



# READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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## *President's Message*

*Greetings.* Blacksmithing is quite an art and the demonstration of this craft is quite entertaining. The Kutztown Heritage Center was host to the PA Artisan Blacksmith Association this past weekend. Very talented people doing extraordinary work. Guess who was there? One of our student award winners, Dave Schappell. He was proudly displaying his award winning ladle and fork set; the first place ribbon added a nice touch!

Summer is just around the corner. Hope you all have some fun things planned for the coming months.

It's also a great time to work on your craft. I close my eyes and imagine carvers whittling away on the front porch, basket makers weaving on the front porch, and here I am sleeping on the front porch. I have to get up and get into the shop because the Holiday Show is just around the corner. Remember, we would like to fill this great show with member craftsmen, so don't forget to send in your application soon.

There is no general meeting in July. In August our guest speaker will be the famous Skip Hamaker. He will take us into his world of scrimshaw.

Expansion and improving our guild is what we are trying to accomplish. Volunteering to help out with big or small tasks is beneficial to the expansion and improvement of our guild. I thank you for helping to accomplish this. Being the largest chapter is just a number; being the most active is a statement!

Tom Peters said, "If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade." *Benny*

*Benny, Your President*

*Happy Father's Day*

**Kutztown Folk Festival - June 30 - July 8, 2007**

## *Program*

We will resume our meetings with the August meeting at the GoggleWorks. Skip Hamaker will present the program on his craft of scrimshaw.

We are please to announce that Michael Wargo has volunteered to assume the position of Program Chairperson.

To all that attended our picnic at Gring's Mill, we hope you enjoyed the evening of great food and fellowship. The venue was great and we agreed to reserve the same location for June 3, 2008! Hope you'll mark your calendar and join us at that time!

*Speaking of great food, we are still collecting recipes to compile a cookbook to hand out at our Log Cabin Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. If you would like to share your recipe of the covered dish you provided for our picnic, please submit your recipe to Pat Oxenford at [paoxenford@dejazzd.com](mailto:paoxenford@dejazzd.com) or mail it to her at 805 Hill Drive, Douglassville, PA 19518. Thanks.*

## *BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"*

Dave Fooks and artisans who will be presenting their work at the upcoming Kutztown Folk Festival will be the featured artisans for the June program. Just a note that the Kutztown Folk Festival is the sponsor of our monthly "Your Berks Craftsmen" program. As of this writing, July is an open date.

If you are interested in doing an hour program for "Your Berks Craftsmen" please contact W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. Keep in mind that Octoberfest is just around the corner. Be generous with your donations.

*Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*

*"Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope" Bill Cosby*