



# READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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## *President's Message*

As I sit here gathering my thoughts on my message to our Guild members, my mind keeps contemplating our Student Awards program for Tuesday evening. I can hardly wait to see what these creative and talented young people will bring to the goggleWorks.

In fact, I am going to continue my writing of my message but I believe I will finish it tomorrow night after the Awards program. Stay tuned for the highlights. I do hope that we as the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen will make an impression on these youth, an impression enough to make them want to join our guild sometime in their future. Craftsmen, young and old alike, must continue to grow in their respective crafts, share the enthusiasm for their craft with the public, and educate the public as well. Mentoring, teaching classes, and demonstrating at our guild shows are great ways to ensure the future and stability of the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen.

Next month is our picnic at Gring's Mill. This should help us all get into the Summer mode. All the particulars of this picnic are being put together by a wonderful team of Guild members. Thanks to Pat and Ray Oxenford, Elaine and Matt Vardjan, and Judy and Terry Boyer. I don't have to do a thing except show up and eat. On a sadder note, though, I just can't come up with a program chairperson. Reiterating, we have several programs in place for the remainder of 2007, so actually the job is just about half over. Please think about it. Seriously, you don't want to come to a guild meeting and find me singing my favorite Rolling Stones Tunes as the program for the evening!

And since our thoughts have turned to summer, fun and vacations, that brings to mind our Holiday show—why it's just around the corner. Karen Myers and Sharon Carlucci, co-chairpersons for this event are putting together a spectacular event. (If you want to be part of the committee, get in touch with Karen). This holiday show is the BEST of the BEST. The show can only continue to be the BEST with our wonderful guild members participating. YOU are who the patrons of this show want to see! So in November of 2007, let's knock their socks off.

Well, I just got back from the Student Awards Program and I will admit it was an impressive group of young people. Their works of art were truly "works of art". Thank you to Charlene, the Standards Committee, and the Refreshment Committee for a great evening and thank you to our guild members for supporting this important night. That's all for now and here is a great quote for everyone-- "Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine." *Lord Byron*

*Barry Bennecoff, Your President*

## **ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

Please note the change in date for our annual family picnic. **June 5<sup>th</sup>** is the date. Gring's Mill is the location. The chapter will provide the meat (hamburger barbeque and turkey barbeque), as well as the rolls, beverages, paper products and plastic utensils. You supply the remainder of the covered dish meal. (A sign up sheet was available at the May meeting. If you have any questions contact Judy Boyer, Elaine Vardjan or Pat Oxenford - phone numbers are on the last page of this newsletter). The meal will be served at **6:00 PM RAIN OR SHINE**.

**DIRECTIONS TO GRING'S MILL BARN PICNIC AREA:** Exit Route 222 on Broadcasting Road, go past the entrance to Penn State (*where we have our Holiday Show*) for about a half-mile to the stop sign. Turn **right** on Tulpehocken Road and go about ½ mile. Watch for the parking area on the left. (Across from Berks Campus PSU). The stone barn is at the bottom of the hill. (*If you can't walk down or up the hill, we'll provide a shuttle van service*).

### **IMPORTANT NOTE TO BOARD MEMBERS:**

***Special board meeting to be held Monday, May 14, 2007 at the PA German Heritage Center at 7:00 PM - School House***

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fine Arts & Crafts Festival 2008 application included in this newsletter -2-pages**