

Video - Christmas Pageant of Peace

BCTV has compiled a videotape or DVD of the recent trip to Washington, D. C. and the Christmas Pageant of Peace. It includes placing the ornaments in the clear plastic covers in preparation for shipment to Washington, stills of setting up the sister tree in Harrisburg on November 30th, excerpts of the Pageant of Peace, views of the trees in the Parade of Trees, as well as the Reading Museum sister tree. You have your choice of a DVD or video and the cost is \$19.95 each. If you have already ordered a copy, but have not specified a video or DVD, please let us know your selection. Or, if you would like a copy, please contact either Gene Burkhart or Pat Oxenford. We hope to have the DVD's and videos available within the next few weeks.

Here's the News!

Ok, here's the news that I promised you! We've been given the awesome opportunity to hold both our board meetings and general meetings at the premier Arts Center in Berks County... Goggleworks!! Annie Harlin brought this information / request to the January meeting and it was favorably accepted! The Goggleworks is spacious, well lit, has ample parking and is practically right off the Penn Street exit from the By Pass. Goggleworks realizes that the Guild, as a collective body of professional artisans, can benefit from the association with like groups in Berks County, most of which actually have their offices at the center.

So, starting with the February board meeting, we will begin holding our meetings at Goggleworks. Our general meeting for February will be at the Muhlenburg Rec Center. See, wasn't that worth playing seek and find through the newsletter! *Steve Smith, President*

Spring Show 2006

If you have been procrastinating about completing and submitting your 4th Annual Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival application to be held at Kutztown University March 25, 26, 2006, don't hesitate any longer. Complete the application, write the check, place both in an envelope with \$.39 postage and send it on its way. Don't be left out of this Spring Show! *Terry Boyer, Spring Show Co-Chairperson*

Holiday Show 2006

Can you believe it? We are gearing up for another Holiday Show. Look for your application in the newsletter the deadline date is April 1st as always.

As you all may know Karen Myers is co-chairing with me this year. Over the past 2 years Karen has been a big help with advertising and now she will be learning the ropes so to speak of what all has to get done to make the BEST show of the Year! So please welcome Karen and feel free to bring any concerns to Karen or myself as we work together to help you in 2006 have a great experience. *Marie Smith, Holiday Show Chairperson*

And now.... a word from Karen....

With each New Year brings new ideas and in my case, a new face in the crowd. I will be co-chair along with Marie Smith for the Holiday Show in 2006; and my new year's resolution, in this new role, is to be Available & Appreciative to everyone who has a new idea, anyone donating time and exhibiting their craft. We will be tackling new and old issues like Holiday Show gate, raffle items and advertising. I will do my best to keep everyone informed of our progress and will be asking for help over the course of the year. Happy New Year. *Karen Myers, Holiday Show Co-Chairperson*

Members in the News

On Wednesday, January 18, 2006, the Berks Arts Council will honor W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr. when they present him the *Pagoda Award for Lifetime Achievement*. Congratulations, Gene!

Belated congratulations to **Matt and Elaine Vardjan**, who were honored at our annual Holiday Social, when they were given lifetime memberships to our chapter as well as our state organization.

State Jurying Session - April 2006

Our chapter will be hosting the State Jurying Session at the Goggle Works on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. If you are not state juried, and are eligible to apply for state jurying, here's your chance. Watch for the application in the next issue of *PA Crafts*.