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President's Message

Spring is just around the corner and things are really popping at Reading-Berks. Good news is that our Log Cabin will be in use for Easter-on-the-Farm. The Student awards Program for May at the goggleWorks is just around the corner. What a great event that will be! And, June will feature our annual picnic -- we've ordered cooler weather for this event. The saga continues: we are in need of a program chairperson. Come on, you know who you are, just step forward and end this mystery. Programming is currently in place until August.

Of course, we are looking forward to our Spring Festival at Kutztown University at the end of this month. This Spring Festival is a cooperative effort of Lehigh Valley and Reading-Berks. What could be better? Two great guilds pooling their talents for one totally awesome show--great entertainment, great food, great crafts, and great people. So, if you've been hibernating for the winter, March 24 and 25, 2007, will be your awakening. Enjoy the Festival and help out if you can. Lots of hands make the load a lot lighter!

We will be signing in at meetings again. This will help me a lot. I hope to see a lot of my old friends and meet new ones every month. I will be looking for your signature!

My quote for this month is "*To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong!*" *Joseph Chilton Pearce. Barry Bennecoff.*
Your President

Program

Crystal Novarty will present our April 3rd program. Crystal is networking with many of the area art organizations. Her goal is to develop various marketing venues for area artists to sell and market artwork. One of the projects she is currently working on is an online gallery. Come out to the meeting to learn how you could become part of these new opportunities for Berks County artists.

Just a reminder that May will feature our annual Student Awards Program, and our annual picnic will be held in June this year.

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The March BCTV program will feature artisans from both the Lehigh Valley and Reading-Berks chapters who will be exhibiting and selling their work at this year's annual Spring Arts and Crafts Festival. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*

New Badges

The new badges have been ordered and will be ready for the Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown. Please see June Moyer at the show for your badges. Anybody who has not ordered a badge, but is still interested, please send in your order forms. The next order will probably be ready before the Holiday Show in November, but if we get enough requests we can place the order earlier. *June Moyer, Membership Chairperson*

The 2007 Mini Grant Application is not in this issue -- it will be in the April newsletter.