study for the Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design."

The dates are (2023) 14th & 15th January; 4th & 5th February; 4th & 5th March; 1st & 2nd April; 6th & 7th May; 4th & 5th June.

Full information can be found on James' website: <https://nonstuff.co.uk/permaculture/courses/edinburgh-pdc-2023/>