



Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen

www.rbcrafts.org

2nd Quarter 2016 Newsletter

version 2

President's Message

Since joining the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen several years ago, I have had the distinct pleasure of meeting a lot of great people. Planning and working together for “the good of the Guild” I have become very close with some of these great people. I have lost Matt Vardjan, Ruthanne Hartung and W. Eugene Burkhart, I will not forget the conversations with my three friends who advised me and inspired me through the years of working with this Guild. It is with great sadness that I have had to say Good-bye to another great friend, John Haile. In my last ten years as President of this Guild I have had the honor of working with Treasurer John Haile. John and I had a special bond. It worked. We, as the Board, experienced changes and challenges over the last ten years and we worked things out for “the good of the Guild”. John loved the Reading-Berks Guild; John loved craftsmen, He was a proponent of our Guild teaching and awarding to students knowledge of crafts. I will truly miss my conversations with John. I will miss his advice. I will miss my friend.

The Show Committee and the Board of Directors want to thank everyone who participated in the Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival on April 2 and 3rd at Kutztown University. We received many compliments on how beautiful the show was and our customers are already anxiously awaiting our return to Kutztown University for our Holiday Show, October 29 and 30th. Get your applications in now and we look forward to seeing your creations! Our annual Guild Picnic is right around the corner. It is a great way to kick-start the summer. You can sign up for it on our Guild Website. Do it now. It is never too late to sign up. It is always a great night of food, fun and conversation. Reunite with old friends and meet new friends. Don't make us miss “YOU”. (Reminder: No monthly guild meeting in July. Take a break and have some summer fun!)

We do need a nominating committee starting in August. It is election of officers in November 2016. Please consider helping out your guild by serving on or heading up this committee.

“Useless laws weaken the necessary laws” Montesquieu

Your President, Barry L. Bennecoff

Festivals

Hello to all from the Show Committee,

We have wrapped up the Spring Show for 2016. All the numbers were up, which gave us a very good Spring Show. This is all that we can ask for. The people that came to the show bought, which made all of us very happy.

I'm asking from all of you to send us your calendar of events from your local papers, please include any email addresses and/or Phone #'s. We want to send our information and maybe place some of the fine Crafts pictures in the publications. Please send the information to: Karen Myers at klmyers1234@yahoo.com or send it back to me and I will pass it on.

We had started working on the Holiday Show back in February and this is none stop until Nov. We are finding many ways to have this show blossom even more than the 2015 Holiday Show. If you are planning on joining us for the 2016 Holiday Show, I would suggest that You get that application in NOW. There are categories like Jewelry & Pottery that we can only take 15% of the booths doing the show. We except our Reading Berks Guild Members first for these limited spaces.

If you know a fellow Artist/Craftsmen, Please encourage them to log on to our website and down load the application for the show. Have them fill it out with the information requested. If they are not a juried member of our chapter or the state, they should include digital photos or at least a link to their website so that our Standards committee cna check their work, for acceptance to our shows.

Thanks for now and have a great summer,

Terry & Judy Boyer, Show co-chairmen Membership

Website

Our next big project for the website is adding some historical pictures. Elaine Vardjan has given me 5 boxes of interesting pictures, articles, etc. We need a team to sort through the collection and decide what is to be digitized and placed on the website. The team will also be identifying the members in the photos. If you would like to help, drop me an e-mail: bill@stonestrowpottery.com

Also, remember to include photos with your show application for the pre-view of our show. If you are a member and your work isn't in the gallery, we'd like digital photos of your work also.

Bill Jones, Website Chairman

Education

Mini-Grants:

Four (4) Mini Grants, in the amount of \$50 each, were randomly drawn at the Reading-Berks Chapter's on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The winners were: Nancy Ballantyne, Barry Bennecoff, Louise Mehaffey, and Debbie Jarrett. We look forward to their presentations in 2017.

Carol Haile, Education Chairman

Standards

The next jury session is Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Check the website under resources/standards or contact Louise Mehaffey, eglassplace@gmail.com for more information.

Louise Mehaffrey, Standards Chairman

In the News

A scherenschnitte of three bicyclist by Marilyn Diener was featured in Dave Kline's column Mountain Folklore: There's a bike waiting for everyone, plenty of roads to choose in the Berks Country section of the Reading Eagle on May 18, 2016. Marilyn's piece, which Dave Kline purchased at the Kutztown Folk Festival, allowed Mr. Kline to blend two of his favorite things: traditional art and biking into his article - See more at: <http://www.readingeagle.com/berks-country/article/mountain-folklore-theres-a-bike-waiting-for-everyone-a-plenty-of-roads-to-choose#sthash.sBuhZXuc.dpuf>.

Sunshine

I'm the New Sunshine Person for the Reading-Berks Guild. If you know any of members that need a little pick up, Get well, and Condolences. Please contact me at 484-248-6275, and or email me at, tjboyer@1860wood-co.com.

For those of you who did not get the May e-mail blast, I am sorry to inform you of John Haile's passing. Condolences may be sent to:

Carol Haile
612 Museum Rd.
Reading, PA 19611

Thank you very much,
Judy M Boyer, Sunshine Girl

Programs

The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Picnic on June 7th., 2016 will be held at 6 PM at Elaine Vardjan's house. Due to a double booking of the facilities, the Picnic is changed to Elaine Vardjan's House: 350 Limekiln Rd, Reading, PA 19606. If you have any questions regarding the change in location please contact, Matt Vardjan 610-655-5541 or Elaine Vardjan at 610-334-0334.

Directions to the Picnic are: GPS address 350 Limekiln Rd, Reading, PA 19606

Coming from Reading via 422; Take 422 East to Shelbourne Rd, Turn left onto Shelbourne Rd. go through light (crossing 562) road becomes Oley Turnpike Rd., go about 2.7 miles and take a left onto Limekiln Rd., in about 1.36 miles you will see Elaine's House on the left (a for sale sign should be in the yard).

Via Carsonia Ave: Take Carsonia Ave (going NE) make a right onto Friedensburg Rd., in about 2.2 miles take the right fork at Five Points onto Limekiln Rd. in about 1 mile you will see Elaine's house on the right (a for sale sign should be in the yard).

Be sure to sign up for the Picnic at <http://rbcrafts.org/our-guild/picnic/>

There will be no meeting in July. More Programs will be announced in the Monthly e-mail blasts.

Matt Vardjan, Program Chairman

Lost and hopefully will be found:

At our recent Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown College, one of our craftsmen got home and is missing a tool box filled with tools. If anyone has an extra toolbox that got loaded with your "stuff" and it is not your tool box, please notify Barry L. Bennecoff. Thanks!

Membership

Our membership at the end of April was 175.

June Moyer, Membership Chairman

Media

Tune into BCTV's "Your Berks Craftsmen" every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM and you might find yourself on TV doing a show about what you are passionate about, your craft! What an inspiration you can be to our viewers by educating them about your creations. It is a great way for a lot of people to find out about what you do, how you do it and WHO you are!. Craftsmen do what they do because they love it. That is a good thing. Share and Inspire!

In May, we will see two craftsmen who work in the same "medium" but "turn out" two different products. Jeff Cronrath, one of our newer juried members, is a wood turner and Barry Bennecoff, a furniture maker and President of our Reading-Berks Guild, will talk "WoodShop-101" In June, "Your Berks Craftsmen" will welcome into the studio Steve Sharadin, director of the Kutztown Folk Festival. Steve will be accompanied by several guest artists and craftsmen who will be appearing at this year's festival. In July, we are hoping to have a talented husband and wife duo to be here and in August "Your Berks Craftsmen" will meet with Patrick Donmoyer of the Kutztown Heritage Center. We will be talking about what goes on at the Heritage Center and the association of Reading-Berks Guild with the Center. Thanks for your continued support to BCTV and don't forget to watch "You" on "Your Berks Craftsmen"

Missed a show go to www.rbcrafts.org/our-guild/bctv-your-berks-craftsmen/ and watch it on "YouTube"

It's getting to be that time of year!! That time of year is Oktoberfest Auction and it benefits BCTV. So please, please, please donate one of your beautiful crafts to be auctioned off for the benefit of BCTV. BCTV is an avid promoter of The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen. I can't say enough great things about the relationship between Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen and BCTV. So let's rally for BCTV. You can start bringing in your donations with a description of your donated craft to our general meetings and Kay Bennecoff will get them to the studio. Thanks to all our Guild Members for your continued support.

Your Host for "Your Berks Craftmen", Kay Bennecoff

Important Dates to Remember

Chapter Meeting (1st Tuesday):

June 7 at 6 PM: Picnic at Fish Pond West, Inc.

July -- NO meeting

August 2 at 7 PM at Goggle Works

Board Meeting: (last Wednesday)

June NO Meeting

July 27 at 7 PM

August 31 at 7 PM

Holiday Show: October 29 & 30, 2016,

Applications due October 1, 2016

Board of Directors

President, Barry Bennecoff	610-562-7226
Vice President, Ken Moyer	610-779-4126
Secretary, Kay Bennecoff	610-562-7226
Acting Treasurer, Carol Haile	610-374-7048
Membership, June Moyer	610-779-4126
Standards, Louise Mehaffey	484-248-6301
Newsletter, Sandra Jones	610-779-5177

Committee Chairs

Shows, Judy & Terry Boyer	484-248-6275
Media, Kay Bennecoff	610-562-7226
Education, Carol Haile	610-374-7048
Program, Matt Vardjan	610-689-5324
Website, Bill Jones	610-779-5177