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President's Message □

Three cheers for the picnic committee. It was a nice quiet spring evening at Gring's Mill with good food, great friends and did I mention good food. The evening was filled with laughter and chatter. It was great to see the members of our guild just get to enjoy each other. Summer is upon us and it is a great time for all to enjoy family, friends and the great outdoors. Make sure you get your share of enjoyment this summer.

Before you know it, Summer 2008 will be a thing of the past. So, make the most of it.

In the midst of all our summer fun, I am asking you to think how you would like to help with our Holiday Show. Please call Judy and Terry Boyer and let them know where and how you would like to help. Oh, and if you found the Holiday Show application on your desk not filled in yet, please do so now. We will miss you if you are not there.

"A painting in a museum probably hears more foolish remarks than anything else in the world."
Edmond and Jules Goncourt
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Need a Ride to Meetings? Want to carpool to Meetings?

If you need a ride or want to carpool to our meetings, please call our chapter phone and leave a message with your name, phone number and where you live. Kelly Brown Brehm will try to coordinate transportation.

Program

The program for August is not finalized at this point, so it will be a surprise.

However, plan ahead and mark your calendar for September 2nd. You don't want to miss this special evening. For our program we will have as our guest, internationally acclaimed artist *Jonas dos Santos*, and we will assist him with his project at Goggleworks, *Mapping the Community: An Ecological Intervention*.

We will also have members from other chapters as our guests for the evening as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Please check out the list of items needed for this project noted on page 2 of this newsletter. If you can donate any items bring them along to the September meeting. *Thanks!*

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The June 18th program of "*Your Berks Craftsmen*" will feature **Dave Fooks** and artisans who will be exhibiting their work at this year's Kutztown Festival.

The July 16th program will feature **W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr.** and his newly release book, *Pressed Flower Art, Tips, Tools and Techniques for Learning the Craft*. This is the 4th in the Heritage Crafts Today book series published by Stackpole Books of Mechanicsburg. **Karen Myers** will be the guest host to interview Gene. *j A XázxÇà*

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No June Board Meeting

No general meeting in July. No newsletter published in July.

Supplies Needed for GoggleWorks Project

Goggleworks is in need of the following items for a community project in September. If you can help by donating any of the following materials and supplies, it would be appreciated.

- Newspapers
- Bubble Wrap
- 10 hot glue guns
- 10 large boxes of hot glue sticks
- 20 bottles of acrylic paint: colors - black, white, red, yellow, blue, green
- Discontinued latex house paint in various colors
- 20 Exacto knives and several boxes of blades
- 20 pairs of heavy duty scissors
- 20 hole punchers
- Plastic tarps
- Sheer curtains, various colors

You can bring items to the September meeting or contact Shannon Slattery, Program Director at the GoggleWorks at 610-375-4600 for more information. This project is sponsored by *Artists & Communities, a program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, is made possible by major funding from the Heinz Endowments, the William Penn Foundation and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts*

Chapter Jurying

The Standards Committee will meet on Tues, Sept 9, 2008. If you would like to present your work for jurying at this session, please contact Louise Mehaffey (louise@eglassplace.com) to receive a jury application, or see her at a meeting.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Carolyn Flickinger has been at Seton Manor in Orwigsburg this past month, we continue to keep her in our prayers. Please include Bill Leinbach on your prayer list also.

Continue to keep **June Moyer** in your prayers. Also, **Judy Boyer, Kathy Harris, Lucy Neilson and her husband,** and **Anita Geiger** on your prayer list. Also, keep **Ruthanne Hartung's husband, John,** and **Jim Mehaffey** in your prayers. We wish them all a speedy get well

As noted last month, many of our members know **Don Levengood**, "Heritage in Miniature" craftsmen of salesmen samples furniture, please continue to keep him in your prayers. Thanks.

Count your blessings as we celebrate our nation's independence on July 4th.

Holiday Show 2008

The Holiday Show is only 5 months away. A committee meeting is planned where we hope to get new people involved with the behind-the-scenes work to make this another great show! New ideas are being discussed and we look forward to receiving your application if you have not already submitted it at this time. We'll include the holiday show poinsettia order form in the August issue of the newsletter. Watch for show updates in the August newsletter! *gxllç 9 Jâwç UÉçxl? F{Eã VfeV{t/UWUaEÇ*

Members in the News

W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr. is hosting a book signing and party on June 20, 2008 from 4-8 PM in studio 215 at the GoggleWorks. Gene's newly released book, *Pressed Flower Art* - Stackpole Books will be available. Any questions telephone 610-898-1927. All members and their friends are invited.

A piece of **Gene's** artwork was selected in the Natural World Show. The title of the piece is *Gone With The Wind*. It is mixed medium using acrylic paint, tulip foliage, dill seed, salal leaves, magnolia flower and leaves. The Gallery Show is on the first floor of GoggleWorks.

Gene is also listed in the June 2008 issue of *Early American Life's* top 200 Traditional Craftsmen. Congratulations Gene!

Terry and Judy Boyer have also been selected for this year's top 200 Traditional Craftsmen by *Early American Life*. Congratulations!

Annie Harlin has a new line of handbags that are featured and sold at Imagine That Boutique in West Reading. Her handbags are designed and made with old fabric and metal scraps.

"Hidden Treasures", a collaboration by Albany Township artisans participated in the third annual Hawk Mountain Arts Tour and Sale. Included were several of our members, **Todd Gladfelter**, metalsmith and woodworker, and **Jeff Dietrich**, potter.

Great Job, **Kay!** Congratulations to **Kay Bennecoff** and the members of her youth group who presented another outstanding performance recently. Kay writes the skits and jokes, and the youth and congregational members perform them, Kay included.

They're Back! Church Bulletins:

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

(The above courtesy of Marilyn Diener's email)

August Newsletter

Please have the August newsletter info to me no later than Friday, August 8th. *ctā bāxçfūw? a xāānānd*

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Free Booth: 3-45x65" lattice backdrops hinged together, can be separated. Need some *tlc*. FREE, call 610-683-8099 - Shirley Sachs

3 Table-top Displays Available

Our chapter has been given 3 tabletop displays, each consisting of two 4-ft panels and one 3-ft. panel that need to be champed together as well as clamped to the top of several tables.

All three are made of thin paneling, lightweight, and easy to handle. Two booths have stenciled borders and molding along the top and the third has a window in the center section with an outdoor scene painted to resemble looking out your window. A cute small white dog sits "outside" looking in.

These are available for your use, especially to those who do not have backdrops as yet. Also, "group booths" may use them as well to set up your display.

If you are in need of a booth, please contact Ray and Pat Oxenford at 610-385-3431. Once the log cabin is completed we will store them there.

Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County will be held Saturday, July 19, 2008 from 1 to 9 PM at Fish Pond West in Bernville.

The Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County is hosting a silent auction at the event and is in need of donations for their auction. If you would like to donate an item to the silent auction, purchase tickets or need additional information, please contact Kelly (Oxenford) Simmons at 610-385-6598 or email her at msimmons@dejazzd.com

Thank you for your support of breast cancer awareness and the Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County.

PGC Guild Members - Spaces are still available for the Pocono State Craft Festival 2008 August 23 - 24 at the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm Stroudsburg, PA www.quietvalley.org All categories considered including fine art and fine handmade personal care products. Go to www.poconocrafts.com download your application and send it in today! Gourmet craftsmen's dinner Saturday night! On site camping (primitive) available

Have a Happy and Safe Summer