

June Picnic

As previously noted, we have changed our annual picnic to June, **June 5th to be exact**, in hopes the weather will not be so HOT, and we've also changed the location, this year it will be held at the Gring's Mill Barn (rain or shine). Since there is not a fireplace to fry hamburgers or hot dogs, let's try something else different this year, hamburger barbecue and/or turkey barbecue served in crockpots or portable electric roaster oven. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for you to volunteer what you will bring to the picnic. This will help us in coordinating the buffet menu. Thanks.

Greetings from Florida - Never Too Old

We have all heard of the old adage, "You are never too old to learn", but how about, "You are never too old to teach". I have found out recently that I too am perhaps not too old to learn and moreover, to teach. After my move to a retirement community in Florida and not having the tools and the ambition to do my old craft of woodcarving, because craft shows here are different than in PA, I discovered teaching woodcarving. I joined the local wood shop and after building a few pieces for my home I helped start a carvers club within the shop. I still did not have much enthusiasm for my style of carving, which was folk or primitive style, whereas the other carvers were doing contemporary or realistic pieces. When I did a rooster in the old PA German style others were interested so I gave the pattern and advice to a wood shop member. This member, who over a period of 5 or 6 months completed the piece and without me knowing it he entered it in a quality art show and won a first prize in the novice class. So here I am between my golfing and my other activities teaching woodcarving once a week to seniors, both men and women and they and myself enjoy it!

So craftsmen, you all know there is always something more you can learn about your craft but just as necessary as it is to learning it is also important to teach and give advice to others. *Dominic Atilli, Florida* **Rumor has it that Dominic and Francis may be visiting Berks County in June, about the time of our picnic -- we look forward to seeing them and having them as our guests if they are in the area. Thanks Dominic for your contribution to our newsletter. We look forward to more news from FL for future issues.**

Holiday Show 2007c

We are still accepting applications for the Holiday Show November 3rd and 4th; you can get an application from me at our general meetings, find the application on our website in the newsletter section, on the state site, Chapter events or simply email me. Just a reminder, to be eligible for the Holiday Show you have to be 1) a current juried member in the Reading-Berks Chapter OR 2) a current juried member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen. If you are a member and not chapter juried, see Ruthanne Hartung for information on our next jury session.

The Buzz it that the raffle is going to be handled a bit differently this year. It's all true! There will be more tickets per/\$ and customers can pick the item they want to win. My vision is that all items will be prominently displayed. **Bring your RAFFLE ITEM TO THE MAY MEETING** to be considered for the next round of advertising pieces. If you can't make the meeting call me and we can make alternative arrangements.

There will be a committee meeting at the goggleWorks in May. If you are interested please contact me by phone or email as there is limited seating. ...**7 months and counting!!** Regards,
Karen Myers Co-Chairperson, Holiday Show

Website Meeting

A meeting is scheduled for anyone interested in setting up a website with the RBG. On April 19th, at 3:00 PM at the Exeter Library. If you plan to attend contact, Kelly Brown Brehm at 610-370-2951 or email kbbrehm@epix.net.

Website Meeting

The board has approved the listing of RBG juried members events on the RBG website. This includes shows you are participating in, open houses, classes, demonstrations and solo shows. Contact Kelly Brown Brehm at 610-370-2951 or email kbbrehm@epix.net, three months prior with Event Name, Location, Date, Time, Contact, Admission or cost, and a very brief description.

Newsletter

May newsletter deadline is hard copy to me at the meeting on May 1st or email no later than Wednesday morning, May 3rd. Thanks. *Pat Oxenford, Newsletter Editor*