



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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President's Message

With the Holidays behind us and the snow coming down around us, not to mention the unbearable cold temperatures, I imagine that if you are not on your way to the Bahamas or the Virgin Islands, you are all holed up in your studios doing wondrous crafts for our upcoming Spring Festival at Kutztown University. Your Show Committee persistently prepares for the next show as soon as the previous one is completed. No grass grows under their feet (not in this weather anyway).

Our February Program will be a very interesting program with a presentation by Carol Haile, Louise Mehaffey, Judy and Terry Boyer. They have been busy dividing the artwork of W. Eugene Burkhart into three equal groups and they will be displaying our Guild's part of the collection that evening.

Your Guild is in need of a program chairperson due to the recent retirement of Elaine Vardjan. I would appreciate it very much if someone from our membership would consider this important position. This position is a great way to help your Guild. Other members of the board will be there to help and Elaine's assistance is only a phone call away. If you want to help your Guild in this manner please contact me.

"We all admire the wisdom of people who come to us for advice." Jack Herbert **Your President, Barry L.**

Bennecoff

P.S. Kay and I want to thank everyone for their kindnesses displayed to us after the passing of Kay's Father, Donnie. He did enjoy coming to our Guild shows and talking with our members. He will be greatly missed

Program

News Flash for All

The Gallery of the late **W. Eugene Burkhart Jr.'s Life time Collection of His Work** will be on display at the general meeting on February 4th, 2014, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

We will be laying out all of the artwork that our chapter received after the collection was divided with the other two charities. There will be time for questions, direction and promoting for all to discuss throughout the evening. This will carry over into the business meeting as well. We encourage ALL members to please come out to this event. All proceeds benefit the Student Awards Fund. Don't forget to sign the book as well. And, we will be having refreshments for all.

BCTV - "Your Berks Craftsmen"

Both the January and February "*Your Berks Craftsmen*" shows will be video tapings from last summer's Kutztown Festival. The March program will feature Terry Boyer and artisans who will be participating in our upcoming Spring Festival the end of March. **Kay Bennecoff & Carolyn Handwerk** "Your Berks Craftsmen" Co-Host

Standards

The next Jurying Session will be held on March 11, 2014, at GoggleWorks. If you have been a chapter member for at least 3 months, and are interested in having your work juried, you can get the Chapter Jurying Application from our website or contact Louise Mehaffey for more information.

Get Well Wishes

Belated get well - speedy recovery wishes to **Eileen Flickinger** who underwent a surgical procedure in December.

Also, keep **Cindy Hunter** in your prayers as well as **Annie Harlan**.

With Our Sincere Sympathy

Belated sympathy to **Shirley Sacks** whose husband passed away in December. Also, belated sympathy to the **family of the late Skip Hamaker** who also passed away in December.

We express our sincere sympathy to **Kay and Barry Bennecoff**. Kay's father, *Donald Roth* passed away on January 12, 2014. Her father attended all our shows and events at PGCHC.

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Tammy Zettlemoyer** whose grandmother, Betty J. (Reppert) Schappell also passed away on January 12, 2014.

Education

The 2014 Mini Grant application is attached to this newsletter. Note the application deadline and the drawing will be held at the April meeting. If you have any questions, contact Education Chairperson, Carol Haile.

Members in the News

Sandra Kaye, glass artist, has been selected as a finalist in the 2014 NICHE Awards for a piece entitled "*Glass Sushi Set*" in the category of home furnishings: kitchen, gourmet and dining. Of the more than 1,000 submissions, only 174 entries were selected as finalists.

Sandra has taught kiln-fused glass techniques for numerous institutions over the past 10 years.

Show News ... From Terry & Judy Boyer, Show Co-chairs

We are running on auto pilot at the moment, which means the applications are coming in, the advertising is running smoothly and the rack cards are being distributed.

We do have some people that would like to share a booth, call me on this matter if you are interested.

We are planning some extra events that will be introduced at the Spring Show, so stay tuned for those announcements.

The Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen is celebrating our 65th continuous year of the Holiday Show.

We believe that this is the longest continuous running show. (We are checking if we are the longest running continuous show in the country). But anyway, we all need to pull together and create a fantastic year of Fine Arts and Juried Crafts ever assembled in our country.

*******So, to get started if you are committing to place an AD in the newspaper, please, by all means, commit to it for both shows. I know that there are applications that are received early in the year for the next show. So make a copy, design your ad or allow the Reading Eagle newspaper staff to design it for you at no extra charge.**

Terry & Judy Boyer Show Chairs, 484-248-6275, email - tjboyer@1860woodco.com

PGCHC

Due to inclement weather -- *snow* -- Christmas on the Farm was cancelled the past December. We're looking ahead for *SUNNY* weather for Easter on the Farm to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 (the day before Palm Sunday). Show is from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Space is available in the Log Cabin, contact Pat Oxenford if you would like to set up in the Log Cabin. (No advance fees, but a 15% commission is requested on your sales for the day, payable to PGCHC). To set up at other locations at the Farmstead, contact Amanda Richardson at 610-683-1589.

Other upcoming events at PGCHC are the annual Kids Camp the week of July 21st to 25th, 2014. If you would like to teach your craft or assist with activities at Kids Camp please contact Amanda Richardson. Also, Heemet Fescht scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014 and Christmas on the Farm to be held Saturday, December 6, 2014. *Pat Oxenford, Kutztown Rep*

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Important Dates to Remember

**Board Meetings: Wednesday, January, 29, February 26
& March 26, 2014, 7:00 PM at GW**

**Chapter Meetings: Tuesday, February 4, March 4, &
April 1, 2014, 7:00 PM at GW**

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