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| * STARS Christmas Party | Sat 8 Dec |

Welcome to Waverley Homestead News for September 2012

For information about STARS and its events, or to volunteer to help:

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STARS Sunday Afternoon Concert

Sunday 23 September
at 2.00 pm

Samantha Rubenold and
Robert England with
Greg John, Peter Vetan and
Monique Watson

The afternoon will feature songs from
musicals, opera and more



Book now there are only a few seats left!

Telephone 8323 8386 in business hours

Tickets \$35.00 (\$30.00 for STARS members) which includes afternoon tea
Children half price

STARS Reviews

Wine and Music Afternoon, Wirra Wirra Winery , 26 August 2012

Emma Hills and Karina Jay were the stars at an afternoon of fine wine and music featuring arias from Puccini and Purcell as well as Mozart and Mahler handled beautifully by these two final year conservatorium students. The second half featured the music of Lloyd Webber and Rogers and Hammerstein with a special guest performance by Monique Watson and James Nicholson, future Conservatorium stars. The barrel hall at Wirra Wirra Winery was a great venue both technically and for its ambience and the concert was sold out.

STARS was the sponsor of this show and our members were very impressed by the maturity shown by the STARS of Waverley award winner Emma Hills as well as her co performer Karina Jay and we look forward to a repeat next year.

Monique Watson will be performing at the Opera Afternoon on Sunday 23 September.

Folk Dance Day, Waverley Homestead, 8 September 2012

About forty people attended this fun afternoon at the start of Spring. Rae Marnham and her six women group Zhivana dressed in traditional costume started proceedings by performing seven elegant Rumanian folk dances. These were greatly appreciated. Then with Rae leading they taught two dances, Hashual from Israel and Chilichili from Bolivia. The floor was crowded with folks willing to learn. Rae and Meredith



Bowman taught these and numerous other dances for many years when they worked as dance educators from the early seventies.

Following afternoon tea, Dave Clarke and wife Cathy took over to teach three Australian bush dances. The first, entitled "Push the Business On" was a simple but elegant piece that most folk quickly learnt. The second, with a song titled "They Danced Until Dawn" involved a strip-the-willow pattern and was considerably more taxing. When they tried to combine the first and the second dances it can only be described as chaotic but also incredibly funny to watch as people went in all directions at once and those who chose to sit and watch shrieked with laughter.

Order was restored with teaching of the dance Circassian Circle. There were so many willing participants that two concentric circles were needed. Cathy sang and taught a song she had learnt many years ago from the Adnyamathanha Aboriginal people in the Flinders Ranges, concerning bush tucker and people with rumbling tums. In response to a request for an Aussie folk song from an American lady visitor, friend of STARS committee member Liz Boydell, the afternoon finished with "Home Among the Gum Trees" and "When The Saints Go Marching In".

The afternoon was a great success and will very likely be followed by a similar event next year, although a bigger space than the Waverley Homestead room will be needed.



Peppertree Cottage Art Exhibition



The Peppertree Cottage Art Group Annual Exhibition will open at 6.30 pm on Saturday 13 October 2012 at Waverley Homestead. It will feature "Inspired Recollection". Drinks and canapés will be available

The exhibition will continue each Saturday from 11.00 to 3.00 pm until Christmas the artists will be in attendance to talk to visitors.

The art work will be reasonably priced enabling people to purchase a special picture for Christmas.

STARS of Waverley Award Gala Concert

STARS of Waverley Award Gala Concert on Saturday 17 November will feature a performance by Lucinda Moon a baroque violinist who has performed at Waverley Homestead on other occasions. STARS is delighted that she will return for this special night which will include the songs of Peter Allen and the return of Pavarotti as well as other various humorous items.

The concert will raise funds for the Award which will enable participants to further a career in the arts in a chosen field and is an incentive that STARS Committee has continued formerly called the Keith Michell Award honouring the brilliant career of this South Australian performer and artist.



Further details of this special night will be in further editions of this newsletter.



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STARS Mission

To foster a vital and diverse arts culture in the southern region by

- * **Advocating for the arts**
- * **Bringing in events**
- * **Creating strategic partnerships to strengthen the arts community**
- * **Developing artistic skills**
- * **Providing access to the arts**

Why not become a member of STARS and take advantage of special prices and advance notices of future attractions.

You could also contribute to the arts in the area by volunteering to help STARS run events. We are always looking for new members.

If you would like to find out more about the group please phone 8323 8386 during Business Hours

News from Co-Opera



The latest news from Co-Opera is that government funding has been restored for the next twelve months.

Brian Chatterton OAM General Manger and Musical Director is currently planning a programme.

STARS will organise the return of Co-Opera to the McLaren Vale Bocce Club as soon as details of productions are available

Further details will follow in future newsletters

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