

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The September 19th program will feature Carol Haile and her new book *Elephant Overboard* that is just off the press earlier this summer. Carol is both author and illustrator of this latest book.

The October "Your Berks Craftsmen" show will be broadcast live on October 3rd, two weeks earlier than regularly scheduled. However, this program featuring Karen Myers and artisans who will be exhibiting and selling their work at the upcoming Holiday Show will be rerun many more times throughout the month and into November to advertise the Holiday Show

Another reminder that Octoberfest will be broadcast live Monday through Friday evening the third week of October. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr.*

"Your Berks Craftsmen" Host

Holiday Show

We are doing GREAT! The committee is eagerly waiting for their opportunity to help and I'm sure you are too. We need volunteers to make this show work and I want to say Thank You to everyone who can give an hour of their time to help this show run smoothly. We have several open positions that need filling and that take little or no experience. Just a smile, a Welcome to the Show! Or maybe a Thank you for Coming! Some critical positions need to be filled too.

Acceptances will be mailed this month, look for all info in your packet and mail back you food selections as soon as you can.

Thanks to all of you that contributed to the raffle this year, it's not too late to contribute. We are making tent cards so please let me know if you will be bringing your item to the show so that we don't have to do it last minute. I'll try to call everyone soon.

Bernadette will be mailing out the raffle tickets soon.

If you need assistance unloading you are in luck, stay tuned for the next newsletter!

Lastly, My Parents called me as I was on my way to the September meeting and said. Did you read your August Newsletter and so graciously pointed out that last when I mentioned that Marbie Foster has measurable experience I should have said "immeasurable". I apologize for the typo.

Regards, *Karen Myers* Holiday Show Co-Chairperson

Spring Show 2008

Just a reminder the deadline for the 2008 Spring Show \$10 discount is just a few weeks away. We are hopeful you will get your applications in by the September 29 deadline to take advantage of this discount. Applications will still be received after that date, but at the full price. If you have any questions contact Show Co-Chairpersons Terry & Judy Boyer.

Mailing List Update

The mailing list update yields almost 4,100 names.

The most recent updating of the guild's computerized mailing list, just in time for the Holiday Show post-card mailing, led to an increase of 947 names to the list and verification of 111 previous entries. Most of this came from door prize coupons. Had handwriting been better on many, and addresses been more complete, the number would have even been higher.

There were a few names removed based on the post office returning cards with addresses that are no longer valid. As it stands now the mailing list has 4081 names.

As might be expected the most common post office was Reading, with 1441 addresses between zip codes 19601 and 19612. However, many individuals served by the Reading Post Office used community names in their addresses. Leaders in doing that were Wyomissing (249), Sinking Spring (233), Shillington (108), and West Lawn (93).

The vast majority of other addresses are from communities in Berks, Lehigh, Montgomery, Lancaster, and Chester Counties. In addition to Pennsylvania, 14 other states are represented, the furthest being 4 addresses from California. New Jersey leads in the out-of-state category with 66 addresses, followed by New York with 23, Delaware and Maryland both have eight, and Florida has six. There were several coupons in the 2006 Holiday Show drawing from folks in Ontario, Canada, but they were not placed on the list because of postage issues.

Did take note that some who attend the show apparently try to stack the odds in their favor in the door prize drawings by entering several coupons. Often this was done using return address stickers. *Bob*

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Newsletter

October newsletter deadline is Tuesday, October 2nd, newsletter to be published on October 3rd. paoxenford@dejazzd.com