

## Holiday Show

We still have some openings so if you are juried and haven't mailed in your application; why not send it today? We are over the 3/4 mark and there has been a nice response from the state members, so don't miss your opportunity to be a part of your "Home Show". Maybe you are curious; maybe you don't think you'll have enough inventory? Call me and let's talk because I've been there myself and commitment is a pretty good motivator!

The Raffle will be handled a bit differently this year. This change is to create excitement in choosing the item you want to win, now for the details: Everyone participating in the Holiday Show from RB chapter will receive a packet of 30 tickets to sell. This should happen within the next month. We are giving away more tickets per dollar to entice the patrons who only buy one or two to purchase more. The tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 10. Concerning the ticket design; just above where you would write your name, you will notice a new line for a "raffle item number". Every raffle item will have its own item number and collection bag where the tickets will be deposited during show hours. For you early birds, the item and item number will be available on [rbcrafts.org](http://rbcrafts.org) in August. We will draw from each collection bag on Sunday, as usual. Your point of contact for the raffle tickets will be Bernadette Wargo. Look for your tickets and instructions in the mail. Regards, *Karen Meyer*

*Holiday Show Co-Chairperson*

## Standards

Louise Mehaffey will be co-chair of the Standards Committee along with Ruthanne Hartung. The next jurying session is scheduled for September. If you have been a Reading-Berks Chapter member for a minimum of 6-months and wish to apply for jurying, please contact Ruthanne or Louise by the end of August.

## OOPS, I GOOFED --- CORRECTION Mini Grant Winners

Apologies to **Debra Hammond**, who was a winner in the Mini Grant random drawing last month. Debra will be taking a class in using gourds in basketry.

The other 3 Mini Grant winners for 2007 were randomly selected at the Student Awards Program from the applications previously submitted. They are **Wilfriede Axsmith** who will be taking a silk painting workshop in Hawaii. Also, **Paul Henry** will be taking a weaving class while **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.

Also, apologies to Louise Hutching who applied and was mistakenly listed as a winner.

## Spring Show

Well, as you can see by the calendar, the Spring Festival is now over for 2007. We ended up with a modest profit that was divided equally and to be used for the Student Awards Program for both chapters. We also made the donation to the PA German Cultural Heritage Center, since they are our Reading-Berks' co-sponsor; and along with our log cabin, that allows us the use of the Field House facility.

Thanks Lehigh Valley Chapter, The PA German Cultural Heritage Center and Reading-Berks Chapter members for another successful show.

This now gives us a clean slate and we are working on the Spring Festival for 2008, the applications were in our last RB newsletter. Many new things are being considered and worked on. We have a **new advertising program and this will really make a big difference!**

We craftsmen are the cause to make it or break it, so please consider doing the show; the attendance, and here's the big one SALES are the key factors. So, please get your application in on time, the deadline is in September. Don't wait until the end of the year or a week or so before the Spring Festival in March.

We would also like if our more mature artisans who no longer do shows would consider doing a "group booth" to display their work. We have unlimited space to accommodate many booths.

So, it's a lot of information to think about, but our chapter's history and success will make us grow to be the best that it can be and then more. Thanks, *Terry*

*Judy Boyer, RB Chairperson*

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers.

**Carolyn Flickinger** is home and walking with the aid of a walker. John and Eileen are very happy to have her home and Carolyn is making great progress in her improvement since she is home. Carolyn, we hope you continue to improve and we also hope to see you soon.

Please say a special prayer for **Bill and Edna Leinbach** and their 24-year old son **Aaron**. *May God bless them and give them strength.*

We wish **Matt Vardjan** a speedy recovery.

Continue to keep **Robert Rohrbach, Leon Schultz, Warren E. Burkhart, Sr., Ernie Fredericks, Ralph and Becky DeStefano, Jennifer Black, Skip Hamaker, and Lucy Neilson's husband** in your thoughts and prayers.