



# READING-BERKS CHAPTER

## *Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen*

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### *President's Message*

WOW!! That is the best word I can think of to describe the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fine Arts and Crafts Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen production that occurred on the weekend of October 25 and 26, 2014. Kudos to our show committee for another job well done. A big thank you to all our volunteers, our vendors, the Acoustic Road Show, Dori Marten's catering team, our vintage craftsmen, the student artists, Kutztown University staff and the list goes on!!

A special thank-you to Butcher and Beth Martofel for their generous donation of 130 items which were given to the very lucky first 65 patrons each day at our event. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

As I always say and I cannot emphasize this enough, this guild could not be what it is without all of you, our guild members.

As a reminder to our guild members, the state will be sending out many membership renewals soon, so do not let your membership lapse or you will lose your jury status.

Another big event for our Guild is our Christmas Party on December 2, 2014 at the Yellow House Hotel. In the past, we have asked our guild members to make a donation to the goggleWorks for their scholarship fund. Our Guild will match what we collect from our members. Also, please bring a can(s) of food to our party and we will give these food items to the local food pantry.

If you have not made your reservation, please get in touch with Matt Vardjan, our program chairperson. Matt has been doing a great job in lining up some very interesting programs for our general meetings the first Tuesday of each month,

starting at 7 PM. Mark your calendars and come out to the goggleWorks for these meetings. You will be glad you did.

AND just because winter is right around the corner and you are thinking about hankering down for the winter and working on your new projects in your craft, get out that Spring Show application and send it in by December 31, 2014. If you do that, you will have an extra \$10 for this year's Christmas shopping!

The show committee continues to work year round on our two shows and is most excited about our newest committee, the website committee. These people are working very hard to get a new and improved website on the Internet for Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen. This is a big job and the committee is most enthused about all the ideas and opportunities that are out there.

With the election now behind us, I will be working with Ken Moyer-Vice President, John Haile-Treasurer, Kay Bennecoff Recording Secretary, and Sandra Jones-newly elected Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor.

Thank you to Pat Oxenford for her many years of service as Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter editor. Pat had told the Board earlier this year that she would like to retire from this position. Pat will remain on our Board as our Kutztown Representative to the Heritage Center.

So as I look forward to being your president for another two years, I am excited to dream with you and bring your ideas to fruition. So---HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "God Bless us Everyone!" Tiny Tim. **Your**

**President, Barry L. Bennecoff**

## **Holiday Social REMINDER**

Our Christmas party this year will break from the traditional GoggleWorks gathering. Reservations have been made at the Yellow House Hotel located at the intersection of Route 662 and 562, in Amity Township, for our holiday celebration.

<http://www.yellowhousehotel.com/YHHrestaurant.html>  
**Rather than a gift exchange this year, we will be supporting the Berks Food Bank. Please bring a bag of non-perishable foods for your donation\*.**

**This event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014 and will begin at 6:00 PM. drinks are cash bar.** Meal served at 6:30 PM.

Because it's a group dinner, the menu will have four choices ... beef, seafood, chicken and vegetarian. The selections and prices are as follows;

- **Sirloin Steak** - \$25.00
- **Seafood Sizzler** (includes crab cake, shrimp, scallops) - \$31.00
- **Chicken Picatta** - \$25.00
- **Vegetarian** - \$20.00

Entrées include:

- ✓ Italian wedding soup
- ✓ Tossed salad
- ✓ Stuffed potato
- ✓ Vegetable du jour
- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Apple pie with ice cream

To make your reservation contact **Matt Vardjan at 610-689-5324 or 610-655-5541**, as soon as possible. *Payment is expected prior to or no later than the night of the social. Please note our Chapter will be paying the gratuity and tax.*

***The local Exeter Township Food Bank at Reformation Lutheran Church suggests the top 10 items or most requested items are as follows:***

Paper products such as toilet tissue and Kleenex, canned soups, peanut butter, jelly, cereals, non-refrigerated juice, canned beans, canned meats, canned tuna fish, canned stews. **Matthew Vardjan, Program Chairperson**

## **Annual Charity**

Several years ago Gene Burkhart made a motion that our annual charity should annually be the **GoggleWorks Scholarship Fund for Students**. We collect for our annual charity at our Holiday Social. If you are unable to attend that event, you may still send your check to our post office box address, made payable to the Reading-Berks Chapter PGC, note in the memo line: *GoggleWorks Scholarship Fund for Students. Thank you in advance for your participation and generosity in both these projects.*

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

The next edition of "**Your Berks Craftsmen**" will feature a Holiday decorating team of **Judy Boyer, Janice Sonnen, Carolyn Handwerk, and Kay Bennecoff** bringing to you traditional and contemporary decorating ideas for the upcoming holidays. The show will air on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 PM. So get comfy in front of your TV and be ready to take some notes for some great tips for dazzling your family and friends during the holidays,

On December 17, "**Your Berks Craftsmen**" will feature **Patrick Donmoyer** and **Amanda Richardson** from the Heritage Center at Kutztown University along with **Barry Bennecoff**, President of Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen. This show will be jam-packed with information on the excitement that is going on at the Heritage Center for 2015 and the great working-relationship that exists between the Reading-Berks Guild and the Heritage Center. This enlightening show will reveal the gems that exist right here in Berks County. **Kay Bennecoff "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host**

## **Standards**

Jury sessions for 2015 are scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 and Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Louise Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson

## **Program**

January 6, 2015 is the first meeting of the new year. Program for the evening will be announced at a later date.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather (snow and/or ice), please tune into WEEU radio at 830 AM on your radio dial for their list of cancellations due to bad weather, or call our Chapter's phone for notification of any cancellations. Possibly an email blast will also be sent if there is any cancellations due to bad weather.

## **Classified**

**Sandra Kaye** announced workshops on Fused Glass, Holiday Ornaments and Beginners 4-Week Classes at her recently relocated studio, *The Warehouse Studio, Artists: Bruce Becker and Sandra Kaye*, at 700 Lancaster Avenue, Reading, PA. Call 610-310-5399 or visit [www.sandrakayestudios.com](http://www.sandrakayestudios.com) for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving  
Merry Christmas,  
Happy New Year

## *In our Prayers*

Continue to keep the following members and friends in your prayers.

**Bernadette Wargo** is undergoing a series of chemo treatments, and would appreciate your prayers; **Michael and Bernadette Wargo's granddaughter, Hilary Boettcher** is hopeful to have the wires removed from her jaw, following a recent fall that fractured her jaw.

**Sandra Jean Coldren** is seriously ill and in the Conestoga View Nursing Home; cards of encouragement should be sent to her home at 111 Skyview Lane, Lititz, PA 17543.

**Eileen Flickinger** is recovering from her recent accident. Cards should be mailed to her home at 250 State Street, Hamburg, PA 19526.

**Bill Scheirer's wife, Anne** is undergoing therapy following her knee replacement surgery.

Also please continue to keep **Anita Geiger** in your prayers.

## *Spring Show*

The Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled for Palm Sunday weekend, March 28, 29, 2015. Applications were included with the last newsletter, also distributed at the Holiday Show and is also on the chapter's website. To receive a \$10 discount, applications must be submitted by December 31, 2014.

## *PA German Cultural Heritage Center*

Christmas on the Farm is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and is in partnership with Christmas in Kutztown. The event is getting a lot of publicity, and if you are interested in exhibiting and selling your work in the Log Cabin contact Pat Oxenford, or elsewhere on the Farmstead, contact Amanda Richardson at the Heritage Center (610-683-1589). A 15% commission is requested on sold merchandise.

## *Newsletter:*

As I stated in the previous newsletter, this is my last issue of the Reading-Berks Newsletter that I will publish. I have enjoyed being the editor and corresponding secretary these past 15 years, but it is now time for me to retire and enjoy other things. Thank you, Pat Oxenford.

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

## *Important Dates to Remember*

**Holiday Social - December 2, 2014 - Yellow House Hotel**

**Chapter Meetings: Tuesday, January 6, 2015 - 7:00 PM at GW**

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