



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen

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President's Message □

Thank-you is the best way that I can think of to start the November message. In a few weeks we will be sitting down at our Thanksgiving table with our family and friends and thinking about our many blessings and giving thanks for them. And so we should. With that in mind, I am saying thank-you to the many volunteers, craftsmen, craftswomen, donators and BCTV for a job well done this past weekend. The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen's 59th Holiday Show was truly a blessing. The committees put in a lot of hours and pulled off a spectacular event. The vendors outdid themselves this year with their crafts. Everyone I spoke with commented on how wonderful the vendors were. The raffle was awesome. The attendance to the show on both days was great. The atmosphere was fantastic. Again, thank-you for a job well done!

There are two more holiday events for Reading-Berks Guild this year, our Holiday Social at the goggleWorks for our December meeting and Christmas-on-the-Farm at the Heritage Center at Kutztown on the first Saturday in December. Two events you will not want to miss.

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves." Abraham Lincoln *Barry Bennecoff,*
Your President

Program - Holiday Social

Just a final reminder to mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 2, 2008 and submit your prepaid reservation 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, a few surprises -- an evening of great food and fellowship. **Cost per person is \$12.50.** See reservation form included in this newsletter. ***Reservations must be paid in advance and received by Monday, November 22, 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.*

Repeating Last call for reservations! The deadline is Saturday, November 22nd postal mail with a prepaid check. Final count must be to Boscov's at 10:00 AM on Monday morning, November 24th. *(Please note our mail arrives late afternoon, so anything arriving Monday, Nov. 24 is too late.)* If you have any questions please contact us at 610-385-3431. *Ray & Pat Overford, Holiday Social*

Just another reminder for a great opportunity -- 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 Burkhardt, Jr. or see him at the Holiday Social in December.

Thank You

It is very humbling to accept praise and gifts for something that is a passion of mine, to be able to help people. This would not be possible without the help and support of the great committee members, and all the volunteers. When you work together as a team, there isn't anything that can't be accomplished.

Judy and I want to personally thank everyone for their support. Because of you we made this show a success.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. *Terry @*

Judy Beyer, Show Chairpersons

Election of Officers 2009 - 2010

Election of officers was held at the November meeting. The slate of officers was approved by a show of hands with no opposing votes.

The officers for 2009/2010 are as follows:

- *President:* **Barry Bennecoff**
- *Vice President:* **Ken Moyer**
- *Recording Secretary:* **Kay Bennecoff**
- *Corresponding Secretary:* **Pat Oxenford**
- *Treasurer:* **John Haile**
- *State Representative:* **Lynn Comoh**
- *Alternate State Rep:* **Sandra Jones** (non-elected position)

Information submitted by the *Nomination Committee: Bill and Sandra Jones*

In our Thoughts and Prayers

Continue to keep the following members and friends in your prayers, **Carolyn Flickinger, and her husband John and daughter Eileen.** Also, **Ruthanne Hartung's husband, John,** as well as **Jim Mehaffey, and Don Levengood** in your prayers. It was great to see **June Moyer and Lucy Neilson** at our Holiday Show, but please continue to keep them in your prayers as well as **Lucy's husband.**

Membership

Would you like one of the new style Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen personalized badges? If so, please complete the form included as an insert in this newsletter and submit your request as directed on the front of the form. The form can also be downloaded from our website (www.rbcrafts.org). Your badge will be available by or before the Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown University. Lanyards for the badges can be purchased at our monthly meetings or at either of the Guild Shows for a cost of \$4.00. If you have any questions please call June Moyer at 610-779-4126.

Our Reading-Berks Chapter of the PA Guild of Craftsmen would like to welcome the following new members:

- **Cynthia Baker**
Hand-woven & knitted felted items
2403 North Monroe Street
Wilmington, DE 19802
302-571-1825
- **Cleon V. Garl, Sr.**
Hand turned wooden pens & gifts
4853 Kutztown Road
Temple, PA 19560
610-929-0416
- **Sandra Kaye**
Sculptural & functional glassware
2141 East Main Street
Douglassville, PA 19518
610-385-5399
- **Patrick O'Connell**
Baskets with chipcarved bases
P.O. Box 285
Strausstown, PA 19559
- **Nancy I. Sala**
Lampwork glass beads
431 East Garrison Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

June Moyer, Membership Chairperson

11To our many veterans, thank you for your service to our country! Happy Veterans Day11

BOARD MEMBERS:

Please note the change in day and date of our November board meeting. Due to our regularly scheduled board meeting falling on the evening before Thanksgiving, the November Board Meeting will be **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008** AT 7:00 PM AT goggleWorks. Please mark your calendar.

Christmas-On-The-Farm

Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM is the date to be at the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center and be a part of this year's Christmas-on-the-Farm. Our log cabin will be decorated for the holidays and filled with craftsmen selling their wares. The Farm will be a beehive of activity including PA German Christmas Carolers strolling the farm and great food prepared and served by the PlowBoys. Learn about PA German Christmas customs and see the Christmas Putz in the farmhouse, and the PA German Society has their annual Holiday Book Sale. These are just a few activities for this event. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL SPRING FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL AT KUTZTOWN

The Holiday Show is history, and our thoughts now turn to our Annual Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Kutztown Field House to be held the last weekend of March, 2009. Applications were in an earlier newsletter. If you misplaced your application, check out our website or contact Terry Boyer for more information. Just think it is only a little more than 4 months away. We look forward to receiving your application and participation. Postcards will be available in December.

Terry & Judy Boyer, Show Chairpersons

Lost at Holiday Show

Neil Haring is missing a black pole to attach the lights in his booth. If you packed this by mistake please contact Neil at 6510-589-4242. Thank you

Thank You to our Volunteers

On behalf of the show committee we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, **members, non-members, retired members and friends**, who gave so generously of their time to work at our admissions booth, raffle ticket sales, or the entrance and exit doors. These jobs are very important to a successful show and we sincerely thank you. *Pat Oxenford,*

Show Volunteer Coordinator

December Newsletter

The holidays are a hectic time, but news must go to press so the deadline is December 3, 2008 for the December newsletter. Email me at paoxenford@dejazzd.com with your information. Thanks, *Pat Oxenford, Newsletter Editor*

Standards

The next jury session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009. If you have been a member of the chapter for at least 3 months and would like your work juried, you can get a jury application from Louise Mehaffey at a meeting, email louise@eglassplace.com or call 610-373-6493.

Louise Mehaffey, Standards Chairperson

Classified: Used, clean bubblewrap, free for the taking. On a first-come, first-serve basis, of course. Call 610-777-8834 if you are interested. Wanda Kalbach.

Let us take time to be thankful for our many blessings and freedoms, and pray for the safe return of our military personnel on foreign soils as we gather around our bountiful Thanksgiving Tables. We wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving as you celebrate with family and friends.

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 -- Saturday, November 22, 2008