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President's Message

Where has all the summer gone? Long time passing! Well, it's not too late. Get out and enjoy the last phase of summer because it will soon be time to get back into the swing of things. Matt Vardjan, our Program Chairperson, has some of the greatest programs lined up for us; so make sure you mark the first Tuesday of the month on your calendars and we will see you at the GoggleWorks.

The show committee has been working overtime on a big anniversary celebration of 65 years for our upcoming Holiday Show. Elaine Vardjan is putting together a group booth for retired artists. So if you have any suggestions or can help Elaine out with this, please let her know.

This year is the year I need to ask for a nominating committee for our Fall election, so please consider being on this committee if asked to serve. Elected offices are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary-Newsletter. The election will be at our November meeting.

BCTV is in need of our donations for Thursday Night of their Oktoberfest Auction for this year. They will be returning to their prior format of auctioning the crafts donated by our Guild along with donations from other artists on Thursday of Oktoberfest. So please bring your donation to the September meeting and we will see that it gets to BCTV. BCTV is so appreciative of all we do for them and I cannot tell you what a great asset BCTV is to our guild.

And right behind the BCTV auction in October is our very special Holiday Show ... so get in your application if you haven't done so. It is going to be a very special event with a few surprises along the way. You do not want to miss this one.

Remember, this is Your Guild and it is not possible without YOU! Thanks!

"If you want to test your memory, try to remember what you were worrying about one year ago today." **E. Joseph Cossman** Your President,

Barry L. Bennecoff

Program

September 2, 2014 is our "road trip" meeting to the blacksmith studio of world renown blacksmith sculpture Greg Leavitt. Directions to his studio are as follows:

From the intersection of Route 662 and Route 562 at Yellow House Hotel,

- Head east on Route 562,
- Go 1.4 miles and just past the Flying Dog Restaurant, make a left onto Powder Mill Hollow Road,
- Follow Powder Mill Hollow Road, past Earl Road on left, past Old Powder Mill Road on left,
- Past Hemlock Road on left (You will see lake on left),
- At the end of the guardrail along lake look for stone/macadam driveway to left (Approx. 2 miles from Flying Dog Restaurant)
- ***If you passed Fancy Hill Road on the right you have gone too far!***
- Follow stone drive past back of lake, through the yellow gate up to the Studio

Matt Vardjan, Program Chairperson

BCTV - "Your Berks Craftsmen"

Hope you are remembering to tune into "***Your Berks Craftsmen***" every third Wednesday of the month. This is a great hour of entertainment and you will probably recognize the star of the show--one of our very own Reading-Berks Guild members--YOU!

I am always happy when I can introduce a craftsperson to our viewing audience; so just let me know when you want to be on TV. Our August show will be a rerun from last August. It will feature several guests explaining our special awards that we give out during our Student Awards presentations at the BCIU art show held in April. It is a taped show because BCTV is moving out of downtown Reading and relocating to Albright college during the month of August.

In September, the show will be done at the new studio and will feature Terry and Judy Boyer, our show chairpersons along with several craftsmen who will be in the 65th Holiday Show at Kutztown University October 25th and 26th.

At this time I also want to thank everyone who has donated and who is going to donate a craft for BCTV's Octoberfest Auction. This is an exciting night for our Guild and what a wonderful way we can support BCTV and say "Thank-you" to them. **Kay Bennecoff** "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host

Standards

The next jury session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th at the GoggleWorks. Members who have belonged to our chapter for a minimum of 3 months are eligible to present their work for jurying.

The room will be open at 6:30 PM, and jurying will begin at 7:00 PM. Check the board at the entrance of the GoggleWorks for the room number.

Members will be asked to leave before jurying begins, and can return in 1 to 1½ hours for the results. The cafe on the first floor will not be open, but there are tables and chairs there

Any Standards Committee member who can't attend, please let me know. For more information or for an application, go to rbcrafts.org, contact Louise at 484-248-6301 or eglassplace@gmail.com **Louise**

Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson

News

Be sure to stop by The Berks History Center, formerly The Historical Society of Berks County, 940 Centre Avenue, Reading, to view the exhibit "***Flower Power: Pressed Flower Art of W. Eugene Burkhart Jr.***" All items in the display are presently on consignment and available for purchase until the close of the exhibit on September 27, 2014.

Several of Gene's most spectacular pieces, including his coveted PAGODA AWARD, are included in the exhibit.

Gene, who died unexpectedly in 2012, was one of our best-known and internationally famous members whose work continues to be celebrated and collected worldwide

The Berks History Center (Historical Society) will be adding several of Gene's items to their permanent collection in the near future. This is, indeed, a very high honor. Gene would truly be pleased. Carol Haile

Members in the News

Carol Haile's picture was taken while attending the Berks Celtic Oyster Festival and appeared in the July 30, 2014 issue of **The Southern Berks News**,

Allen Schaeffer, blacksmith, participated at the Old Dry Road Farm in Lower Heidelberg Township as part of the Pennsylvania Artist Blacksmith Association's Blacksmith Day. Allen's picture appeared on page 2 of the Sunday, August 3, 2014 issue of the **Reading Eagle**.

Eric Claypoole's picture was in the Thursday August 7, 2014 issue of the **Reading Eagle Weekend** advertising that he will discuss hex signs and barn stars on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the Beidler House, located at 1130 Old River Road, Gibraltar.

Congratulations to **Nancy and Bob Ballantyne** who recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on August 5, 2014. Wishing you many more happy and healthy anniversaries.

NEWS FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE

Well things are getting a bit busy for the up and coming Holiday Show. This is our 65th holiday show and our 70th anniversary of the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen. This is going to be a very busy year.

First off, all applications must be in by October 1st.

We will be having a *History of the Guild* booth, including some retired artist. They will be selling some things as well. We are having the silent auction of some of W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr.'s art work. There will be a surprise item for the first 65 people that will be coming through the gate. This will be for both Saturday and Sunday.

Information about our BCTV *Your Berks Craftsmen* show, I will be calling the people that would like to be on the show. The show airs the 3rd Wednesday of September.

Check out Comcast for our name to fame **Carol Haile**. It will be on our website as well. Carol packs a lot of information in a short amount of time.

We will be having available Reading Berks Guild shopping tote grocery bags. Check with **Terry Boyer** if interested. Will have the cost closer to show time.

The show packets will be mailed out in the beginning of October.

Please, to all of our artisans, promote this show. If you need additional rack cards call or email **Carol Haile**.

If you are at a show and you feel there's a craft that's outstanding please have them log onto www.rbcrafts.org for the application. We do allow a one-time show for non-juried craftsman.

So if you have any questions email me at tjboyer@1860woodco.com Thanks and have a good show year. Terry & Judy Boyer, Show Chairs of the Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen.

PA German Cultural Heritage Center

Thanks to everyone who assisted at the recent Kids Camp the end of July.

The next event at PGCHC is Heemet Fescht that will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Space is available in the Guild's Log Cabin ... if you are interested please contact Pat Oxenford ASAP to reserve your space.

Other spaces are available throughout the grounds. If interested in an outdoor space, please contact Amanda Richardson ASAP, but no later than August 30, 2014 to ensure that your name and site will be noted on the program.

Planning ahead, Christmas on the Farm is scheduled the first Saturday of December ... December 6, 2014, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Reserve your space as soon as possible. This is usually a very busy event (last year we had a snow storm and the show had to be cancelled), so we are looking forward to this year's event.

We look forward to seeing you at the events "on the farm." *Pat Oxenford, PGCHC*

Secretary

Important Dates to Remember

Board Meetings:

Wednesday, August, 27, & September 24, 2014, October 29, 2014, 7:00 PM at GW

Chapter Meetings:

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at Greg Leavitt's Blacksmith Studio,
Powder Mill Road, Boyertown

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM at GoggleWorks
The newly juried members will each present examples of their work

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM at GoggleWorks

Linda Beiler will present a program on Wheat Weaving
and it will also be election of officers for 2015 - 2016

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 will be our annual Christmas Social
to be held at the Yellow House Hotel

Jury Session

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Doors open for set up at 6:30 PM

Jury session begins at 7:00 PM - GoggleWorks

Heemet Fescht at PGCHC

Saturday, September 27, 2014 -- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holiday Show

Kutztown University

Saturday, October 25, 2014 -- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 26, 2014 -- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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