



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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President's Message

Another new year and another new beginning for the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen. Each new year brings our guild new experiences and new challenges and your Board of Directors is ready and excited for 2013. I can't emphasize enough the importance for our members to try to attend our monthly meetings. Our programs are great and the input from our members is critical to our success. A big event for our guild members is Easter-on-the-Farm at the Heritage Center. The Heritage Center has been running some great events and getting some great press. Please consider being part of their success. If you are interested in being part of Easter-on-the-Farm get in touch with Pat Oxenford.

Almost immediately after Easter-on-the-Farm is the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen's famous Spring Festival at Kutztown University. Did you know that the Spring Festival is growing by leaps and bounds in attendance? I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your show application, it can be obtained on our website.

Special Super Alert: *For all members who do our Holiday Show and Lehigh Valley Chapter's Holiday Show, there is no date conflict for 2013! Hopefully we can continue to coordinate things to help each show be successful for all members and both chapters.*

We want to keep our website current, interesting and informative, so please remember to get new information to Kelly Brehm, our webmaster.

I know we are off to a great start for 2013 and I feel the momentum continue to build. I again can't emphasize enough the important role that each member of our guild plays into the big picture. I welcome your thoughts, comments, and ideas and again look forward to working with all of you for "the good of our guild".

"If we want to pay down the deficit, we should pay politicians piece rate for what they accomplish". Barry L. Bennecoff. **Your President, Barry L. Bennecoff**

Program

The recently juried members (September 2012) will present a Show & Tell of their work for our March 5th program. Please plan to attend and welcome these newly juried members into our chapter: **Matt Becker**, *photography*; **Jim Villaume**, *photography*; **Nick Zdinak**, *pysanky*; **Steve Hunter**, *stoneware pottery*; **John Reshetar**, *wood*; **Jon Harrington**, *wood turnings*.

At the April 2, 2013 meeting, Tammy Zettlemyer, Education Chairperson of PGCHC, will discuss options for your participation in Kutztown PA German Cultural Heritage Center's partnership with Girl Scout of Eastern Pennsylvania. The Girl Scouts are learning about traditional PA German crafts to work for their PA German Heritage Patch and surrounding "rocker" patches for specific crafts.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for our annual family picnic schedule for Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at Gring's Mill stone barn. Elaine will begin to circulate the sign-up sheet at the March meeting. It is a great time for fantastic food and fellowship with our members. **Elaine Vardjan**,

Program Chairperson

BCTV - "Your Berks Craftsmen"

Our February 20th "Your Berks Craftsmen" will feature **Cleon Garl**. Cleon's medium is wood and he creates hand-turned pens and gifts. The March 20th "Your Berks Craftsmen" will highlight some of the craftsmen who will be participating in the Spring Festival at Kutztown University scheduled for April 6 and 7, 2013. In May, "Your Berks Craftsmen" will feature **Carol Haile** and the Student Awards presentations from the Berks County Intermediate Unit Art Show held here at GoggleWorks in April. This will be an exciting event.

"Your Berks Craftsmen" appears on BCTV every third Wednesday of each month "live" and then telecast several times per month thereafter. You can also view "Your Berks Craftsmen" on the web at **BCTV.org** Don't forget to tune in and continue to support BCTV. **Kay Bennecoff & Carolyn Handwerk** "Your Berks Craftsmen" Co-Host

Included as an attachment with this newsletter:
The W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr. Memorial Mini Grant
Application
Note the deadline for submission of March 25, 2013

Spring...Hopefully SPRING will soon be here...we did see a flock of Robins in Douglassville on January 30, 2013! Yea, Groundhog!!

Standards

The next jury session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the GoggleWorks. Members who have belonged to our chapter for a minimum of 3 months are eligible to present their work for jurying. Check the board at the entrance of the GoggleWorks for the room number, which will be open at 6:30 PM. Jurying will begin at 7:00 PM. For more information or for an application, go to www.rbcrafts.org/chaptermembers/, contact Louise at 610-373-6493 or louise@eglassplace.com.

Membership

The Reading Berks Chapter of the PA Guild of Craftsmen would like to welcome the following new members.

Lucille Gruppo, Cloth Dolls

268 Oak Rd.
Bangor, PA 18013

William Herbein, Wooden Replicas

701 Pearl St.
Birdsboro, PA 19508

Jennifer Lehr, Hand Painted Floor cloths

20 Gelsinger Rd.
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

James Less, Custom Furniture and Cabinetry

118 Johnson Lane
Reading, PA 19605

Susan Naddeo, Hand Painted Glass Ornaments

248 Mountain Rd.
Kempton, PA 19529

Debra Reis, Nantucket Style Baskets

17 Benburb Rd.
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Mariana Russo, Acrylic Painting on Wood

2261 Whippoorwill Dr.
Tobyhanna, PA 18466

Marion Smith, Functional & Decorative Fused Glass

511 Gregg St.
Shillington, PA 19607

June Moyer, Membership Chairperson

Spring Show Raffle

We still need donations for the Pick-A-Prize Raffle. The item can be brought to the March meeting. If you want to donate an item but are unable to attend the meeting, please call **Carolyn Handwerk** 610-693-8187 or **Matt Vardjan** at 610-689-5324. Please note items will NOT be accepted at the Show. Thank you. **Carolyn**

Handwerk, Raffle Chairperson

With Our Sincere Sympathy

It is with sadness that we express our sincere sympathy in the passing of two of our long-time members.

Don Hendershott passed away on Friday, December 28, 2012, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Don was a wood carver, and assisted Silvia with her Father Christmas figures at our shows; we could always count on him to volunteer as a gate cashier or greeter. Services were January 5, 2013. We extend our belated sympathy to his wife, Silvia, and daughter, Karen Myers and their family.

Kathryn Shultz passed away on January 21, 2013, after brief hospitalization and short stay at Berks Heim. Affectionately known as *Frau Shultz*, Kathryn was a retired German language teacher, and her chosen craft was creating scherenschnitte and wooden ornaments. She did not exhibit her crafts recently, but we could always count on her to volunteer to booth sit and visited all our shows and support all our programs. She always had a cheerful greeting and smile for everyone. Kathryn's mother, Hettie Miller, was our oldest member, and Kathryn lovingly shared her thoughts about her mother on a recent BCTV "*Your Berks Craftsmen*" program with Carol Haile. We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband, Leon, and their family.

May God bless and comfort our grieving families; and many of our members will cherish the many wonderful times we have shared with these members.

PGCHC

February 16, 2013 is KU's "Family Weekend" for students; we will host an information table and make-it-take-it projects by **Elaine Vardjan** and **Matt Vardjan**. **Pat Oxenford** will have information regarding student participation for the students in hopes of getting more students involved with our shows.

Easter-on-the-Farm is Saturday, March 23, 2013 (day before Palm Sunday), if you are interested in having a space within the log cabins, please contact me ASAP.

Other events this year are Kids Camp the end of July whereby we need volunteers to teach their traditional craft to our students; Heemet Fescht in September and Christmas-on-the-Farm in December.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, contact Pat Oxenford at paoxenford@dejazzd.com or Amanda Richardson at PGCHC 610-683-1589. Thank you, **Pat Oxenford, Kutztown Rep**

Newsletter

This issue is the first of our newsletters being published on a quarterly basis. The next issue will be prepared in April, so please have information to me no later than April 3, 2013. **Pat Oxenford, Newsletter Editor**

Ornaments

Ornaments from the 2012 Goggleworks decorating project in memory of Gene Burkhart are currently being stored. If you want your ornaments returned, please advise me so that I can bring them to the March meeting, or return them to you at the Spring Show. Any ornaments that have not been requested to be returned will then be designated for the Holiday Show whereby we'll have a special raffle or sale of the ornaments, with the money received from the sale of the ornaments designated for our scholarship fund in Gene's memory. To date several artisans / members have stated their ornaments be held for this special "sale" at the holiday show -- **to them we say thank you for your generosity.** Email or call Pat Oxenford to make arrangements for pick up of ornaments (paoxenford@dejazzd.com or 610-385-3431). **Pat Oxenford,**

Decorating Chairperson

RB Chapter Email Addresses

Since we are now publishing our newsletter on a quarterly basis, we are requesting email addresses so that if there is any emergency or special information to share with our members we will send an "email blast" to our members.

During the past several weeks I sent two such messages, noting the death of Don Hendricks and then noting the death of Kathryn Schultz. If you did not receive either or both of these messages, then **I DO NOT HAVE YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION.**

If you have not received either of these email blasts and would like to receive any special information, or should our newsletters go to "all email circulation", then forward your email address to me requesting to be placed on our email list. Send that to Pat Oxenford at paoxenford@dejazzd.com. Thank you.

Pat Oxenford, Newsletter Editor

Spring Show

Hello to all, ... Well we're in the middle of winter and all you can think about is COLD and bad weather. Think spring. That's why you need to think about the **READING BERKS SPRING FINE ARTS AND JURIED CRAFTS SHOW.** Remember the show is April 6th & 7th. Set up is on the 5th. We all need to get our applications filled out and sent to the guilds' address.

For all those people that would like to **place an ad please contact Carol Haile or Sandra Jones.** We will be placing your ads in the new supplement in the Wednesday paper. This a new source of advertising, we will place ads in the other papers as well.

MAKE A NOTE AND CHANGE YOUR INFORMATION. Terry and Judy Boyer's phone number and email address has changed or it's in process of changing. This change happened due to us moving before we left for Florida. Phone numbers are 484-650-7500 for Terry and. Judy's phone number is 610-401-5770.

Email changing to - tjboyer@1860woodco.com. from terry.boyer@comcast.net
Thanks to all, **Show Chairpersons, Terry & Judy Boyer**

Spring Show Advertising -- Reading Eagle Supplement

We are pleased that several vendors have expressed interest in placing an ad in our Spring Show Advertising Supplement. Therefore, the Show Committee has decided to run a full page, full-color group ad in the 'Weekend' section of the 'Reading Eagle' on Thursday, April 4, 2013.

The center ad is 2" x 6" and reserved for the Guild.

Ad sizes available to craftsmen are:

1 column x 2" = \$65

2 columns x 2" = \$130

2 columns x 4" = \$260

Make checks payable to THE READING BERKS GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN.

The graphics people at the '*Reading Eagle*' will be happy to help you design your ad at no extra charge. You may supply your own content if you wish, of course. This opportunity to advertise is available to all members of our Guild. You need not be actually doing the Spring Show to participate in this group ad.

Deadline to reserve ad space is March 10, 2013.

Contact Sandra Jones (sandra@stonestrowpottery.com), Carol Haile (inkpencjh@msn.com) or Lisa Guida (lguida@readingeagle.com) for more information or to reserve your space.

Classified: For Sale: Used Wells Cargo Multi-purpose trailer MTP461 4' wide by 6' long, color white. It is low enough to see over while giving you 54 cubic ft capacity. The lid lifts up and the rear door swings out, giving you access to every square inch of capacity. It has a mounted spare tire on the tongue. Weight is a little over 400 pounds with 690 pound payload. All reasonable offers will be considered. If interested or would like more information, please contact Sandra Jones at sandra@stonestrowpottery.com