



Members and Friends Newsletter

October 2022

Penicuik Community Arts Association

Dear PCAA members and friends,

We're definitely into autumn now with cooler & wetter weather and daylight hours growing shorter and shorter - and we're already enjoying our PCAA's 45th Anniversary celebrations!

We started with the preview and opening of the Open Exhibition for the Turner and People's choice prizes - it's a wonderful varied exhibition and can be viewed in the café and in room 1 during the month of October. Huge thanks are due to Jackie McDonald for organising the exhibition from start to finish, including receiving the works (assisted by Di Davies and Christina Finlayson - thanks to both!) and mounting them (assisted by her hubby Alister, my hubby Dave and Brian Nicholson - thanks to all!)

Fiona Maher has already judged the Turner prize and has identified four artists whom she commends. Prizewinners will be announced and prizes awarded during the 45th anniversary celebration gathering on Sunday 9th October at around 4pm.

Please pop along to enjoy the art work and until Sunday 9th October, you can vote for the piece that you'd like to see win the "People's Choice" prize.

You can also visit Christina Suter's Open Studio on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October - please see the poster below.

To come:

Sat 8th & Sun 9th October 11am - 4pm - Open Studio (see below)

9th October 2pm - FREE! PCAA 45th Anniversary celebration gathering with music at 2pm, refreshments & blether at 3pm, prize-giving at 3:45pm, more music at 4pm. The refreshment interval is your last chance to vote for your favourite art work for the People's Choice prize.

14th October 7:30pm - The first PCAA Storytelling Club £5. Join Ruth Kirkpatrick and friends for a wonderful evening of stories and song. Refreshments by donation.

13th November 7:30pm - Storytelling Club £5. Join Ruth Kirkpatrick and friends for a wonderful evening of stories and song. Refreshments by donation.

Please see website for details of events - www.penicuikarts.org

45th Anniversary gathering - free!

Sunday 9th October 2pm at the Arts Centre

2pm - Party pieces from the assembled crowd - song, music, poem - whatever you fancy. Or just come and listen!

3pm - Refreshments, view the exhibition, blether, vote for your favourite art work for the People's Choice Prize!

3:45pm - Announcement of Prizewinners and Prize-giving by Citizen of the Year Mark Wells

4pm - More party pieces if the mood takes us!

Storytelling Club

The PCAA's first storytelling club on Friday 14th October 7:30pm at the Arts Centre

Professional storyteller Ruth Kirkpatrick and friends will entertain us with stories and songs. £5. Tickets from the West Street Arts centre café [*or online*](#):

Also coming up

Saturday 12th November 3pm - Sequoia workshop (the story of a raindrop)

Saturday 12th November 7:30pm - Sequoia Duo concert (From Source to Sea)

Saturday 19th November - Craft Fair at Cowan Institute

Sunday 27th November 3pm - White Rose ensemble

Best wishes!

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Penicuik Community
Arts Association
2022

45th Anniversary Celebration Gathering

Sun 9 October 2pm

Music - Craic - Refreshments

Prize-giving for the
Penicuik Turner Prize
(Judge *Fiona Maher*)

and People's Choice Prize
(judged by **YOU!** awarded by
Citizen of the Year Mark Wells)

Free - just turn up!

at the West Street Arts Centre EH26 9DL

THE WEAVER'S STUDIO

presents

Open Studio

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th October 2022, 11am to 4pm



Handwoven by Christina



If you cannot make it to the open studio, you're welcome to visit me by appointment the following week

Please contact me by email at weavingstories@gmail.com

Christina Suter

The Weaver's Studio

5B West Street, Penicuik EH 26 9DG

Penicuik Community Arts Association
**NEW! Storytelling Club
for Penicuik!**

at Penicuik Arts Centre, 4 West Street, Penicuik, EH26 9DL
Come and join the new Penicuik Storytellers group
at our monthly club

Tell a story, sing a song, give us a tune... or simply sit back and
listen... we need listeners as well as tellers!

Featuring professional storyteller, Ruth Kirkpatrick and friends

This is part of the national Year of Stories 2022 project

email pcaa@penicuikarts.org or text 0781 505 2929

www.penicuikarts.org

Club night dates 2022

Fri 14th October 7:30pm

Fri 11th November 7:30pm

Fri 9th December 7:30pm

Tickets will be available online and from the Arts Centre café
two weeks before each club night: <https://www.penicuikarts.org/>

£ 5

Complimentary refreshments

Donations towards cost of running the Arts Centre are welcome



**YEAR OF
STORIES
2022**



**Museums
Galleries
Scotland**
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EventScotland

Building news

Update on the Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project work on the Arts Centre Building

The scaffolding is now up, encircling the whole of 2-4 West Street.

The café and exhibitions in the café gallery will remain open throughout the works. We also anticipate that access to the upstairs events rooms will remain open, though occasionally it might be diverted! Clear signs will be provided.

Room 2 upstairs has been emptied as far as possible, remaining furniture in that room is swathed in dust sheets, and we anticipate that building repair work will start soon. For a short period of time, Room 2 will be closed while the contractors sort out rot and damp problems in the roof space from the inside.

Unfortunately, the chimneys will be capped off temporarily during the work, and so we won't be able to light our cosy coal fire until the work is finished.

For the foreseeable future, we prefer that customers don't sit in the back garden area because space has been taken up with scaffold and there may be a little dust and debris falling when work on that side of the building starts. It's not an attractive area at the moment, though our volunteer gardeners are still working to ensure that it's beautiful once the scaffolding is taken down. We think work will be completed by Spring 2023.

Internal work

It's clear that once the external work is done, we will need to do some internal decoration. There are various other odd jobs that will need doing and we'll be looking for volunteers to help us out. We have a beautiful building and many people have worked hard for 45 years to maintain this wonderful asset for Penicuik. Let's continue the legacy! Meanwhile, we are keeping up to date with simple maintenance - the Events toilet cistern has been repaired and a new flush handle fitted providing a better flushing experience for our visitors!

New 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! penicuikarts.org@gmail.com or text 0781 505 2929