



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen

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President's Message □

It seems like I just wrote about school being out for the summer and now the kids are getting ready to go back to school. So, as parents who are shopping for back-to-school clothes, notebooks, paper, pencils and helping their children prepare for that first day of school, I am stating to all our craftsmen to get back into their studios and workshops. Opportunities for members of Reading-Berks are knocking on your door.

First on the agenda, is a fantastic September meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. and running till 9:30 p.m. We welcome the Lancaster Chapter Board of Directors to our meeting on this night. Our program will be Jonas, the Artist in Residence, at the goggleWorks. Jonas is from Brazil and we will be helping him with some prep work. (Another special treat for the night--Light refreshments will be served!!)

Our Holiday Show is the first weekend in November and the committee has been feverishly working on making this "THE BEST". Of course, it can't be "THE BEST" without all of you!. Volunteers are always needed and always appreciated! So, help with the tasks that you love to do! Sign up soon!

Several of our members have authored books this past year and will be at our Holiday Show and do book-signings. Terrific!!

And more good news (It just keeps getting better and better) Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen will be doing a Gallery Show on the third floor of the goggleWorks in March 2009. So to hear more about this golden opportunity and to sign up to do this show-see you on September 2, 2008, 7:00 P.M. Remember, I said to get back into those studios and workshops; well, now you know why. The world is waiting to see what you've been up to since the last time they visited you at your booth. With "Your Berks Craftsmen" anything is possible!!

"If you cannot lift the load off another's back, do not walk away. Try to lighten it." Frank Tyger *Barry*

Bennecoff, Your President

Program

We hope you have marked 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. Light refreshments will be served.

We're repeating a list of items needed for this project that are 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"

Tammy Zettlemoyer Wilkinson will be guest for the August 20th "Your Berks Craftsmen" program. It is now possible to download any program from BCTV 24/7.

W. Eugene Burkhart and Carolyn Handwerk will be hosting the Octoberfest auction again. Gene is also requesting donations for the October auction for BCTV. BCTV has been on the air for 32 years.

W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr., "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host

Members in the News

W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr. has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Reading-Berks Visitors Bureau, beginning September 2008. *Congratulations!*

Tammy Zettlemoyer Wilkinson, potter and former Hamburg Council President, is returning to Kutztown University as a full-time student to complete her Master's degree and plans to enroll in a new doctoral program of American Studies at Penn State University, Harrisburg campus, in the fall of 2009. Her ultimate goal is to teach studies in Pennsylvania German crafts and folk life.

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.*

Holiday Show

Well we are less than 3 months away from our 59th Holiday Show. Are you ready? Have you sent your application in yet? We are still accepting applications. Are you being juried in the Reading Berks Guild in September, and or the State Guild of Craftsman? If so reserve your spot for the Holiday Show, send in your application NOW. Email me at wcl860@verizon.net for help.

Have you donated your raffle item yet? If you volunteered to donate a raffle item please let Karen Myers know. Karen is photographing every item for advertisement. Don't miss out.

If you have any questions for jurying - contact Louise Mahaffey. Donating items for the raffle call - Karen Myers. Volunteering call - Pat Oxenford. For any other questions call - Terry & Judy Boyer.

Our next Show Meeting is Tuesday, August 26th, 2008, at 7:00 PM at the Google Works.

Thank you and keep making your crafts. *Terry & Judy Boyer, Show chairpersons.*

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MEETING NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008.

Chapter Jurying

The Standards Committee will host a jurying session on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. at the Goggleworks. Check the board at the entrance for the room number. Applicants should arrive between 6:30 & 7:00 PM. Standards committee members* should arrive by 7:00 PM. (*Committee members, please let me know if you cannot attend). Applicants must leave the room for 1-1 1/2 hours. The cafe on the first floor will not be open, but there are tables and chairs there. Anyone who has been a member of the chapter for a minimum of 3-months is eligible to have his work juried.

If you would like to present your work for jurying at this session, please contact Louise Mehaffey (louise@eglassplace.com) or call her at 610-373-6493 to receive a jury application. *Louise Mehaffey*

Standards Chairperson

PA German Cultural Heritage Center

Children's Cultural Camp was held the last week of July with 24 children attending.

The annual Harvest Fescht is scheduled for October 18 and 19, 2008. Spaces are available for a nominal fee (application was in an earlier newsletter) or a 15% commission on sales if you are a PGCHC member. Contact Zack at the Heritage Center for more info at Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, 22 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown PA 19530 (phone 610-683-1589).

Work is progressing on our log cabin floor.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Continue to keep **June Moyer** in your prayers. Also, **Carolyn Flickinger, 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 earlier in the summer, many of our members know **Don Levensgood**, "Heritage in Miniature" craftsmen of salesmen samples furniture, please continue to keep him in your prayers. Thanks.

Thank you to everyone who donated a raffle item to the Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County July event.

**2008 Holiday Show Poinsettia Order form included on page 3 of this newsletter.
Deadline for orders is October 15, 2008.**

**2009 Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival Application included as an insert in
this newsletter.**

Membership

Please welcome the following new members:

Barry & Sandi Gebhart, Jewelry

2189 Rovaldi Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610-691-0687

Celeste Geschwindt, Photography

37 Saint John Street
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
570-385-3134

Beth Glosner, Jewelry

103 Kent Way
West Reading, PA 19611
610-373-1129

Frances Hrenko, Pottery

1776 Sand Hill Road
Hershey, PA 17033
717-533-1775

David Kostival

1514 Hill Road
Reading, PA 19602
610-376-0755

Rose Ann Kramer, Handmade Wool Felt

1963 Hendricks Station Road
Harleysville, PA 19438
215-234-8224

Delano H. Morgan, Photography

2415 West Elm Street
Allentown, PA 18104-6521
610-435-4570

Julie Umbenhauer, Weaving and Quilting

300 Linda Lane
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
610-670-2844

June Moyer, Membership Chairperson

Classified

FOR SALE: Display panels for a 10 ft. x 10 ft booth consists of nine 3 ft x 6 ft screens; two 1½ ft x 6 ft screens, all covers and 1 ft. leg extension brackets for making a 7 ft. high booth. Asking price \$380.00. Contact Sharon Schaich, Lititz, at 717-626-4330 for more information.

THE 3 TABLETOP booths listed in the June newsletter are still available for member's use. Contact Pat Oxenford for more info.

2008 Holiday Show Poinsettia Order Form

6½-inch pot (multi-bloom pot) Cost \$7.50 per pot	Quantity	Cost per Pot	Total
• 6½-inch pot RED			
• 6½-inch pot WHITE			
• 6½-inch pot PINK			
• 6½-inch pot VARIEGATED			
7½-inch pot (mult-ibloom pot) Cost \$16.00 per pot			
• 7½-inch pot RED			
• 7½-inch pot WHITE			
• 7½-inch pot PINK			
• 7½-inch pot VARIEGATED			
4-inch pot single flower bloom Cost \$3.00 per pot			
• 4-inch pot RED			
• 4-inch pot WHITE			
• 4-inch pot PINK			
• 4-inch pot VARAIEGATED			
TOTAL ORDER			

NAME _____

Telephone number in case there is any question about your order _____

Order deadline is October 15, 2008. Submit your order form and check, payable to **Reading-Berks Chapter PGC**, mail to Pat Oxenford, 805 Hill Drive, Douglassville, PA 19518 or give to her at the September or October chapter meetings. Poinsettias will be deliver to the Holiday Show on set-up day and will be placed at your booth space early afternoon that day. Any questions contact Pat Oxenford at 610-385-3431.