

State Rep Report

The PGC is proposing recruiting new board members from outside resources. Also the number of board members will be reduced.

Chapter functions will be reorganized by region instead of individual chapters. The new representation will be called The Regional Commission.

There will also be a search for Non-voting Honorary Advisory Board Members.

The PGC Board's priority will be *support, education and advocacy.*

PGC newsletters will be published January, March, May, July, September and November. The deadline for news and ads in the newsletter is a month before publication. Chapters may advertise for free once a year. Member rates are \$25 for a small ad and \$50 for a large ad.

The PGC website is updated every few weeks. Later this year a committee will meet to streamline and improve the PGC website.

The PGC membership directory will be ready for mailing the first week of July. *Lynn Comoh, State Rep.*

Mini Grant Winners

The four Mini Grant winners for 2007 were randomly selected at the Student Awards Program from the applications previously submitted. The winners are **Wilfriede Axsmith** who will be taking a silk painting workshop in Hawaii. Also, **Paul Henry** will be taking a weaving class while **Louise Hutchings** is planning to take a faux graining workshop. **Pat Oxenford** is purchasing a tinware reference book and 2 DVD's, one on freehand bronze painting and the other on white face clock dial painting. Congratulations to the winners and we look forward to hearing about how each used their Mini Grant during our program at the January 2008 meeting.

Website

If you have any upcoming shows, events or information to share with our members please submit the information, "what, where, when, etc." to our website administrator, Kelly Brown. Please submit the information in as much advance notice as possible. Any questions, contact Kelly (see phone number on page 4).

Mid-Day Café - July 11, 2007

The theme of the July 11th Mid-Day Café on Penn Street in Reading is "Award Winners Day. Gene Burkhardt has invited our Student Award winners to participate in the festivities.

Happy Mother's Day

Members in the News

Michael Wargo will be the judge of the woodcarving entries at the Berks County Office of the Aging's "Senior Festival of the Art's" show to be held at Reading Area Community College May 27 through June 8th. Judging takes place May 26th. Entries open to "seniors" 55 and older. for more info call 610-478-6500. Michael will also do a woodcarving demonstration beginning at 1:00 pm on May 30th at RACC.

Pat Oxenford has worked with Sam Esser of the Kutztown area to help him design a PA German motif to paint on benches at the PA German Heritage Center. Sam is finishing his Eagle Scout project by refurbishing the benches at the Heritage Center and wanted to complete them with a simple PA German design.

Barry Bennecoff, Ken Handwerk and Terry Boyer will demonstrate and display their work in the Log Cabin during the PABA Day (PA Artisan Blacksmith Association) on June 2nd at the Heritage Center. Blacksmithing exhibits, demonstrations and parking lot tool sales area. For more info contact **Dave Fisher**.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who contributed to or sponsored **Teddi Matz** and her family in this year's Relay for Life (24-hour walk for the cure of cancer). The funds are used for research, early detection programs, prevention, quality of life services, survivorship, and so much more. The Reading relay raised over \$129,000. Thanks again.

Avon Walk for Breast Cancer - NYC

This year will be our daughter Kelly's 5th year of being a breast cancer survivor! As many of you know, I am now a "breast cancer awareness advocate" and involved with the Avon Foundation and its Avon Walk for the Cure of Breast Cancer. This will be Kelly's 3rd year of walking 39+ miles in the Avon Walk for the Cure to raise funds for research and treatments. Last year I went as a volunteer, this year I'm a "crew member", working behind the scenes. As part of Kelly's team, "The Pink Ladies" we hope to raise more than \$10,000 this year in the "Walk for the Cure". If you would like to make a donation you can contact me (paoxenford@dejazzd or 610-385-3431) and I'll send you a coupon and envelope to mail in your contribution directly to Avon. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you, and may that cure soon be found. *Pat Oxenford*

Memorial Day

A time to remember those who have given their lives so that we may enjoy "our freedom". Also a day to remember our service men and women who are fighting for our freedom throughout the world. Take time to keep them in your thoughts and wish them a safe return home. God Bless!