

## ***In Our Thoughts and Prayers***

Keep **Jenny Black** in your thoughts and prayers. Jenny has been battling Leukemia for several years and undergone transplants and treatments. We hope and pray this second transplant will bring her good health. Our best wishes and prayers to Jenny and her family. Keep that smile and your positive attitude!

Please continue to keep **Lillian Walter** in your thoughts and prayers. Lillian is now back at the Highlands and continues to recover from her recent hospitalization. She is gaining strength and we hope and pray that each day she will feel better.

Continue to keep **Ernie Fredericks** in your thoughts and prayers. Ernie recently had a heart attack and follow-up surgery. We hope and pray that each day he is feeling better!

Also, continue to keep **Ralph DeStefano** in your thoughts and prayers. We hope and pray that each day he is feeling better and that it won't be too long until *good health* has returned to stay! KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE! And, to **Becky DeStefano**, our thoughts and prayers are with you also, keep that positive attitude!

## ***Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Festival***

A 2-page application for the 2007 Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Festival at Kutztown is included as a supplement in this newsletter. Please note there are a few changes in the application, namely the deadline for getting a \$10.00 discount on the booth fee is December 31, 2006. After that date the price increases by \$10.00, so get your application in by 12/31/06!

Also, volunteers are always needed for the admissions table, but specify the time frame you prefer to help -- Saturday AM or PM, Sunday AM or PM. Just a reminder that admission table volunteers should be at least 18 years of age. "Committee"

## ***Annual State Meeting - June 7, 2006***

The annual meeting was held at the Tyler Craft Barn. A new mission statement was read and approved; chapters and members have at least 30 days to comment. The new mission- "**Recognizing that the making of craft enriches all, the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen seeks to encourage the practice of and nurture excellence in heritage and contemporary crafts. We do this through education, advocacy and support of the practicing craftsmen.**" If anyone has any comments, please contact me.

Members in attendance were asked why they belong to the guild, and to rate those items. Selling at shows, galleries, and other outlets rated high, as did networking with fellow artists.

Show overview report: dates were set for 07 shows, with a deadline of 1/12/07. After much discussion, it was decided to not continue with Spring Tyler or Glen Loch. Increasing booth fees will be discussed at the next board meeting. Several chapters gave chapter reports. Jessica Lantz discussed the upcoming exhibition at the state museum, encouraging members to apply. A trail of artisans was also discussed, info at visitPA.com. Individual Artist Grants from the PA Council of the Arts was discussed. Applications can now be done online through egrants. Information can be found at pacouncilonthearts.org-- Louise McHaffey, State Rep

CLASSIFIED: Gallery 20's 5th Annual "Art Attack" will be held August 3 -September 1, 2006. It is a non-juried exhibit open to any regional artist on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees run from \$5-\$20, depending on the item. Works will be accepted on Saturday July 29, and Sunday July 30 from 11 - 5 ONLY. Please call Gallery 20 at 610-374-5269 to receive guidelines.

***AUCTION JENNY BLACK TRANSPLANT BENEFIT - July 22, 2006 - 4-H Building, Bern Township, beginning 10:00 AM. Jenny Black, a Reading-Berks Chapter PGC member whose craft is handpainted cut & pierced lampshades, has been diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia back in March 1999. Jenny has undergone one transplant in February 2005, experimental treatments, and must undergo another transplant surgery at Johns Hopkins Cancer Center in Baltimore. To help defray her medical costs, friends have organized an auction for July 22<sup>nd</sup>.***

***Please consider donating an item or items of your craft, gift certificates or however you can help a fellow craftsman. Your help and donations to this auction will ultimately provide for the various needs of Jen's next bone marrow transplant. You will receive recognition at the auction. For more information on this benefit auction and how and where to take or send your donation, please call 484-955-2404. Pass this information on to your craftsmen friends, -- hopefully they will donate to this cause also. This auction has been created by friends of Jen & Kevin Black to help in Jen's fight against Leukemia.***