

Standards

The next Reading-Berks Chapter jurying session will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at MTRC. Anyone who has been a member of our Chapter for at least 6-months and wants to have a craft juried please request an application at a meeting or call me at 610-372-2862.

Committee members please note the date and plan to attend. Call me only if you will NOT be able to jury that evening.

Those being juried may set-up between 6:30 and 7:00 PM. Jurying will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. *Ruthanne Hartung, Standards Chairperson*

Just a reminder to chapter members who are eligible for state jurying, check out the recent issue of PA Crafts for all the details of the upcoming Spring State Jurying Session in April to be held at the GoggleWorks in Reading. This is a great opportunity to have your work state juried.

2006 Holiday Show

Can you BELIEVE we are already receiving applications for the 2006 Holiday Show? Keep them coming in; this is going to be the best year ever! Just a reminder, we are always looking for new ideas, big or small; so, because I like to inspire growth from ideas. "Nothing is too small to know, and nothing is too big to attempt." William Van Horne.

I am open for any discussions concerning ideas for the show; you can contact Marie or me by phone or email me at klmyers123@msn.com.

Have a super month! *Karen Myers, Holiday Show Co-Chairperson*

REMINDER to complete and submit your 2006 Holiday Show Application that was included in last month's newsletter.

Members in the News

Terry Boyer and his log homes were featured in a recent edition of *Pennsylvania Magazine*.

The December 2005 issue of *Montgomery County Magazine* featured an article about Sylvia Hendershott and her Santa Claus and elf characters.

The Sunday, January 29, 2006 edition of the *Reading Eagle, Business section* featured the work of blacksmith Dave Fisher, Fisher Forge.

Thinking of You

Best wishes to Anita Searfoss, wife of Ken Searfoss. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Reading-Berks Home Builders Show

Richard Lilley will represent our chapter and display his work at the Home Builders Show at Berks-Lehigh Campus March 9 through 12, 2006. Richard will also be advertising our upcoming Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Festival.

Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Festival

March 25- 26th is just around the corner. If you haven't signed up for this 4th annual Spring Show, complete and submit your application ASAP. Any questions contact Terry Boyer.

Slides from Digital Files

Colorslide.com will create slides from your digital files. Prices start from 5 at \$4.75 each to 100 at \$1.65 each plus 2-3 day Fedex shipping costs. I have used this company many times and the owner is very nice and will answer your questions quickly. A few artists could get together to reduce prices too.

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State Rep Report

- **PDC:** Orientation was held for the new board members.
- Show deadlines have been extended.
- Chapters will be encouraged to have booths.
- Any member who participated in a show within the last 2 years can add more shows throughout the year.
- Corporate sponsors will be pursued for next year- it is too late for this year.
- 370 applicants were reviewed; almost half of them scored high, with the rest having a low quality of slides.
- Of the coupons returned to the gate, 23% were newspaper ads, which is down; 13% were from the website, and 64% were postcards.
- A conflict of interest clause was accepted; all board members should file this form every year with the office.
- **PGC:** A committee list was presented; most could use more members. There will be a PA Craft Exhibit at the Harrisburg museum; application will be mailed to members.
- The by laws committee will be reviewing them. Some issues to consider: is the board too large, it is geographically diverse, which makes it hard to expand into the western part of the state, some skills are missing, term limits.
- The Long Range Planning Committee will review the plan and update it. This committee will have 6-12 members with 3 year terms.
- Chapter members need to be encouraged to volunteer for committees.

Louise Mehahey, State Rep