



# Members and Friends Newsletter

## September 2022

### Penicuik Community Arts Association

#### Dear PCAA members and friends,

It's an exciting month for the Penicuik Arts Centre building! We've been told that scaffolding goes up during the week 12th - 19th September, and that work will start on the Heritage Regeneration Project refurbishment. We've been waiting a long time for this, and there have been some uncertainties - not least, whether or not we could afford to pay the contribution that the Regeneration grant asked of us. However, Midlothian Council have been very kind and have managed to keep our contribution to a minimum. We are also indebted to everyone who's given the PCAA a donation over the last couple of years. With all this support, we're able to pay our dues and the work goes ahead. It's anticipated that it will be finished by early spring 2023, but of course, that depends on everything going to plan - "There's many a slip" etc. The café will stay open throughout, and the monthly exhibitions in the café-gallery will continue as normal - please support us during this difficult time!

Room 2 will be out of bounds for a short period while work is carried out on the rot and woodworm above the ceiling. It's possible that the "events" staircase might also be closed off for a short period of time too. We're hoping this won't coincide with room 2 being out of bounds so that there is continued access to room 1 via one or other of the stairs. We are keeping room users informed.

Other news includes: this month's exhibition in the café-gallery, the new PCAA Storytelling club, cellist Justyna Jablonska's series of free concerts at Cowan Court, and details of how to submit work for the Open Exhibition and Penicuik Turner Prize for the PCAA's 45th birthday celebrations.

Best wishes

Sue

## **Exhibitions in the café-gallery**

August's exhibition of work by Lorna Noble raised an amazing £712 for the Alzheimer's Scotland charity. The PCAA are proud to have helped make this happen, and Lorna deserves a medal!

Judy Dale is now exhibiting her beautiful paintings in the café-gallery until 30th September, when some of the Open Exhibition entries will be on display for the duration of October.

## **Storytelling at West Street Arts Centre**

Our storytelling project workshops with local professional Ruth Kirkpatrick are now completed, but there's more to the project! The group is looking forward to their one-to-one mentoring sessions with Ruth, and a visit to another group in the community to practise their new skills. They are also anticipating a visit to the Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh during the Storytelling Festival. Finally, we're all looking forward to our new monthly Storytelling Club hosted by Ruth and friends. We need listeners too! So if you'd like to be on the mailing list for the Friday evening club nights (14th October; 11th November; 9th December - at 7:30pm) to listen to stories, songs and music, please email us ([penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com)).

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2022



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*Storytellers showing off their “story sticks”. These help us remember the stories without needing to read!*

## *Open Exhibition for the Penicuik Turner Prize October 2022*

The judge for this year's Penicuik Turner Prize is Fiona Maher. Fiona is a sculptor and art educator. Fiona trained as a painter and printmaker before developing an interest in 3d works. She now works mainly in stone and old bicycle tyres. You can find out more about her on her website <https://www.fionamaher.co.uk/> .

### **Summary of entry requirements:**

- You can submit up to 3 well-presented works on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm until 4.00pm and from 7.00pm until 8.00pm at West Street Arts Centre, EH26 9DL.
- Hanging fee £3 per item.
- PCAA commission on sales is 20%.
- The exhibition is open for 1 month from Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> October until Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- There will be an opening "Meet-the-artist" event at 2.00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- Unsold works should be collected on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00am and 12.00pm.
- Family and friends event is on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> October when the Turner Prize and People's Choice will be announced.

Anyone can enter their work - **but you must read through the Artist Pack guidelines and requirements.** Please email [penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com) or phone Jackie (07702276105) for a copy.

## *The PCAA's 45th Birthday Celebrations!*

The annual Open Exhibition for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes opens on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October in the café and in Room 1 at West Street.

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm you're invited to attend a social event to view the exhibition, meet the artists and hear about their work.

Our main celebration is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2pm - a gathering with live music from local invited amateur musicians, items from the floor, and a long refreshment break including birthday cake, blether and prize-giving. This is a programmed free event and all are welcome to drop in and out with due consideration to anyone who is performing.

Christina Suter is also opening her weaving studio on Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th October from 11am until 4pm. She can also open during the following week by appointment - please email Christina ([weavingstories@gmail.com](mailto:weavingstories@gmail.com)).

We're hoping for six-inch squares (embroidery, knitting, crochet, painting etc) to make a series of small "patchwork" panels to contribute to our 45th birthday exhibition. The designs can be anything inspired by PCAA activities or the Penicuik environment - abstract or otherwise. Please email Sue to register interest and to let us know what media you'll be using ([penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com)).

### ***Justyna Jablonska's series of free concerts at Cowan Court.***

We had funding from Chamber Music Scotland to pay cellist Justyna to give three half-hour concerts at Cowan Court on Friday afternoons. The first took place on Friday 2nd September. It was very well attended and everyone had a lovely time listening to half an hour of beautiful music followed by tea and delicious cakes provided by



*Cellist Justyna Jablonska and me (Sue Owen) at the first of the three free Cowan Court concerts. It was a wonderful afternoon for everyone who came. We're looking forward to the next concert on Friday 7th October 2pm Cowan Court.*

More details about all events and activities can be found on our website ([www.penicuikarts.org](http://www.penicuikarts.org)).

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*

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**Club night dates 2022**

**Fri 14th October 7:30pm**

**Fri 11th November 7:30pm**

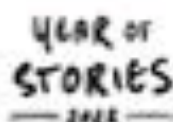
**Fri 9th December 7:30pm**

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*



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Penicuik Community Arts Association  
presents

## Music on a Friday Afternoon at Cowan Court

Three different 30-minute concerts - FREE!



JUSTYNA JABLONSKA

solo cello - classical  
repertoire with some  
improvisation and  
Scottish tunes.

*Friday 2nd September 2pm*

*Friday 7th October 2pm*

*Friday 4th November 2pm*

**at Cowan Court, Eastfield Drive, EH26 8BD**

**FREE (£2 for refreshments afterwards)**

Cowan Court Residents - please sign up!

Visitors - by ticket only from Arts Centre, 4 West Street  
EH26 9DL, or text 0781 505 2929

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