



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen

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President's Message

Labor Day Week End: The traditional end of the lazy days of summer. Kay and I hope you had a great summer, spending time outside (and not just mowing grass) enjoying Mother Nature, spending time with family and friends, creating great memories. We started Labor Day weekend at the tenth annual Hamburger Festival in where else but Hamburg, PA. It was a great time. We finished the weekend with some biking and swimming and now getting ready to dive into the craft show season of the Fall. Fall is a great time of the year and craft shows abound throughout this season.

When you think about it, our Holiday Festival is just around the corner, so please get in your application for this show; you do not want to be left out in the cold! (literally)! At this year's Holiday Festival, we will be having a silent auction of 14 pieces of work by the late W. Eugene Burkhart. This will certainly be a great addition to this year's show. The college students have been invited back and will have their student gallery.... And of course YOU, the great craftsmen who make this show terrific.

Also, for this Fall, The Reading-Berks Guild is getting ready to participate in Heemet Fescht on October 5 at the Heritage Center at Kutztown University and BCTV's Octoberfest Auction beginning on October 21, 2013 at 6:00 PM. at the Crown Plaza. This is a new venue for the annual fundraiser for BCTV. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights of that week, the auction will be broadcast from the studio. It's not too late to donate a handcrafted item. You can take it to the BCTV studio or bring it to a general meeting and we will get it there for you! And there will even be items "on line" beginning in October that you can bid on from the comforts of your own home.

Attendance at our meetings has been a little slim recently and I want to encourage you to come out on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Elaine Vardjan, our chairperson for programs, has done a fabulous job in providing interesting and informative programs for your Guild. The only thing that is missing is YOU! You can bring your friends and neighbors too. Our meetings are open to the general public. In fact, what better way to inform the public than to have them attend a meeting, see a great program and learn what the Guild is all about. Let's promote ourselves and share our knowledge of crafts with our friends and neighbors. We are always open to suggestions too; so if you want your Guild to do something different, let us know! Until our next meeting, my friends, I am, Your President, Barry L. Bennecoff

"Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry."
Mark Twain

PS This is our last printed newsletter to be mailed. Our newsletter will be sent out via e-mail or available on our website. ***If you do want a hard copy mailed to your home address this can still be accomplished by sending a \$12 check to The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen, P. O. Box 85, Mohnton, PA 19540. The newsletter will be published six times per year. President, Barry L. Bennecoff***

BCTV's 20th Annual Octoberfest

Monday, October 21, 2013

5:30 PM Cash bar with complimentary hors d'oeuvres

6:30 PM live auction with Auctioneer Dick Henry

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1741 Papermill Road,
Wyomissing, PA

Program

Our newly juried members from the March 12th Jury Session will present their work for our October 1, 2013 meeting's program. Members presenting their work are:

Judy Boyer, *pressed flowers*;
Vince Burke, *photography*;
Shane Flexer, *wood carvings*;
William Herbein, *wood replicas*;
Jennifer Lehr, *ceramics and floor cloths*;
Brian Mariano, *jewelry*;
A. W. Martofel, *metal*;
Brenda Miller, *scherenschnitte*;
Nate Ohlinger, *wood*;
Tonya Perri, *porcelain jewelry*;
Allen Schaeffer, *blacksmithing*.

November 5th, **Eric Claypool** will share the history and symbolism of "hex" signs for our program. *Elaine Vardjan, Program Chairperson*

Christmas Social

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Enjoy an evening of fun and great food. We will again have a gift exchange and catering by Dori Martin - food will be served promptly at 6:30 PM.

Menu:

Roast Turkey and Roast Beef
Potato Filling
Green Bean Casserole
Glazed Carrots
Tossed Salad
Coffee and Tea

Desserts: *Sundry goodies from our great bakers in the guild.*

Cost is \$22.00 per person. **Make checks payable to RB Chapter PGC and send payment to the attention of John Haile, c/o Reading-Berks Chapter PGC, P.O. Box 85, Mohnton, PA 19540**, or Elaine will accept payment at the upcoming Holiday Show. Reservation deadline and payment is due by November 26, 2013.

Elaine Vardjan, Program Chairperson

BCTV - "Your Berks Craftsmen"

September's edition of "Your Berks Craftsmen" will feature two artists from The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen, **Linda Beiler** a straw artist is teaming up with **Debra Hammond** a basket maker to show you what fun twisting can be! No, they are not demonstrating Chubby Checker's "The Twist". The artists will be twisting their respective mediums of wheat and reed into beautiful works of art.

October's edition will feature artists who will be participating in our 64th Holiday Festival at Kutztown University in November and our November "Your Berks Craftsmen" will be "Decorating for the Holidays" with your friends from The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen.

"Your Berks Craftsmen" appears on BCTV every third Wednesday of each month "live" and then is 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 support your fellow craftsmen and BCTV! *Ray Bennecoff & Carolyn Handwerk "Your Berks Craftsmen" Co-Host*

PGCHC

The PA German Cultural Heritage Center has a new look! Handicap / wheelchair accessible walkways and ramps to both log cabins and the trailer's office have been installed. In fact, both front and back doors of the Guild's cabin now have these ramps / walkways.

The next event will be Heemet Fescht on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. This will be in conjunction with Kutztown University's Fall Parents' Weekend.

The following have reserved a spot in the chapter's cabin: Barry Bennecoff, furniture and accessories; Matt and Elaine Vardjan, Moravian Stars and block printed items; Judy Boyer, pressed flower designs; Terry Boyer, Miniature log homes.

Ray and Pat Oxenford, tinsmithing and tole painting, will be in the Tinshop Cabin.

December 14, 2013 (**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**) will be Christmas-on-the-Farm, same time. Barry Bennecoff, Matt and Elaine Vardjan and Tammy Zettlemoyer, redware pottery have reserved spots for this event in the Guild Cabin. Ray and Pat will be in the Tinshop cabin.

Let me or Amanda Richardson at PGCHC know if you would like to participate in either event.

Pat Oxenford, PGCHC Secretary

Holiday Festival

Hello to All, ... We are at the threshold of our 64th Annual Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show. Everything is on track with the Show. We are always looking for something else that could improve the show's attendance. This year the Guild will be having 14 items from W. Eugene Burkhart Jr.'s collection. The items that will be auctioned off are done by the, "Silent Auction"

Gene was instrumental in finding ways to increase our scholarship program. The proceeds will go toward our scholarship program. You can see our Scholarship program at work at the show. We give to the students all of the help in setting up their store fronts to sell their wares ... We give the Pipe & Drape, the booth space, electric, set-up assistance and the experience from our entire artists that are doing the show. We encourage them to ask questions or hook them up to an artist of the craft.

Our advertising program is hard at work getting the word out. You can do the same, by handing out the rack cards; we have a press release for you to advertise the show. Send it to your friends and mailing list.

If you would like us to send you press releases email me at tjboyer@1860woodco.com.

NOTE:

*So, the Deadline is Oct. 1st thereafter you will be required to pay an extra \$10.00.

*The acceptance to the show ends Oct. 21st. NO Applications will be accepted after that date!.

*There will be a welcome packet sent to you in October which will also have your volunteer duties as well. Please read the duties and times you are volunteering.

If you have any questions please by all means email or call any of us on the committee. All committee members' phone numbers are on the last page of this newsletter. Check out the guilds website for additional information.

Thanks to all who are making this show a *Hugh success!* Chairpersons, Terry & Judy Boyer

Get Well Wishes

We extend our prayers and get well wishes to **Annie Harlan**. Wishing you good health.

Members in the News

Carol Haile's newest book has recently been released, entitled ***Christmas Cows***, is a *mooving* alphabet. You guessed it ... it is an alphabet book related to Christmas with "cows" as the "characters". For more information on Carol's book check out the recent BCTV Your Berks Craftsmen program, or visit Carol's booth at the Holiday Show

Standards

We welcome our newest juried member, **Gloria Heere**, who successfully passed the jury process at the September 10, 2013 jury session; Gloria is a China Painter.

Our next jury session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM at GoggleWorks. (*Set up for jury applicants is 6:30 PM, check the board in the lobby for the room number, it's usually Room 325*). We hold two jury sessions per year, March and September. If you have been a member for at least 3 months, and have not yet had your work juried by our Standards Committee, plan to present your work at the next jury session on March 11, 2014.

Members applying for juried status are requested to present 5 pieces of their recent work which best represents their style of the craft.

To plan ahead for the next session, contact Louise Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson for the application, or check out the chapter website at www.rbcrafts.org where you can get all the information and the application. *Louise Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson*

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64th Annual Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Festival

At Kutztown University's Michael O'Pake Field House

Saturday, November 2, 2013 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 3, 2013 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Silent Auction of 14 works by the late W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr.

12th Annual Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Festival

At Kutztown University's Michael O'Pake Field House

Saturday, March 29, 2014 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 30, 2014 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Important Dates to Remember

Board Meetings: Wednesday, September 25; Wednesday, October 30, 2013,
7:00 PM at GoggleWorks

Chapter Meetings: Tuesday, October 1; Tuesday, November 5, 2013,
7:00 PM at GoggleWorks

Christmas Social: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at GoggleWorks

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