



Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen

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President's Message

“Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head” seems to be the tune that keeps coming to mind these days. I think summer is just around the corner though because our annual Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen picnic is on June 6 and to me that is a sure sign that summer is here. If you have not signed up, what are you waiting for---Christmas???. We had so much fun at Elaine Vardjan’s house last year, Matt Vardjan decided to open his house up for this year’s event. Go to our website at rbcrafts.org and get signed up now. All the information you need is on the website. Go ahead, stop everything and do it now. And even though it is almost summer, the show committee has been diligently working and planning for our upcoming Holiday show in November. We are going to have the Goldilocks Project on our raffle this year and if that isn’t even a big enough event, we are going to send our patrons who attend the show on a scavenger hunt in our craftsmen’s booths throughout the two days. Trust us, it will be FUN!

Remember, we do not have a general meeting in July but we will be back on schedule in August. Matt Vardjan, show chairperson has us going on a road trip in August. You will find the details in this newsletter. Our Holiday show is November 4th and 5th and since it is on your mind right now, why don’t you send in your application? Application is on our website at rbcrafts.org. You will be glad you did.

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life. It goes on” Robert Frost

Your President, Barry L. Bennecoff

Festivals

Planning for the Holiday Show is well on its way. Carol tells me that so far we are on schedule for getting vendors. As you all may know some categories fill up, get your application at <http://rbcrafts.org/festivals/apply/> and send it in.

Terry & Judy Boyer, Show Co-chairmen
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Media

“Your Berks Craftsmen” will feature Steve Sharadin, director of the Kutztown Folk Festival and several craftsmen who will be participating in this year’s event. The show will be taped on June 12 and shown throughout the month leading up to the Festival which begins on Saturday July 1, 2017.

In July John Reshetar from the Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen will be the featured artist and he will be sharing his craft with our audience. John works with reclaimed wood.

In August “Your Berks Craftsmen” will visit Barry Bennecoff at his booth at the Kutztown Folk Festival and he will talk about his craft of making new “old” furniture.

BCTV is experiencing an exciting time. They are getting a big studio update. This update will occur between June 19 and July 5. So stay tuned for the amazing results. AND it is never too early to think about donating for Octoberfest . This great event helps keep BCTV on the air and in your living room. BCTV appreciates all the wonderful donations that Reading-Berks gives to the studio for this highly anticipated Night of Crafts during Octoberfest. You can start bringing your donations to the general meeting and I will see that they get into the studio. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this great cause. BCTV is a great friend to our guild. Let’s help to make this Octoberfest auction terrific for BCTV.

Your Host for “Your Berks Craftmen”, Kay Bennecoff

Standards

The next jury session will be on Tuesday, September 12, 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

A Ray of Sunshine

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

Judy Boyer, Sunshine Committee Chair

Programs

June 6th at 6:00 PM Picnic at my house, 504 Covered Bridge Road, Oley, PA 19547. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be supplied. Be sure to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert by filling out the form on the website rbcrafts.org/our-guild/picnic/. Tours of the newly moved print shop and our one-room schoolhouse that has been under construction for the last 30 years will be held through out the evening.

July – No meeting, take some time to visit some of our members at the Kutztown Folk Festival!

August 2nd at 7 PM is a Field Trip to Jeff Kahn's Kinetic Sculpture studio at 308 Blue Rocks Road, Lenhartsville PA 19534. His website is www.jeffkahnsculpture.com



If anyone has seen a program that they think our membership would enjoy, please send me the contact information of the speaker and I will attempt to have them speak at one of our meetings.

Thanks,
Matt Vardjan, Program Chairman

Opportunities for Members:

Muhlenberg River Fest is being held on August 26 to 27th in the Jim Dietrich Park. Join the fun by visiting on one of the two days or by becoming a vendor. The application date has passed but if you are still interested in being a vendor contact the Muhlenberg Parks Office at 610-929-4727.

Newsletter

The Newsletter is for our members. If you have a craft related item for sale, let me know and I will include it in either the e-mail blasts and/or the quarterly newsletter.

I am also interested in including articles about an award you or another member has won, if a member was mentioned in a newspaper or other publication, or articles about something you think our membership may be interested in. Please send your articles to info@rbcrafts.org

Newsletter editor, Sandra Jones

Important Dates to Remember

Chapter Meeting: (1st Tuesday)

June 6 Picnic at 6 PM at Matt Vardjan's House in Oley

July: NO Meeting

***August 2nd at 7 PM Field Trip to Jeff Kahn's Kinetic Sculpture studio at
308 Blue Rocks Road, Lenhartsville PA***

Board Meeting: (last Wednesday)

Holiday Show: November 4 & 5, 2017

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