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President's Message

It's Better to Give than Receive How many times in our lives have we heard that phrase? And depending on the condition that exists, one may scoff and think "yeah, right. I'd rather be receiving THIS time".

Well, in this time of fiscal and seasonal change within the Guild, it's certainly a great time to step up and give. We have a new term for elected board officers coming up, starting with nominations at the October meeting. Perhaps there's a position that you'd like to hold. Now, there's a great way to give back. If you're interested, give Lynn Comoh a call, she's heading up the Nominating Committee.

We're always hearing about the decreasing number of participants at shows, including our Guild shows, and how the veteran craftsmen are doing less shows and there doesn't seem to be enough new (not necessarily younger) craftsmen to pick up the torch. Well, the same holds true in any organizational body as well. We have a fantastic number of newer members that, I'm sure, would love to sink their teeth into one of our projects or causes. Yet, I know, it always seems to be the same people participating. Now, why is that? Know what? I'd like to know. If you have any reasons why you think this is, please email me at smithenterprises1@comcast.net I'd love to hear from you, especially those of you who will be running this organization in the future. Don't hold back... let me hear from you.

In the meantime, change the world a little bit... give everyone you pass, during your day, a smile! A hello! They're free to give, but might just mean the world to the recipient. *Steve Smith,*

President

Program

Our October 3, 2006 program will feature the work of our newly and recently juried members. Come out to welcome them as a newly juried member and learn about their craft as well.

Also mark your calendar for our November 7th meeting when Dr. Rob Reynolds of the Kutztown PA German Cultural Heritage Center will be our speaker. We look forward to hearing about the progress of our Log Cabin and the programs of the Heritage Center.

And, while marking your calendars, reserve the date of Tuesday, December 5, 2006, for our annual Holiday Social. This year we will have a catered meal by Boscov's Ala Carte Catering. The caterer will supply all food, beverages, etc. Hopefully some of you would like to provide the dessert. October's newsletter will have a complete menu, cost per person and reservation form. Hope you'll join us! *Ray Oxenford, Program Chairperson*

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The September 20th program will feature the workshops and painting studio of Ray and Pat Oxenford from their home in Douglassville.

October 18th we will feature artisans who will be exhibiting and selling their work at this year's Holiday Show.

If you have not been contacted as yet, or have not donated an item to BCTV's annual Octoberfest Auction, please be generous with your donation. Contact either Gene or Carolyn Handwerk for more info or to make arrangements to donate to this worthy endeavor. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*