



Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen

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President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is a beautiful time of the year spending it with family and friends. We are all so busy at this time so with this article I am going to take some time for reflection. I want to thank everyone in our Guild for helping out with another great Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Festival. It was our 66th to be exact. Many people pulled together to make it another great Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen show. Special thanks to Annie Harlin for her beautiful donation of her last hooked rug for the public. Her generosity speaks of the integrity of the craftsmen in our guild. Being a member of this guild, we want to ensure the future of crafts and we are trying to accomplish this with our student gallery at our shows and our participation with the BCIU art show awards and our participation at the Heritage Center events. Our involvement with BCTV and our monthly program, "Your Berks Craftsmen" brings craft into the homes of Berks County and beyond. The Kutztown Folk Festival helps us sponsor our program and we are thankful for their help; again, promoting crafts. I as your president again for the next two years, welcome your input as how we can promote crafts in our area. If you have suggestions, let me or a member of our board know. I welcome your input. We welcome to our Board newly elected Vice President Cleon Garl and newly elected co-treasurers Carol Haile and Jodi Bryza-Stevenson. Michael Brown joined as our membership chair. We thank June and Ken Moyer for all their years of service as our membership chair and our vice president. I am fortunate to have such a competent and devoted staff, past and present. So looking to our future, we welcome additions to our show committee. Contact Terry and Judy Boyer to get on this committee. Attend our monthly meetings, the first Tuesday of the month and enjoy the atmosphere of the goggleWorks.

Looking forward to 2017 with all of you and don't forget to renew your membership if it is due.

"When you aim for perfection, you discover it is a moving target" George Fisher

I am, Your President, Barry L. Bennecoff

P.S. At the end of our Holiday Show, I received a note from our very dear friend and member of our guild, Teddi Matz, telling me that this will be her last show with the Guild and she was finishing the year with North Penn. We will miss Teddi at our shows but we certainly hope to continue to see Teddi and Tony at our meetings and our functions. Your art is forever in our hearts!

Festivals

We would like to thank everyone for another great Holiday Festival. A special thanks to our volunteers during the show and our show committee who work year round. We are already started on the Spring Festival and are looking for some additional members for our show committee. Remember you do not have to do the show to volunteer!

Our Spring Festival will be April 1 & 2, 2017. Don't forget to send your applications for the Spring Festival in before December 31st for a \$10 discount!

Terry & Judy Boyer, Show Co-chairmen
484-248-6275

Media

"Your Berks Craftsmen" will feature Elaine and Matt Vardjan on December 21 and we will be on location at their press at the old homestead. Both will join us live in the studio that night for a follow up as to where it all is now.

In January we will go on adventure to the Kutztown Folk Festival 2016 and February will feature Marilyn Diener and her original designs of scherenschnitte.

I am going to thank Gerry Marginnis at BCTV. She is retiring this month as program co-ordinator. She has put up with me for the past several years and she has now handed me over to the capable hands of Ambur Bernhard. Congratulations Ambur and good luck with me!

Your Host for "Your Berks Craftmen", Kay Bennecoff

P.S. Merry Christmas!

Inclement Weather

It is December and winter is coming. December 21 is the first official day of winter! If we have inclement weather on a meeting night, I will sent out an email blast as soon as U know the meeting is canceled. For those of you with no e-mail or who may be coming from work I will put a note on the website www.rbcrafts.org on the home page.

Newsletter Editor, Sandra Jones

Standards

We are now jurying Fine Art. The next jury session will be on Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 pm at the Goggleworks. Members who have belonged to our chapter for a minimum of 3 months are eligible to present their work for jurying. For more information or for an application, go to <http://rbcrafts.org/our-guild/standards/> or contact Louise at eglassplace@gmail.com or 610-334-1891.

Louise Mehaffrey, Standards Chairman

For Sale

Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Totes (black with white lettering) will be available for a donation of \$1 each at the the Holiday Festival set-up and during show hours and at the September General meeting.

Pat McBride is selling his booth which can be used as 10 Foot x 10 Foot open front or can also be used as corner Booth 10 foot x 10 Foot. Includes: Craft Show Pro Master indoor Booth Frame, 9 Curtains Panels 7 Foot High Made by Flourish Co Plus table covers, Curtains Panels are Black Crepe Flame Resistance. Price \$450.00 Call Pat at 610-326-6678 Or Email pjmc2468@aol.com

A Ray of Sunshine

Our Sunshine Girl needs a little sunshine of her own. Please put Judy Boyer in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to:

Judy Boyer
414 Harvest Drive
Blandon, PA 19510

There are several people who are not well during this holiday season including Barry Gebhart. Please keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayers as we go through the holiday season and especially those who are under the weather or may be traveling.

If there is a member/retired member who may be in the hospital or may just need a card to cheer them up, please let Judy know at 484-248-6275 or e-mail at tjboyer@1860woodco.com

Sandra for **Judy Boyer, Sunshine committee Chair**

Programs

December 6: Don't forget our party tonight! Holiday Social, drinks at 6:00 Cash Bar, dinner at 6:30 PM at Yellow House. Butch Imhoff will be the entertainment. Sorry, you need to sign up to join us for dinner but you can stop by for a drink and say hi.

January 3 at 7:00 PM GoggleWorks: Sorting our Holiday Show Door Prize Slips -- Great time to spend socializing while your work!

February 7 at 7:00 PM Goggle Works: Take a trip to the Florida Keys with the Ballantynes

Matt Vardjan, Program Chairman

Membership

New Badges: If you would like the official Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen badge (the tan badge with logo), please place an order by February 27. These badges will be available at the Spring Show. Please note, we need a minimum number of badges to have them made, if that minimum is not met, the badges will not be available until the Spring Show. You can print an order form from the website:

<http://rbcrafts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Badge-Order-Form.pdf>

Mike Brown, Membership Chairman

Education

Four (4) Mini Grants, in the amount of \$50 each will be randomly drawn at the Reading-Berks Chapter's regularly scheduled meeting at the Goggleworks on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Winners will be drawn from applications (completed in full) and submitted by the deadline of Monday, March 20, 2017. Entries must be received at our Reading-Berks Chapter PGC, ATTN. Carol Haile, Post Office Box 85, Mohnton, PA 19540 by that date.

Application is online at www.rbcrafts.org/2016/2017-mini-grant-application/

Carol Haile, Education Chairman

Important Dates to Remember

Chapter Meeting (1st Tuesday):
January 3 at 7 PM at the GoggleWorks
February 7 at 7 PM at the GoggleWorks
March 7 at 7 PM at the GoggleWorks

Board Meeting: (last Wednesday)
January 25 at 7 PM
February 22 at 7 PM
March 27 at 7 PM

Spring Show: April 1 & 2, 2017
Applications due March 1, 2017

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