

Harvest Fescht

Dear Reading Berks Guilds Craftsperson:

The Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center would like to invite you to apply for inclusion in our Fall Heritage Harvest Fescht to be held on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 am to 4 p.m. and Sunday October 14 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the farm located on Luckenbill Road at Kutztown University.

The mission of our event is to authentically portray traditional Pennsylvania Dutch rural life and culture in order to educate and entertain the public. We seek traditional crafts people looking to sell their work that are able to demonstrate and explain their skills to the public in period costume if possible.

A fee of \$50 buys a 10' x 10' space for the weekend. Tables are available for \$10 each, folding chairs for \$3 each and if needed ask about the additional rate for a tent rental. If you are selling food only, a 15% commission on gross sales will apply instead of the flat fee. Members in good standing can elect to pay either a 15% commission or a flat fee. A membership application is enclosed. **People that want to demonstrate but do not want to sell are welcome to join our event at no charge.** Each participant is expected to come for both days if possible and the fees cover both days. Payments should be made to PGCHC.

Please fill out the enclosed application form and send it back as soon as possible so we can begin our review of crafts people. We look forward to your application and hope you will join us this fall at the Heritage Center.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Reynolds

Executive Director
German Cultural Heritage Center

Members in the News

In the April 2007 issue of *Country Living*, there was an article about an artisan that was a letterpress designer, using equipment much like that of **Elaine and Matt Vardjan's**. Elaine wrote a letter to the editor about their equipment and the work that they do. In the June 2007 issue Elaine's "letter to the editor" appeared entitled **the presses still roll** on page 12.

ART PLUS Gallery located at 604 Penn Avenue, West Reading, is featuring the work of **Judy Moses** through July 31, 2007. An opening reception was held on Thursday, June 7th from 5 - 8 PM.

Denise Wilz was selected for the 2007 Directory of Traditional American Crafts by *Early American Life* magazine.

Wishing you a Happy and
Safe July 4th

RB Chapter in the News

Kutztown University's Pennsylvania German Studies has a brochure outlining the program vision, scholarships available, courses and curriculum offered as well as internship programs. The brochure states that individual historic craft and trade mentoring is available through the **Berks Guild of Craftsmen**.

In the June-July 2007 issue of *German Life* magazine, a feature article under the "German-American Destinations" featured the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center (the site of "our" log cabin). It had pictures of the 2006 Harvest Fescht, **Linda Beiler** and her wheat weaving class at "Kids Camp" and a picture of **Karen Clouse's** project from Kids Camp 2006. It also noted "**another log cabin is the site for the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen.**"

The RB Chapter's Cherry Tree has been planted. It is the last tree in a line of trees planted by the Doctors' Office building across from the Museum at 600 Museum Road. There is a plaque at the tree indicating it has been donated by our chapter.

Student Award Winners

Gene Burkhart will one of the featured guests at the July 11th Mid Day Café on Penn Street for Award Winners' Day. Gene also invited this year's Student Awards winners to attend. They are Brittany Holick, Angel Valenti, Tyler Hartenstine, Tonya Jones, Ross McKently and Jessica Newcomer in the Crafts category. The Fine arts include Becki Wilson, Juan Ruiz, Allison Gower, Ralph Hernandez, Alex Dos Diaz, and Armando Navarrete. Industrial Arts award recipients David Schappel, an apprentice under **Dave Fisher**; and Kameron Biehl complete the list of 2007 winners. Congratulations to all.

Newsletter

We will not publish a newsletter in July. The August newsletter deadline is Wednesday morning, August 8th. Information can be submitted via email at paoxenford@dejazze.com or given to me at the August meeting. *Pat Oxenford, Newsletter Editor*

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