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President's Message

As those of you who attended the March general meeting already know, the body present there voted to change the meeting location from the Muhlenberg Rec Center to Goggleworks. I wish to thank all who spoke and voiced their opinions and concerns that evening.

I feel that this will be a positive move for the Chapter and really do encourage everyone to attend the meetings. **Our first official general meeting will be most likely in June**, however our Annual Student Awards, which was moved to May, will be our first event there. Charlene has been working to make this year's event the best ever. I believe that the move to May will be a plus. Please, come out and support the area students and their efforts. Now, we will be having refreshments at Student Awards, as we did last year. The particulars aren't in yet, but goodies are welcome if that's the route we take. Keep on the lookout for info.

Our April meeting will still be held at the Rec Center, as was the March jurying session. So, I hope to see you there. It will be an exciting meeting with the new State Executive Director. Check Ray's program section for the info! *Steve Smith, President*

Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Festival

Our 4th annual Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown is just around the corner -- March 25th and 26th. Volunteers are always welcome to assist throughout the weekend, even if you are not exhibiting or selling. If you can give an hour or so of your time that weekend, please contact Terry Boyer. We hope to see you at the Festival.

Program

Plan to attend our April 4th meeting to meet our new state Executive Director, Sherrie Boyer. Sherrie's topic for presentation and discussion is the "Guild Status and Her Future Goals." Please come out and support our new state PGC Executive Director as she makes her first visit to our chapter.

Just a reminder, our May meeting will be our annual Student Awards Program. Charlene Keller will have more info about the program at the next meeting and in the April newsletter. *Ray Oxenford, Program Chairperson*

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The March 15, 2006 "*Your Berks Craftsmen*" show will feature artisans who will be exhibiting and selling their work at our upcoming 4th annual Spring Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown, co-sponsored by our Reading-Berks Chapter and the Lehigh Valley Chapter. Representatives of both chapters will be the program guests for the evening.

On April 19th Carol Haile and sisters will be the guests for the show. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*

Annual Mini Grant application is included in this newsletter. Application deadline is March 31st for return and submission to Charlene Keller Mini Grants will be drawn at our April meeting.