



# READING-BERKS CHAPTER

*Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen*

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## **President's Message** □

The COUNTDOWN is on. Less than a month to our Holiday Show, and only days until the Octoberfest auction for BCTV. As we get more and more busy the days are literally getting shorter and shorter so most of us are burning the midnight oil. There is much to do. We hope the auction for BCTV will do well. We all recognize the importance of this auction to the TV station. So many people have put so much into our Holiday Show for 2008. We as a Guild look forward to producing a spectacular Holiday Show for our patrons. We are trying our best to get the word out about the fantastic craftsmen who are in this show. But while all this hustle and bustle is going on □

Let's remember to take some time to enjoy the beautiful change of seasons. Autumn is like Mother Nature's fireworks; the brilliant colors of the leaves, the crackling of a campfire with the aroma of roasted hotdogs and marshmallows, and the briskness of the air culminate to make this time of year a grand time to get together with family and friends. Enjoy! Savor these moments. Remember to live in the NOW! AND, Don't forget to vote on November 4, 2008.

And one more thing, get your reservations in for our Holiday Social. That is just around the corner also.

"When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt." Henry Kaiser *Barry Bennecoff, Your President*

## **Program**

**Kay Bennecoff** will relate her experiences on her recent trip to China. Attending the Olympics was one of the highlights of her trip, but much more was seen. This will be an exciting meeting, so don't miss it.

December will once again be our holiday party night. More information will be related elsewhere in the newsletter, so watch for the details.

*Program Chair, Michael Wargo*

## **BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"**

Thursday, October 16, 2008, beginning at 7:00 PM and running until? (midnight last year), is the BCTV's annual Octoberfest auction featuring the work of our Reading-Berks Chapter members. The auction is held at Fairgrounds Square Mall. If you can't get BCTV on your television, you can go to [www.BCTV.org](http://www.BCTV.org) on your computer.

During Octoberfest, they will be advertising our Holiday Show. Also, the Holiday Show preview taped on September 30<sup>th</sup> will be rerun many times until the show. You can also get that on your computer as well.

The November 19<sup>th</sup> program will feature Pat Oxenford and her newly released book in the series, *Heritage Crafts Today, Tole Painting*. *W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr., "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*

## **Just a reminder: 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 Holiday Show or November meeting.

## ***Holiday Show***

Can you believe it? The Show is almost here. Time sure does fly fast. Everything is set and we're ready to rock-n-roll.

You were sent your show packet, with raffle tickets in them. Please sell, sell, sell or give them to your best customers. It can be an incentive for them to come to the show and place them in their favorite raffle item bag. **Money and unsold tickets MUST be turned in to Cindy Foley at Booth #4, by 11:00 am Saturday.**

Setup time for the show is Friday Oct. 31st from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Doors open at 7:00 am on Saturday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for the last minute prep work.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the show. Please call Pat Oxenford to schedule a time.

Thank you for your support throughout the year and have a GREAT SHOW! Don't forget your Holiday Decorations. *Terry & Judy Boyer Show chairs*

## ***Poinsettia Orders***

If you forgot to place your poinsettia order, for the Holiday Show, please see the September or October newsletter for the order form and send it to or call Pat Oxenford ASAP. All preordered poinsettias will be delivered to your booth at set up time.

## ***In our Thoughts and Prayers***

Continue to keep the following members and friends in your prayers, **June Moyer, Carolyn Flickinger, Judy Boyer, Kathy Harris, and Lucy Neilson and her husband.** 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.

## ***With Our Sympathy***

We extend our belated and sincere sympathy to **Judy and Terry Boyer.**

## ***Newsletter***

November newsletter deadline is Wednesday, November 5, 2008. [paoxenford@dejazzd.com](mailto:paoxenford@dejazzd.com)

**Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2008 - After casting your ballot in our national presidential election, attend our meeting at 7:00 PM to vote in our chapter election of officers.**

## ***Members in the News***

**Shirley Sachs,** The Crewel World, Kutztown, is teaching a course, *Exploring Antique Textiles Workshop* at RACC's Main Campus on Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the *Senior Studies* program.

Congratulations to **Karen Bilak,** Redbud Ridge Quilts, who successfully passed state jurying in September.

**Marilyn Pounder** has been accepted into Art Plus Gallery, 604 Penn Avenue, West Reading. Art Plus is a co-op gallery, member owned and operated. Marilyn's jewelry is now on display there.

**Gene Burkhart** and **Judy Boyer** will present "Decorating Tips and Christmas Traditions" at the Cooperative Extension's annual Holiday Program at the Ag Center on November 4 and 5, 2008.

## ***Standards Committee***

The following members were successfully *chapter* juried at our September Jurying session:

- **Rose Ann Kramer,** Hand felted wool
- **Natalie Smith,** thread crochet (she already is juried in basketry)
- **Lisa T. Short,** Decorative painting and fraktur
- **Mike Brown,** Chalkware (he already is juried in papier mache)
- **Marlin F. Kenney,** Pens, etc. (wood, acrylic, antler, aluminum)
- **Susie Martin,** Ceramics
- **Susan Small,** Ceramics
- **Celeste Geschwindt,** Photography
- **Mary Rose Feldman,** Paper crafts

The following members were successfully *show* juried: **Sandra Kaye, Nancy Sala Safko, Cynthia Baker** and **Nancy Ballantyne** for an additional craft. *Louise Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson*

## ***PA German Cultural Heritage Center***

Harvest Fescht is scheduled for Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, 2008.

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.

## ***Nominations - Election of Officers***

The slate of officers for 2009 - 2010 was presented by Sandra and Bill Jones at the October meeting, with nominations from the floor made, seconded and accepted. The following nominations were presented:

- President, Barry Bennecoff
- Vice President, Ken Moyer
- Recording Secretary, Kay Bennecoff
- Treasurer, John Haile
- Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter) Pat Oxenford
- State Representative, Lynn Comoh
- Alternate State Rep, Sandra Jones

*Sandra and Bill Jones, Election Committee*

*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 gather at 6:00 PM and the buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.** 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 below. ***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.

### **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***

## ***VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY SHOW***

We still need volunteers to greet and give our customers a program at the entrance door; and at the exit door to give them a friendly good-bye and possibly stamp their hand if they wish to return. These both are 1-hour positions of volunteering.

We also need two more people to sell raffle tickets (from 8:45 to 10:00 AM on Saturday, and 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Sunday).

To have a successful show it takes many volunteers to work at the admissions table (ideally 3 volunteers per hour); greeters at both entrance and exit doors and another to sell raffle tickets. In total it takes 80 volunteer hours of 1-hour shifts for our 2-day shows.

Many of our artisans have graciously volunteered to fill these positions, some even taking on several shifts, **BUT WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS. AS A CHAPTER MEMBER, IF YOU ARE NOT EXHIBITING AND SELLING YOUR WORK AT THE SHOW, PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME TO VOLUNTEER.** *If you can help, please contact Pat Oxenford at 610-385-3431 ASAP. Thank you from your Holiday Show Committee.*