



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen

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President's Message

Congratulations to The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen for a Holiday Fine Arts and Craft Festival very well done! The Show Committee and I were so pleased with how this past weekend went at Kutztown University. The show looked great and that is of course due to the craftsmen. Butch Imhoff did a great job with the entertainment (I know he had a few stresses in his life that weekend and we hope everyone is okay) but they pulled it off without missing a beat! We thank Dori Martin for a job well done and the student gallery was a huge success! We had, for the first time, a Vendors' Choice Award for our students and that was exciting for us. I am sure the winning student was pretty excited about his award as well. The attendance was up for both days and that certainly makes everyone happy. The show committee doesn't let any grass grow under their feet. We were all a buzz about what worked so well for this show and what can we do for our Spring Show to keep the momentum going in the right direction. From my standpoint, I believe that the word is getting out there that this is the show you don't want to miss! Compliments from customers on both days were heard around every corner and believe me, I definitely enjoyed hearing every one of them.

I want you to know, as your president, that I am extremely proud of our Guild and I appreciate all of you who work so hard and with such a caring heart to make the Reading Berks Guild so great! There are a few positions that will need to be filled by one of our guild members and I am hoping that one or two of you will come forward very soon to cover the position of program chair for 2014. Elaine Vardjan is stepping down at the end of this year and I cannot personally

thank her enough for a job very well done. This wonderful lady will help anyone who is willing to support our guild by filling this vacancy. So please, think about it!. ***Get involved! Bring your ideas!***

Our Holiday party is just around the corner on December 3rd, so please make your reservations NOW! We always have a good time with great friends.

At this time, I want to wish you and your families and friends a very special Thanksgiving; take time and listen and talk to your family and friends. Forget what time it is or where you have to be, just enjoy and be THANKFUL!

"You have achieved success in your field when you don't know whether what you are doing is work or play." Warren Beatty **Your President,**

Barry L. Bennecoff

Program

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.

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. Reservation deadline and payment is due by November 26, 2013.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

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.*

Entertainment for the evening will be by Butch Imhoff and the Acoustic Road Show. Elaine Vardjan, Program Chairperson

THANK YOU!!!!

Elaine Vardjan is probably the person with the longest tenure in our chapter, having served our chapter in many ways on the "board" over more than 45 years. She has been Program Chairperson several different times, Newsletter Editor and Standards Chairperson among other capacities. She has also been Historian of our archival records.

We sincerely thank you, Elaine, for all your years of service to our chapter. We wish you many years of good health and happiness and hope to continue to see you at our meetings and events.

BCTV - "Your Berks Craftsmen"

"Your Berks Craftsmen" will be a featured hour of "Decorating for the Holidays" with several members of our Reading-Berks Guild for the month of November.

In December, we will have Tammy Zettlemoyer, a Redware potter from Hamburg but these days you will find her anywhere but in Hamburg. Tammy will be telling us about her latest adventures "on the road". Don't miss "Your Berks Craftsmen" which can be seen live the third Wednesday of every month from the BCTV studio in Reading, PA. You can also view "Your Berks Craftsmen" on your computer by going to www.BCTV.org in the archives. If you would like to be a featured guest on "Your Berks Craftsmen" please don't be shy. Kay Bennecoff & Carolyn Handwerk" Your Berks Craftsmen" Co-Host

Newsletter

With this issue, newsletters are now being forwarded via email. The next issue will be January - February 2014. Pat Oxenford, Newsletter Editor

Standards

The next jurying session will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at GoggleWorks. If you have been a member for at least 3 months and would like to have your work juried, please contact our Standards Chairperson, Louise Mehaffey. Applications for Jurying are also available on the chapter's website. Louise Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson

With Our Sincere Sympathy

We wish to express our belated sympathy to **Louise Mehaffey** on the death of husband, Jim, who passed away on October 6, 2013 in the Reading Hospital. Jim fought several courageous battles with cancer the past several years. *May God Bless and Comfort you, Louise.*

Get Well Wishes

Please keep both **Annie Harlan** and **Eileen Flickinger** in your prayers; and it was also great to see both of them at our recent Holiday Show.

Great News!

Dorothy Hoyt and husband, **Ivan**, were celebrating Dorothy's great report that she is now cured of her recent bout with cancer. Here's wishing you continued good health!

Birthday wishes

While listening to WEEU several weeks ago, I heard a familiar voice identified as "Jack" who requested that some "big band music" be played on his upcoming birthday ... his 90th birthday on December 27, 2013. That person who will be celebrating his 90th birthday is none other than **John Flickinger**. Here's to a Happy 90th Birthday, John, and many, many more happy and healthy birthdays!

Thank you!

Thank you to **Carolyn Handwerk** who has been chairperson of our show Raffle Table for both Spring and Holiday Shows for the past ten years or more. She has been organizing the items received, keeping explicit records, setting up the displays, revised the raffle ticket system, and called the lucky recipients, often times making special arrangements for delivery of the items, as well as organized a committee to assist her. Carolyn has resigned this position as of the end of our Holiday Show. *Thank you, Carolyn, for all your work throughout your many years of service for this fund-raising part of our shows.*

Spring Show 2014

The Spring Show Application and Information Sheet for 2014 were distributed at the Holiday Show to all artisans. If you did not participate in the Holiday Show, you can print your information from the Chapter's Website.

Welcome to **Jodi Bryza-Stevenson** as our new Show Raffle Chairperson. Jodi will begin as Raffle Chairperson with the upcoming Spring 2014 Show.

Show Committee

Well it's over, wasn't that a Great Holiday Show or What! We had great numbers in the, gate, artisans, sales and college gallery. What more than could I say, ... Oh, by the way, great weather! This sound so much like we want it to carry over into the Spring Show2014! Why not?

The Spring Show is March 29th & 30th, 2014.

The ink isn't dry yet and I can't believe I'm talking about the Spring Show 2014? In fact, we already started preparing for the Spring Show 2014 all the way back into May.

If you would like your same spot get your application in. If you want to change locations get your application in. If you want a discount of \$10.00 get your application in.

If you would like a free booth at the Spring Show, YES, I said a **free booth**, come on down to the rest of the General Meetings at GoggleWorks, all the way up to the March meeting, in the beginning of March 2014, just before the show. You will be able to get a ticket for each meeting you attend and fill it out and put it into the box. It will be drawn at the General Meeting the first Tuesday in March 2014.

There's a lot of food for thought. It is paying off in giving the Patrons a great Show of the Best in Juried Master Craftsmen in the country.

Thanks to all our hard-working committee members who help to make our shows a complete success.

Now I'm asking you, our Guild Members, do you have any great ideas and/or could help in any way. We are totally open for you and your talents, please join us. Contact me or any of our committee or Board members.

Thanks so much for making this a great show. **Chairpersons, Terry & Judy Boyer** 484-248-6275 Home
tjboyer@1860woodco.com email

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The 2013 holiday season is upon us, Thanksgiving is just 2 weeks away, with Christmas a mere 4 weeks later. Stores are gearing up for the holiday sales reminding us of how many shopping days until the big day! TV ads have begun in full force with holiday advertisements, signs are already advertising the sales of fresh Christmas trees, and on and on. With Thanksgiving being the last Thursday of November, we lose a full week of holiday hustle and bustle before the big day. Will we be able to get all the shopping completed, cards addressed and mailed, decorating your home for the holidays, cookies baked, presents wrapped, the tasks are endless?

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*If you received your state and chapter membership renewal information, don't forget to renew your membership.
All dues are payable to the State organization PGC.*

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Regular chapter meetings resume on January 7, 2014 at GoggleWorks, beginning at 7:00 PM

As you and your family gather around your Thanksgiving table, remember our service men and women who are on foreign soil away from their families ... may they soon return home safely to their families. Let us give thanks for all the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

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Take time to enjoy the *Reason for the Season!*

Take time to relax and enjoy your family and friends.

From all of us on the Reading-Berks Chapter, PGC, Board of Directors,

We wish you and your family a joyous holiday season!

*Merry Christmas, and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy
2014!*

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Important Dates to Remember

Board Meetings: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM at GW
Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 7:00 PM at GW

Holiday Social: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at GW
Meal Served 6:30 PM

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2014 7:00 PM at GW