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President's Message

With the ever present concern about lack of show participants and overall attendance at shows, student awards etc., quite a number of things have been implemented in the past to drive the Guild to the forefront of the public eye, to make them as aware of our presence in the community as the other art venues. Last month, I announced that we would be meeting in March, and from then on, at Goggleworks, which I felt, from the presentation in January, was a positive move for the Chapter in that same direction. What I didn't realize is that there were apparently a number of members that voiced their concern about that among themselves. But, we did have a rousing discussion about it at the February meeting. So, if you weren't able to attend that meeting, sorry you missed it. Not to worry though, as we will be having a more formal discussion at the March meeting which, by the way, will be held at the Muhlenberg Rec Center. We will examine the pros and cons for such a move.

Now, just to have it appear in print, here are some guidelines for that March discussion, as thankfully advised by Louise Mehaffey.

- 1) Each person who desires will have 3 minutes max to speak their mind and will have the floor with NO audience interruptions.
- 2) Once you state your position, your time is over, no 2nd chance to speak.

Please remember that we still have:

- a) a program that night
- b) a business meeting that night
- c) an allotted time in the building

I certainly hope to see you at the meeting that night and look forward to hearing your point of view.

If you would like to call or email me to let me know of your intent to speak that night, feel free. (email smithenterprises1@comcast.net). *Steve*

Smith, President

Program

Lori Lowery, of the Berks County Chapter American Red Cross will be our guest speaker at our March 7th chapter meeting. Lori will tell us about the services that the Reading Chapter of American Red Cross provides as well as give a presentation on Emergency Preparedness. This should be a very informative program.

Thanks to Elaine Vardjan for guiding us through the making of valentines for our February program, everyone seemed to enjoy the project.

Ray Oxenford, Program Chairperson

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The February 15th program will be **GoggleWorks "Live"**. Louise Mehaffey will be one of the featured artists, she will discuss upcoming classes she will be teaching at the GoggleWorks.

The March 15th show will feature artisans that will be displaying their work for sale at the 4th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown University sponsored by our Reading-Berks Chapter and the Lehigh Valley Chapter. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*

SPECIAL NOTE TO BOARD MEMBERS:
February board meeting to be held at GoggleWorks. Meeting to begin promptly at 6:30 PM -- Please note time and place change.