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President's Message

Here's hoping that everyone had a great holiday season! We're 1/4 of the way into January and, so far, the weather has been great. Now, let's see if it can last until Spring. Which reminds me, do you realize that this year's Spring Show will be the **4th year at Kutztown??** It amazes me how quickly time flies anymore. I hope that you've sent in your Spring Show application already, if not, make a note to do it right after you read this. For those of you that have never been to the Spring Show, set aside the dates and plan to attend, either as a participant or a customer. Reminder, as a Guild member, your admittance is free. The dates of the show this year are March 25th and 26th.

I have some exciting news to share with you, my fellow members, but to find it, you'll have to look elsewhere in this newsletter!

We've just ended a great 2005, with the Christmas Tree Ornament project, our 60th year, 2 great Guild shows, awesome meeting programs, phenomenal jurying sessions and so much more. 2006 has some big shoes to fill, but, as always, the next year always seems to be bigger and better than the last, if you believe that it can be. That's what makes this Chapter so special... we all believe. *Steve Smith, President*

The Holiday Show 2006 Application is included with this issue of the newsletter. Please note the application deadline of April 1, 2006.

Program

February's program we'll take a different approach and have a hands-on Valentine Paper Weaving Workshop presented by Elaine Vardjan. **Come prepared with a small, sharp scissors and enjoy making some antique-style valentines.** Elaine will provide the other materials and instructions. It should be a fun-filled evening making valentines for that "special someone" in your life. *Ray Oxenford, Program Chairperson*

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The January 18, 2006 "Your Berks Craftsmen" will feature taped highlights from the 2005 Kutztown PA German Festival. (The Kutztown PA German Festival is a major sponsor of the "Your Berks Craftsmen" monthly programs. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr., "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*

Christmas Pageant of Peace

If you have any extra copies of photographs that you took on our recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the Christmas Pageant of Peace, and are willing to share them with us, please forward them to W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. We are compiling photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. to forward on to the Pageant representatives.

We will also be making a permanent display (shadow box) of one of the sets of ornaments to keep with our own Chapter archival records. Thanks in advance for anything that you are willing to share, and please note that things forwarded to Washington, D. C. cannot be returned.