



# READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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### *President's Message*

We are on the eve of our 12<sup>th</sup> annual juried Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown University March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The show committee has been in high gear and continues to work right up until the last minute to produce the best show possible. But that is only possible when YOU are there to help make it the best it can be. Because without YOU, our Reading-Berks Guild members, it just doesn't happen. So, there is still time to get in your application to have a booth at the show or if you just aren't ready to do a show, come out and volunteer an hour or two to help your Guild.

We have a great group of various craftsmen. There will be two silent auctions (one each day) of W. Eugene Burkhardt's work. There is a Pick-A-Prize raffle which consists of wonderful donations from our vendors, door prizes, student artists, live music by the Acoustic Road Show and great food available all day. As I said, we surely would love to have you in your booth but if that is not possible at this time, you can come out and chat with your Guild friends and support your Guild. As the song says, "*We get by with a little help from our Friends*".

I actually just got back from our Spring Jury session and was very impressed with our newly juried craftsmen and craftswomen. The Standards Committee was quite impressed with the talent. Come see for yourself at our next general meeting because our newly juried members will be our Show and Tell program that evening; (also some of our newly juried members will be at our Spring Festival as well). Our general meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at the GoggleWorks beginning at 7:00 PM.

Also since we are warming up a bit, I hope, please remember to mark your calendars for our annual picnic at the beautiful Gring's Mill complex. Your Guild will supply the meat and rolls, paper products and drinks and you will be bringing your favorite covered dish to share with your friends. It is truly a night of relaxation in a beautiful rural setting. Rain or shine, we are in a beautiful barn so the only thing we have to worry about is ... there's nothing to worry about, just let us know you are coming.

*"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."* Tom Brokaw **Your**

**President, Barry L. Bennecoff**

### *Program*

*Matthew Vardjan* has agreed to serve as our Program Chairperson, please welcome him to this position as he begins his duties with our April meeting.

April 1st ... April Fool's Day ... don't be fooled! Come out to our Chapter Meeting to meet and greet our newly juried members. They will each present a show and tell about their respective craft, WOW, great newly juried artisans. Don't miss this program.

The May program will be a hands on program about zentangles. Simply put, zentangling is deliberate, thoughtful doodling, and we can all doodle. This relaxing process turns drawing simple patterns into artistic design. **Marilyn Pounder** and/or **Louise Mehaffey** will show us some of the possibilities. Paper will be provided. Just ***bring a pencil and pen with you*** to experience the process of creating a tangle.

## ***Annual Chapter Picnic***

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 3, 2014 for our annual Chapter Picnic in the Stone Barn at Gring's Mill. Always a night of great food, fun and fellowship.

## ***BCTV - "Your Berks Craftsmen"***

**BCTV is now on Channel 15.**

The March 2014 program was advertising for our upcoming Spring Show. **Terry Boyer**, show chairperson, invited **Joan Dunham, Wilfriede Axsmith, Cleon Garl, Ray & Pat Oxenford, Paul BJORKE, and Barry Bennecoff** to join him, along with hosts **Kay Bennecoff and Carolyn Handwerk**, all artisans who will be exhibiting their work at our show. It was a "sneak preview" of things to see at the show.

The April 16<sup>th</sup> program will be a video tape of Louise Mehaffey at work during last year's Kutztown Festival. **Kay Bennecoff & Carolyn Handwerk "Your Berks Craftsmen" Co-Host**

## ***Thank You***

Thank you to **Carolyn Handwerk** who has resigned her position of co-host for the ***Your Berks Craftsmen*** program on BCTV. We would like to thank Carolyn for her years of service to our chapter, first as co-host with Gene Burkhart for the Octoberfest Auctions where she put many hours of behind the scenes work in to that event, plus her co-hosting with Kay Bennecoff on the monthly program the past two years. ***Thank you!***

## ***Standards***

March 11<sup>th</sup> we held our semi-annual chapter jury session. The following people were honored with juried status.

**Sam Shoemaker** - *Redware pottery* 717-606-4038

**Janice Garl** - *stained glass* 610-929-0416

**Dennis Kutz** - *woodturning* 610-216-1410

**Paul BJORKE** - *stone* 610-413-8597

**Dave Glasser and Chris Frey** - *stained glass* 484-336-5893

**Deb Reis** - *baskets* 610-933-3252

**Robeson Redware** - *PA German Redware* 610-693-8084

The next chapter jury session will be held at GoggleWorks on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. For more information contact Louise Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson.

## ***With Our Sincere Sympathy***

We extend our belated sincere sympathy to **Shirley Sacks**, whose daughter passed away on March 11, 2014. Shirley's husband passed away in December. *May God bless and comfort you.*

## ***Get Well Wishes***

Belated get well wishes to **Terry Boyer** who recently had a surgical procedure and was hospitalized briefly. Wishing you a speedy recovery. Also, continue to keep **Annie Harlan** in your prayers.

## ***Members in the News***

**Linda Beiler's** wheat weaving creations were displayed again at the Berks County Agricultural Center, Bern Township. Linda also exhibited her work at the Farm Show in Harrisburg in January.

The **Handwerk's, Ken and Carolyn**, became great grandparents and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past November, all on the same weekend. Their great-grandson and his parents reside in Florida. Over the holidays they were honored with a visit and had a 5-generation photograph taken which appeared in the February 2, 2014 issue of the Sunday edition of the ***Reading Eagle***. Congratulations.

## ***Spring Show***

Hello to all,

We are at the threshold of our SPRING FINE ARTS and JURIED CRAFTS Show.

We have planned an exciting show for all. If you haven't been to the show come out and join us. With your membership you get into the show free.

**Craftsmen:** remember *set up for the show is at 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm Friday*. If you have volunteered to help at the show please remember your time is greatly appreciated.

If you are coming to the show for the first time and thinking about doing the Holiday Show stop by booth #1, or # 25. Hope to see you there.

The show committee, **Chairpersons, Terry & Judy Boyer, Show Co-Chairpersons**

# ***WELCOME SPRING!!***

## ***Reminder***

***The Mini Grant Applications are due to Carol Haile ASAP, however the latest she will accept them is at the Spring Show.***

## ***PGCHC***

Easter-on-the-Farm will be held at the PA German Cultural Heritage Center on Saturday, April 12, 2014 (day before Palm Sunday) from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There is limited space available in the Log Cabin. Other space is available throughout the farmstead grounds. If you would like to participate at Easter-on-the Farm, contact Amanda Richardson, Events Coordinator at 610-683-1589.

### **Attachments to this newsletter:**

- 2014 RB Holiday Show Application
- 2014 RB Holiday Show Information Sheet
- RB 2014 Holiday Show Raffle Form

***Mark the dates--Don't miss this Holiday Show--the longest running holiday show! Special Events planned!***

**65<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Festival**  
**Saturday, October 25, 2014 and Sunday, October 26, 2014**

**Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen 610-678-6650**

## ***Important Dates to Remember***

**Board Meetings: Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 7:00 PM at GW**

**Chapter Meetings: Tuesday, April 1, 2014 & May 6, 2014, 7:00 PM at GW**

**Annual Picnic: Tuesday, June 3, 2014 - The Stone Barn at Gring's Mill**

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