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President's Message

This is it ... the final days before the 60th anniversary of the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Holiday Show. New Venue, bigger and better, more craftsmen, student participation, Holiday entertainment, catering by Dori Martin. I AM VERY EXCITED!!

Looking back, I was nervous about moving the Holiday Show to a new location. NOW, I am confident it was to our advantage. This chapter is growing by leaps and bounds and this facility will allow us to grow and it can accommodate whatever our imaginations can contrive.

The show committee has been actively working on making this move a success and it doesn't stop with the Holiday Show. The Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Festival is right around the corner and the show committee will not let any grass grow under their feet. The Spring Festival will be high priority also.

With all the activity surrounding our Holiday Show, please don't forget the BCTV auction. If you haven't turned in your donation, it is not too late. BCTV is a great asset to our guild I know Reading-Berks will not disappoint.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson. *Your President, Barry Bennecoff*

REMINDER: Ornaments for the Governor's Mansion Tree Due by Nov. 3, 2009.

Program

The November program will be a Show and Tell from the last chapter jury session in September. It should be interesting to see the work of the newly juried members. Come on out and see what we have. *Michael Wargo, Program Chairperson*

Holiday Social

Just another reminder ... our annual holiday social is just around the corner - Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Cost is \$15.75 per person, checks payable to **Reading-Berks Chapter PGC** and mailed to Ray Oxenford. Please see the reservation form that was in the September newsletter. **DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009.**

Our holiday social is an evening of good food, fun and fellowship, and usually a few surprises too, plus our annual gift exchange and games. It's always a fun evening. It is a time when we also think of those less fortunate - our annual charity is the **goggleWorks Children's Scholarship Fund**. We appreciate whatever you can donate to this charity to help defray the costs for children to attend the various programs available.

Also, we share our buffet with those in need, our leftover untouched food is given to the local Opportunity House by Kathryn and Leon Schultz.

Mark your calendar and join us to "officially" begin the 2009 holiday celebration.

HOLIDAY SHOW VOLUNTEERS: To all show participants ... please note if you have not indicated how you will volunteer at the holiday show, or if you have not been working on planning the show, nor paid the \$20 non-volunteer assessment, you have been assigned a time to assist at the admission table, a greeter, raffle ticket sales or some other show duty. Please consult the volunteer chart within your show packet you will receive when you check in on Friday, October 30, 2009. Thank you for helping make our 60th Anniversary show a success.

60th Anniversary Holiday Show 2009

Hello to all ... Well the Show is set and all the committee members are scrambling to get all of the final details done for the 60th Holiday Show.

The Tabloid is nearly complete, so look for that in the Thursday's Reading Eagle right before the show on the 31st.

For the show you need to remember your volunteer duties (a volunteer sheet will be included in your welcome packet). Also the set-up for the show is 2:00 pm sharp.

When you sign in remember to pick up the Rack Cards for both 2010 Guild Shows.

The only thing that we all need to do is sit back and have a great show.

2010 Reading Berks Spring Show

You will be receiving your 2010 Spring Show Application at the Holiday show. For those of you that aren't doing the show, your application will be sent.

Also, there will be Rack Cards available at the Holiday Show. This Rack Card will be advertising both 2010 Reading Berks Guild Shows. *Terry &*

Judy Boyer, Show Chairpersons

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The October program was aired the end of September since BCTV's Octoberfest annual auction is broadcast the week of our regularly scheduled program. Come out to the Fairgrounds Square Mall to participate and see the auction live, or view it via cable TV, or your computer and participate by your call-in bids. Our Reading-Berks Chapter Night is Thursday, October 22nd. To all those who have donated items for this auction we say **THANK YOU!**

The November program will feature decorating tips for the holidays while the December program will feature the ornaments made for the PA Governor's Mansion Christmas Tree. *W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr., "Your Berks Craftsmen" Host*

Belated Sympathy

We extend our belated sympathy to Loretta Belac. Loretta's husband, Ivan passed away on August 14th at the age of 76. He and Loretta were married for 52 years. Ivan was known to many of us as the beloved "blind potter." They participated and exhibited their work at the Kutztown Folk Festival and our Spring Festival.

Membership

Please welcome the following new members into our Reading-Berks Chapter:

Sandi Giannini, *Pottery*
777 Onyx Cave Road
Hamburg, PA 19526
PHONE: 610-780-7064

Matthew Jakielski
P.O. Box 8
Maytown, PA 17550
PHONE: 717-201-7232

Jon P. Marks, *Woodcarver*
1454 Clearview Road
Coplay, PA 18037-2607
PHONE: 610-261-2840

June Moyer, Membership Chairperson

DUES RENEWAL TIME

Just a reminder, it is dues renewal time for both state and chapter membership. The renewal notice for both our local chapter and the state was mailed recently from our State Guild office in Lancaster. If you have not received your copy of this renewal notice by the time you receive and read this newsletter, please contact the guild office in Lancaster at 717-431-8706. **Both chapter and state renewals for 2010 must be paid and received in Lancaster by December 31, 2009. If not, you will need to rejoin and be re-joined!**

2010 Membership Renewal Reminder!

Remember to check your membership information on your renewal form. Along with your general information, check your craft category and jury status and year and your membership status. Make corrections on the right side of the form. We use this information to update the RBG membership and website listings.

June Moyer, Membership and Kelly Brown Brehm, Website

Newsletter

The November newsletter deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009. Please have your information submitted by that date. Thank you, *Pau*

Owenford, Newsletter Editor

**2010 Southeast PA Home and Garden Show
March 12-14th, The Greater Reading Expo Center
Presented by the HBA of Berks County**

The Reading-Berks Chapter will be sponsoring a double booth at this year's show to promote RBG. This a great opportunity to expand our market, 72% attend with their spouses, 68% of attendant earned income is greater than \$100,000. 82% of their age is 25-64. Attendance is 20,000+.

Juried chapter members are invited to display 3 to 4 pieces of their work at the show. We suggest along with items that you provide business cards, order forms, brochures, postcard, show listings and a folder with examples of your work.

There is no charge to participate, but donations to the guild are accepted. You are welcome to help assist at the booth, however it is not required.

If you are interested, please contact me. You can bring your items to the 2010 March meeting, I can pick up items at the '09 Holiday Show or you can bring them to the Expo Center on Thursday or Friday before the show. Additional show information at www.showtechnology.com/shows/Reading/Reading.html

Kelly Brown Brehm, Chapter Coordinator for SE PA Home & Garden Show 610-370-2951, kbbrehm@epix.net

2010 PA State Group Booth Participants

All juried chapter members are invited to participate in the RBG's booth at the PA State Shows.

This is a great opportunity for newly juried members or members who don't carry a large inventory to participate in a PA State show. The cost of the booth is divided between the participants. We are requiring a \$100 deposit by January 15th for each show, because RBG is required to pay in advance for the booth by January 31st. Also, this helps us to determine the size of the booth required for each show.

For more information, contact, *Kelly Brown Brehm, Chapter Booth Coordinator* 610-370-2951, kbbrehm@epix.net

PA German Cultural Heritage Center

If you would like to demonstrate, display and hopefully sell your work at Christmas-on-the-Farm, we still need a few artisans to participate in our log cabin on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Contact Pat Oxenford for more info.

Standards

Please congratulate these newly juried members:

- Nancy Ballantyne-** added washi eggs
- Connie Brooks-** added folk art (2-d mixed media)
- Charlene Keller-** jewelry (she let her membership lapse and is being re-juried)
- Blake Miller-** pottery
- Cheryl L. Bower-** lampworked glass
- Linda Arkens-** fiber- piecing & quilting
- Chuck Arkens-** wood (scroll saw)
- Michael S. Weaver-** tartan weaving
- Cleon Garl -** wood turning
- Ginny Good-** folk art (painted beeswax)
- Mary E. Stoudt-** fiber
- Barry Gebhart-** jewelry

We had two people show juried and they will return in March to be chapter juried, and three no shows.

Louise Mehauffey, Standards Chairperson

Harrisburg Bus Trip- Dec. 13th

If you reserved a seat on the bus for our trip to the PA Governor's Mansion on Sunday, December 13, 2009, reservations must be paid by November 3, 2009. The cost is \$18 per person (*plus you are responsible for the cost of your dinner at Firehouse Restaurant in Harrisburg - that is not covered in the above fee*). When submitting your payment, please indicate which location you will get the bus - Douglassville departing 2:30 PM; Vanity Fair parking lot across from Friendly's departing at 3:00 PM; or Valley Forge Flag, Womelsdorf departing at 3:30 PM. **Any questions contact Pat Oxenford 610-385-3431.**

Volunteers for State Jurying Session

Our chapter is hosting the state jurying session on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at GoggleWorks. There are two session, AM and PM. If you are not applying for jurying that day and can donate a few hours of your time, please contact Pat Oxenford, we need a few volunteers to assist that day. Thanks.

Classified:

Do you need high quality images of your artwork for show jurying, ZAPplication, art school applications, postcards, your web-site, show catalogs or Giclee prints? My goal is to create visual solutions that bring your art to life. My objective is to work closely with each artist, to provide high quality images at fair and reasonable cost in order to help artists succeed in promoting their work. I'd love to help you with your next project. Please contact me for more details. Thank You, Del Morgan Fine Art Photography, <http://www.delmorganphoto.com/> Home : 610 - 435-4570, Cell : 610 - 762 -6467, **Del Morgan Fine Art Photography, Images to enrich our lives ! ©**

Carol Haile will be participating in book signings at two upcoming events, Veterans Day Celebration November 14, 2009 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the West Lawn United Methodist Church in West Lawn, PA, and A Holiday Affair, Dec. 10, 11, 12, at From Studio to Stage at the Black Box Theater, Allentown, PA.