



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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President's Message □

Labor Day 2008 is now a date in the past. Usually we think of this as the end of summer; however the thermometer is not indicating the end is near. As we return to our workshops, the air conditioners will be working overtime.

I believe I will be doing some overtime of my own. Octoberfest is just around the corner and I need to get my donation for the auction completed. BCTV needs our support. "*Your Berks Craftsmen*" is a great vehicle for the Reading-Berks Guild. This show is not only great advertisement for us but is a fantastic tool in education. People in Berks County look forward to this monthly show and now "*Your Berks Craftsmen*" can be downloaded 24/7. We are global. Be generous. It will be greatly appreciated.

So, if the BCTV auction is fast approaching that means our Holiday Show is not far behind. The committees are working hard in preparation for this event. If you've been thinking about sending in your application for this show, do not waste another minute, time is running out and space is getting scarce.

If you are planning to attend the Holiday Show to get a jumpstart on your shopping, please consider volunteering an hour or so of your time for this great event. We need your smiling face and warm and friendly gestures to welcome our patrons. Please let Pat Oxenford, volunteer coordinator, know where you would like to help your guild. I appreciate and applaud our members for their willingness to help with this great event.

Well, I better get back to work. September is almost over and it is only September 1st. Just, how does that happen??

"The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more." Jonas Salk, M.D. **Barry Bennecoff, Your President**

Program

October will showcase newly juried members. A jury session will be held September 9, 2008. We anticipate that some interesting crafts will be shown and hopeful that there will be many, if not all, accepted by our panel of judges.

So come on out and see new members and their crafts. *Program Chair – Michael Wargo*

BCTV - "Your Berks Craftsmen"

There will be two "Your Berks Craftsmen" programs in September. September 17th, our regularly scheduled monthly program will feature Louise Mehaffey and her newly released book on Beads. Portions of the program will be prerecorded in Louise's home studio and the remainder will be from BCTV.

Due to BCTV's annual Octoberfest fund-raiser being held the 3rd week of October, our October program will be held early, on September 30th and feature members who will be exhibiting and selling their work at our annual Holiday Show. This program will be rerun through the month of October.

Another reminder that there is still time to make a donation to BCTV's Octoberfest. For your donation to be included in the pre-auction publicity, the form must be completed and submitted to Gene Burkhart prior to September 19th. Any questions, give Gene a call. *W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr., Host, "Your Berks Craftsmen"*

This is election year for our chapter.

The slate of officers for the next 2 years will be announced at our October meeting as well as published in the October newsletter. Voting for officers for the next 2 years will be held at our November meeting.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE HOLIDAY SHOW.

Holiday Show 2008

Hello to All,

The Holiday Show is coming all too soon. The next two months are very busy for the Guild's Show committee. Some of the areas that we need help are at the Admission Table, Raffle Table and Host at the door.

There are many of you that have been members of the Reading-Berks Guild for a long time. This is the time we need you and your services. This is our biggest function of the year. Call or email Pat Oxenford to line up your time slot for the show.

Your packets will be sent out the beginning of October. Take note that your Raffle tickets are included in that packet. Please by all means sell them. This too is a big fundraiser for our guild.

Take note that your Spring Show application was included in your August newsletter. Instead of setting it aside send it in and you're set for the Spring Show.

I want to thank all of the Show Committee people. By having this committee brought to a new level of skills to take our Guilds show to a greater level of excellence. Thank you all so much. **Terry & Judy Boyer Show chairpersons.**

Holiday Social 2008

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 2, 2008 for our annual Holiday Social. It will be held at Goggleworks, with a catered meal by Boscov's Ala Carte Catering. *You provide the desserts.* We'll have the White Elephant Gift Exchange again, a game or two, sing some holiday songs -- an evening of great food and fellowship. **Cost per person is \$12.50.** See reservation form included on page 3 of this newsletter. ***Reservations must be paid in advance and received by Monday, November 24, 2008 to attend this event. Hope you'll join us for this fun evening.***

The buffet menu consists of Fruit Tray, Field Green Salad with Assorted Dressing, Boneless Chicken Breast with Julienne Vegetables, Burgundy Beef Tips, Oven Brown Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Relish Tray, Dinner Rolls and Butter, Punch, Coffee, Tea *and Desserts provided by our members.*

In our Thoughts and Prayers

Please add **Ivan Belac** to your prayer list. Also continue to include **June Moyer, 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**, as well as **Jim Mehaffey, and Don Levengood** in your prayers. We wish them all a speedy get well.

Newsletter

October newsletter deadline is Wednesday, October 8, 2008. paoxenford@dejazzd.com

With Our Sympathy

We extend our belated and sincere sympathy to John and Carol Haile.

Members in the News

Ken and Carolyn Handwerk exhibited their work at Lester Breinger's Traditional Porch Sale the weekend of August 23 - 24, 2008.

Dave Fisher, Fisher Forge was listed as a favorite in the August issue of *Martha Stewart's Living Magazine*. He was also featured on www.copper.org August issue under Consumers.

Brian Cunfer was listed in the June issue of *Early American Life Magazine's* top 200 traditional craftsmen for 2008. **Brian** was also featured as one of the five chairmakers interviewed for the October 2008 issue of *Early American Life*, for the article on Windsors (chairs) for Writing.

Ruthanne Hartung, Fraktur, W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr., Pressed Flower Designs, Louise Mehaffey, Beads, and Pat Oxenford, Tole Painting, each has a book in the *Heritage Crafts Today* series. They will join together for a book signing at Barnes and Noble in Wyomissing on October 25, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

PA German Cultural Heritage Center

The 8th annual Children's Cultural Camp is now history. A big thank you to our guild's craftsmen who helped make it a success. **Linda Beiler** made straw paper; **W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr.** made dried flower pictures and bookmarks with the children; **Elaine Vardjan** taught 'tischschmuckschnitte, and **Shirley Sachs** taught several forms of needlecrafts.

The log cabin floor is almost complete. Thanks to **Bill Scheirer, Matt Vardjan, Ray Oxenford** and **Scott Mayer** (a friend of our chapter). These men have been fitting old wood for our new floor in the cabin. We are hopeful it will be finished for Harvest Fescht.

A Pysanky Workshop is scheduled for September 27, 2008 from 10 AM - 2 PM. **Antonia Badulak-McDaniel**, a renowned Pysanky artist will offer this workshop. Cost is \$30.00 person (you provide your own lunch). Reservation deadline is September 20th, contact Darlene Moyer at PGCHC, 22 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 or call 610-683-1589 for more info.

Harvest Fescht is scheduled for Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, 2008. Applications were in the February 2008 newsletter or call Zach Langley at PGCHC for more info.

Christmas-on-the-Farm is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2008. The farm will be decorated in the traditional PA German fashion and many PA German holiday customs, food and crafts will be featured.

Gallery Show at GoggleWorks

The month of March 2009 our chapter will host a **One-of-a-Kind Gallery Show at Goggleworks**. This is also a great opportunity to advertise your work for the Spring Festival the last weekend of March 2009. *All work must be for sale, and if sold, a 35% commission paid to GoggleWorks.* If you are interested in participating, contact W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr. or see him at the October meeting.

Christmas-in-the-Valley

Old World Christmas Market and Craft Fair will be held Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Oley Fairgrounds (outdoors). Cost is \$25.00 for an 8 ft. space - no electric. For more information contact Lori Shaffer at 610-689-5474 or email at Lori.shaffer@hotmail.com

Classified:

10 x 13 Old glass panes for any craftsperson interested, contact Mrs. Stein at 610-683-8209.

Crafters wanted for the Immaculata Conception Academy's, 2nd Annual, Christmas Bazaar, November 22, 2008 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm., located in Douglassville. Spaces are available for \$25. Anyone interested would need to contact Karen at 610-689-3833.

Cruising on Full Power aboard Princess Cruise Line's newest ship, the Ruby Princess January 10 - 17, 2009, sailing from Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Jamaica and the Bahamas with cruise hosts, Helen and Allen Weichman. Many "craft related" activities planned. For more information contact the Weichman's or Rosenbluth Vacations at 800-637-8124 or CTLLinda@aol.com.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL --- December 2, 2008 at Goggleworks -- RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE NO. _____

NUMBER ATTENDING AT \$12.50 EACH _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

I/WE WILL PROVIDE A DESSERT _____ YES _____ NO

Make check payable to Reading-Berks Chapter PGC

Mail check to Ray Oxenford

805 Hill Drive

Douglassville, PA 19518

Any questions call Ray or Pat at 610-385-3431

Reservation deadline -- Monday, November 24, 2008

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 WHTIE			
• 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.