

## Relay for Life

Not a day seems to go by when we don't hear that someone else has cancer. We hear it on TV and read it in the newspaper, we hear it at our Guild meetings, but it's when it hits home than it is real. The Matz Family and Friends will once again have a team for the 2006 event scheduled for April 21 to April 22, 2006. It is a 24 hour event running from 10 AM Friday to 10 AM Saturday at the First Energy Stadium, home of the Reading Phillies.

Each team has walkers for all 24 hours of the event. The relay brings awareness to our community and all who participate in it. Being part of the fight against cancer somehow makes us feel we are doing something to make things better. It brings hope for the future. We are walking for you, your parents and grandparents, for your children and grandchildren. Will you please help support us in any way you can by making a donation? There is no amount too small. Checks should be made to the American Cancer Society and sent to Kristin Matz Gawlik, 420 Fairmont Drive, Chester Springs, PA 19425. (E-mail address is tygawlik@comcast.net should you have questions.) Take time to check the website for the Relay For Life Reading at [www.acsevents.org/relay/pa/reading](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/pa/reading) to learn all about this event. Donations may also be made directly to the website by going to the Matz Family and Friends team site. You are invited to stop out at the First Energy Stadium to witness this event in action. The Ceremony of Hope begins at sun down and is the most moving part of the Relay. *Jeddi Matz, Chapter Member and Cancer Survivor*

## Welcome Spring!

*The robins have arrived and hopefully the last big snowfall is behind us, and only the "Onion Snow" to go -- maybe on St. Patrick's Day, folklore's traditional day for planting onions. And, flocks of robins have arrived in our yard several weeks ago. -- Spring can't be far away!*

## RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

*(This was actually reported by a teacher)*

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:??? We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida.

Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass.

They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well?

There is a swimming pool too, but in it, they all jump up and down with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape.

Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf carts.

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night -- early birds.?

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house.

Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren. (Submitted by Kathi Stingle) *Hope you enjoyed "retirement" through the eyes of a child.*

## Pennsylvania craftsmen invited to apply for inaugural juried exhibition at the State Museum

*Prizes to include both cash and purchase awards*

All Pennsylvania craftsmen interested in vying for cash prizes and the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work are invited to apply for the inaugural juried exhibition, Pennsylvania Craft, which is scheduled to open in November at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. The museum will also purchase once piece from the exhibit to place in its permanent collection.

Partnering with the Commonwealth's official museum to make this exhibition possible are the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College.

Pennsylvania Craft will follow in the successful vein of the Art of State, a highly competitive, juried exhibition, which has continued for nearly 40 years at The State Museum. The exhibition is open to state craftsmen of wood, ceramics, fiber, metal, paper, jewelry, glass and mixed media. The deadline for entry is May 31, 2006. Applications for submission are available at [Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Web site](http://Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Web site).

Nationally recognized craft collector Robert Pfannebeker and Sylvia Lehman, a lifetime member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen will serve as jurors. Pfannebeker, a Lancaster area lawyer, owns one of the top collections of temporary American crafts.

Exhibitors' work will be installed at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street in Harrisburg. A display of selected items will be available for purchase at Radius, HACC Gallery and Museum Shop, located at The State Museum of Pennsylvania.

The exhibition is an opportunity that does not come along often enough for Pennsylvania craftsmen, according to Jessica Lantz, Radius curator of arts and assistant manager.

"The exhibition of craft produced within Pennsylvania is highly underrepresented in the capital region," Lantz said. "With HACC partnering to present a statewide juried exhibition, we not only help promote state craftsmen, but also we provide them with exhibition space, enhance tourism in central Pennsylvania during off-peak months and strengthen collaboration among the cultural and heritage communities."

The exhibition will open with a reception on November 18, 2006, at the gallery and museum shop's location in the State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Third Street, Harrisburg. The last day to view the exhibit will be March 19, 2007.

For more information on the inaugural exhibition, call Radius, HACC Gallery and Museum Shop at 717-787-5590