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President's Message

School Days, School Daze, Dear Old Golden Rule Days--September is here! When September rolls around my thoughts always go to the first day of school. It's a new beginning. New for the nursery school student, the kindergartner, the first grader, the mid-schooler, the high schooler and the freshman college student. All have a new palette in front of them and their fresh ideas just waiting to happen.

That is just about the same feeling we should all be having as craftsmen. Everyone is starting the Fall season of craft shows. I am sure you have all been trying out new ideas, putting a twist on some old ideas and just waiting for that first show to see how it goes. Really, not much different than that first day of school.

Education is important. As craftsmen, we continue to learn all we can about our craft or we're anxious to try a new craft. We need to continue to learn and grow in our work; another important aspect along those lines is to educate others about crafts. Whether customers are interested in pursuing a craft or interested in the way the object is made because they are going to purchase it, it is important for us the craftsman to be able to tell the story, to educate, if you will. Harvest Fescht, October 13 and October 14, 2007 at Kutztown is just such an event that we can put our educating skills into action. What a wonderful way to spend a weekend in this new Fall Season. *Barry*

Bennecoff, Your President

Program

The program for the October 2007 meeting will include the members that recently passed jurying. This is a good way to learn about the talents and crafts of new members. So come on out and see what's new at our Guild.

As a follow up to the September meeting presentation, (Swamp Lutheran Church Stained glass window), I'm proposing a visit to see the window. Anyone interested in attending a presentation of the description and symbolism of the window, let me know. Several dates might be possible. Each will be at 10:00 am on a Saturday, and would last no more than one hour. I will have a sign up sheet available at the October meeting. The dates are either October 20 or 27, or November 10 or 17. These dates will be firm by the next meeting. *Michael Wargo, Program Chairperson*

Holiday Social

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 4th for our annual Holiday Social. More details will be included in the October newsletter along with a reservation form. We'll have a catered meal similar to last year's, and an evening of fun and fellowship. Hope you plan to attend. *The Holiday Social Committee, Judy & Terry Boyer, Elaine & Matt Vardjan, Pat & Ray Overford*

BCTV's Annual Octoberfest

The third week in October is BCTV's Octoberfest broadcast live from Fairgrounds Square Mall. Thursday, October 18th is our Reading-Berks Chapter PGC night. All items to be auctioned that evening will be from members and friends of our Reading-Berks Chapter. Thanks to everyone who has generously donated to the auction, we appreciate your support. If you have not done so as yet, please consider making a donation, you can contact W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr. or Carolyn Handwerk to arrange for pick-up or delivery of your donation.

BCTV's fund-raising goal is \$70,000 this year. Each hour program of "Your Berks Craftsmen" has an average cost of \$600 per show. Our way in helping to fund our monthly programs is through your generous donations to Octoberfest. Again, thank you for your support of BCTV.