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President's Message

Spring arrived on time and the Spring Festival at Kutztown University was amazing. Everyone in attendance I am sure would comment on what a fine arts and crafts festival it was. The Acoustic Road Show entertained for the two-day event and was spectacular. This was an event that both our Guilds can be very proud of. It is my hope that this show will continue to grow and prosper in the future for everyone. Thank you to everyone who supports this Guild event. I had a great time talking to a lot of our members and Lehigh's members at the Spring Festival. Talking with you helps give me direction as the President of Reading-Berks. Thank you for your input. At our next general meeting in May, we will have the incomparable Student Awards Program here at the goggleWorks. This truly is an event that no one will want to miss. Remember that these young people are the future of the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen. Come out and support them. In June we will be having our annual picnic at Gring's Mill. This year it will be in the barn, so rain or shine, it will be fine, we definitely will have a good time! Details and directions will be in the May newsletter. And, lastly, this may seem a little early, but our Holiday Show at Penn State will be here before we know it. Get those applications in now so you don't forget to do it. Get those creative juices flowing.

On a serious note, I surely could use some help with some programs. Having a program chairperson would be a great asset to our Guild. Please consider this position as a way to serve your Guild. Thanks! Lynn Comoh has graciously accepted appointment to the position of our State Rep, thank you Lynn. I am sure this will be a year of challenges for the state guild as they look to the future also.

My quote for this month is "*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.*" *Malcom Forbes Barry Bennecoff, Your President*

Program

Mark your calendar for *May Day*, Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM for our annual Student Awards Program. Please plan to attend this event to support the outstanding Berks County High School seniors as they present their artwork. Check the board as you enter goggleWorks for the room number of our meeting-Student Awards Program.

We will be serving light refreshments such as cookies, pretzels and soda or punch following the Student Awards Program. If you wish to contribute anything please contact Judy Boyer, Elaine Vardjan or Pat Oxenford who will be coordinating our refreshments for the evening. Thank you.

Standards

Congratulations to **Karen Bilak** who was successfully juried in Miniature Country Quilts on March 13. The next Chapter Jury will be on Sept. 11. If you have been a member of the R-B Chapter for at least 6 months, and want to be juried, call me for an application.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS please note: We will meet on Tuesday May 1 at 5:45 at the Goggleworks to jury the entries for the 2007 Student Awards. Call me if you Will Not be able to attend.

Ruthanne Hartung, Standards Chairperson

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

April's program will feature the work of Terry and Judy Boyer and their new shop. May's Program will feature the Student Awards Program. *W. Eugene*

Buehant, Jr., BCTV Host

The MINI GRANT application is included as an insert in this newsletter. Winners will be drawn at the May Student Awards Program. Please note the April 27th deadline.