



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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President's Message

Wow!! What a change from the 50's to sub-zero and from sitting with the group to standing up front and running the meetings. Thank you to all the officers and chairpersons for their gracious help and support.

I look forward to being president of the Reading-Berks Guild for the next two years and I value the input of all our members.

Speaking of needing help, please remember our Spring Festival at Kutztown University next month. Lehigh Valley and Reading-Berks Guilds come together to create a fantastic arts and crafts festival. Entertainment throughout the entire two days is provided by the Acoustic Road Show. A lot of help is needed to create this wonderful atmosphere. So come out and help; you will love being part of this event.

I am also still looking to find THE PERSON to be our program chairperson for the 2007 term. THE PERSON will have a lot of support and help from members of our Guild. Solid ideas for programs are many so the task of program chairperson should not be intimidating even to the novice. So stop being bashful, give me a call and you too can be part of the action.

I like quotes, so I will leave you with this one: *"If we are to achieve results never before accomplished; we must employ methods never before attempted."* Francis Bacon-philosopher and essayist *Barry Bennecoff, Your President*

Program

Bill Scheirer will present a program on gunsmithing at our March 6th meeting. Bill, a long-time member of our Reading-Berks Chapter enjoys working with wood and specializes in the art of carving, coopering, making dog sleds as well as gunsmithing. He will present a show and tell program about some of the guns he has made.

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The February "Your Berks Craftsmen" program will be a taped segment filmed at last summer's 2006 Kutztown PA German Festival. *The Kutztown PA German Festival is the main sponsor of the monthly program.*

March's program will feature artisans who will be exhibiting and selling their work at this year's annual Spring Arts and Crafts Festival. If you are ask to participate in this program, please accept the invitation. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr.*
"Your Berks Craftsmen" Host

New Name Badges

If you are interested in purchasing a newly designed Chapter name badge, please place your order immediately. The first order will be placed by mid-February so that the new badges will be available by the Spring Festival. Most likely another order will not be placed for another 6-months or so. Please contact June Moyer, Membership Chairperson ASAP to place your order.