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President's Message

Last call! If you are not signed up to do the Spring Festival at Kutztown, **do it NOW!** We are looking forward to producing a great Spring Show with you the talented craftsmen of the Reading-Berks Chapter. However, if you will not be attending the show as a vendor that weekend, we would still like to see you there. Lending a helping hand at the show for an hour or two would be greatly appreciated and there's a plus, you get to see your friends and what they have been up to this winter.

Email or snail mail the newsletter. I have heard from some of you but I know I haven't heard from all of you. Let me know! Your input is important for our decision.

We are accepting donations for our newest Student Award - The Ruthanne Hartung Award for flatwork. Your donations will be added to our education fund. Hope to see you at the show or at a meeting real soon.

"It's easy to make a buck; it's a lot tougher to make a difference." Tom Brokaw | ÉàÜ ÇÜxáwxÇá? U tÜÜç UxÇÇxvÉy

We still need volunteers to assist at our Spring Festival -- admission table cashiers and assistants, greeters, raffle ticket sales as well as assistance with set up and clean up. If you can give time to help, please contact Pat Oxenford ASAP at 610-385-3431 or paoxenford@dejazzd.com. Thank you!

Program

The next program will feature those artisans that have passed chapter jury. This is always an interesting session, since we get to see new people and hear how they got started. I'm sure a few surprises will be in order as well. So come on out and enjoy this meeting. Thank You, ÇÜÉzÜtÄ V{t|Ü?` |v{txÄj tÜÉ

Just another reminder to mark your calendar for our annual picnic on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at Gring's Mill. Meat and beverages will be provided, you bring your favorite covered dish. We always have a wonderful variety of things to eat, from soup to nuts, so to speak. Your family is invited also, and it is rain or shine. We gather indoor on the second floor of the stone barn. We will have sign-up sheets at the April and May meetings.

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

Members who will be displaying and selling their work at the Spring Festival will be featured on the March program.

Bob Schultz and Debbie Jarrett will be the featured artisans for the April program with some pre-taping from their studio and workshop. The Student Awards will be the May program and will be in partnership with the BCIU Student Art Show at GoggleWorks. j A XázxÇx UáÜ-~tÜá?]ÜÁ? [Éáá Éy | ÉáÜ UxÜ-á VÜtÿÄxÇ tÇw XwávtaÉÇ V{t|ÜÜxÜáÉÇ

Completed Mini Grant applications must be submitted and received by April 26, 2010 to be eligible for the drawing on May 4, 2010.

In our Thoughts and Prayers

We wish **Joe Beiler** a speedy recovery. Joe had a mishap at work and spent several days in the Reading Hospital, and is now at home. He has quite a few broken bones that are healing, so please keep him in your prayers.

A friend of our chapter, **Nancy Shelly**, is also recovering from recent surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

We're glad to hear Ken Handwerk is feeling better; we hope and pray for a speedy recovery.

Thank you!

Our sincere thanks to everyone who generously gave a donation to help defray our cost of the luncheon for the upcoming State Standards Committee's jurying session at goggleWorks on April 7th. We appreciate your generosity. **THANKS!!!**

Reading-Berks Chapter Opportunities

There are many opportunities available to our Reading-Berks Chapter members that we hope you will consider participating in and sharing your work.

- Wood to Wonderful, a non-profit service organization has requested members to make hand-made holiday ornaments that they are interested in purchasing at a cost of no more than \$10 each to be given to their volunteers in recognition of their work in 2010.
- Ornaments and decorating of the Governor's Mansion for 2010 -- we will be decorating two different rooms this year, including 2 different trees, one traditional and the other contemporary. We again ask that you make five (5) ornaments and we also will need other items to complete each room's holiday decorations.
- The Community School of Music and the Arts is looking for artisans to share their talents and teach a class or series of classes to either youth or adults. For more information on this or the above, please contact Gene Burkhart.
- We are again sponsoring a bus trip (2 buses) to Harrisburg to tour the Governor's Mansion on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at a cost of \$18.75 per person for the bus fare, plus the cost of your meal at the Firehouse Restaurant. Contact Pat Oxenford if interested, we already have 59 reservations.

Spring Festival

Hello to all --- Well the Guild's **8th Annual Juried Spring Crafts Festival is on our doorsteps.**

As you read the chapter newsletter and you're not doing the show, please keep in mind we can use your volunteered help. Please call Pat Oxenford and she can let you know where we need that help. There are a lot of hours put into the making and success of our shows, so call or email Pat.

Your packets for the show will be sent the week of the March 9th. See you at the show.

Great news for the Holiday Show...

Your Holiday Show 2010 application will be handed out at the Spring Show. There will be a \$10.00 Discount for those who pay their Holiday Booth fee at the Spring Show.

The bad news ...

There will be a \$10.00 late fee for those who send their application in after October 1st, 2010.

Well, we shall see you at the Spring Crafts show. gXÜÜç WA 9]âwç ` A UÉçxl? f{Éã V{t|ÜñwÜäÉÇa? I DC@I LF@HG I J

Spring Festival Raffle Items

Carolyn Handwerk is still accepting items for the Spring Festival Raffle. If you would like to contribute something for the raffle, please call Carolyn at 610-693-8187 to make arrangements to receive your donation. Thank you for your consideration.

Newsletter

The April newsletter deadline is April 8, 2010. Please forward your info via email at paoxenford@dejazzd.com. Thanks.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who provided items and assisted with the set-up, working at and dismantling the chapter booth at this year's Home and Garden Show.

***8th Annual Spring Festival at
Kutztown University's Field House
Sat. March 27, 2010
Sunday, March 28, 2010***

Members in the News

The work of **Janice Sonnen**, and **Ray and Pat Oxenford** will be included in a traditional crafts photo exhibit entitled "*American Hands*" at the State Capitol during the month of April. **Zack Langley** and **Patrick Donmoyer** of the PA German Cultural Heritage Center will also be featured working on the roof thatching from the 2009 Kutztown Festival. This exhibit is being prepared by Sally Wiener Grotta and it will be a traveling exhibit nationwide. The exhibit features items produced for functional purposes that were made by hand and not machine made.

Gene Burkhart, Terry and Judy Boyer collaborated on a miniature design and received an Honorable Mention at this year's Philadelphia Flower Show.

Gene Burkhart received a Second Place Award for his floral design in the Wednesday morning competition of flower arranging (from materials presented to him to work with) in this year's competition at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Gene Burkhart presented workshops entitled *Growing and Pressing Plant Material For Decorative Uses In Your Home or Office* at this year's Home and Garden Show.

The Second Annual Traditional Craft Day will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the PA German Cultural Heritage Center in partnership with Northampton Community College and our Reading-Berks Chapter. Members hosting classes that day are **Gene Burkhart, Linda Beiler, Louise Hutchings, Pat Oxenford, Shirley Sachs, Janice Sonnen, and Tammy Wilkinson.**

Chapter Jurying

Congratulations to the following members who successfully passed chapter jurying on March 9th:

Ann Antanavage, *polymer clay jewelry*

Eric Claypoole, *hex signs*

Joan E Dunham, *theorem painting*

Chris Hornaman, *photography*

Theresa Hutt, *jewelry (clay & watercolors under glass)*

Jon Marks, *woodcarving*

Bob Shaeff, *redware pottery*

Kay Shaeff, *redware pottery*

Cynthia Underhill, *photography*

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ARTISANS WANTED: The Oil Heritage Artisan & Fine Craft Festival Committee invites you to exhibit at our 32nd Annual Oil Heritage Festival. This year, we listened to the requests of our vendors and extended the show to two-days in downtown Oil City, Pennsylvania. We will also be using a jury to attract high quality artisans and fine craftsmen. We are located approximately 1 hour from Erie, 1½ hours from Pittsburgh, 2 hours from Cleveland, OH, and 2½ hours from Buffalo, NY. Please review our application and let me know if you are interested in participating in the show. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Ashley Stroup-McCauley, Office Administrator, Venango Area Chamber of Commerce, 41 Main Street, Oil City, PA 16301, Phone: (814) 676-8521, Fax: (814) 676-8185, ashleym@venangochamber.org, www.venangochamber.org

ARTISANS WANTED: Pat Rivera of the Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown is putting together a multi-cultural festival called Artifest at the museum. The dates are June 19-20, 2010, and they are interested in having some Pennsylvania German artisan representation to demonstrate their crafts, as well as living history demonstrations, and/or historic societies that would be interested in the event.

There is no charge for booth space nor a commission on sales. A flyer is available here-<http://www.lenape.org/images/Artifest%202010.jpg> If anyone is interested check out the info above or contact Pat Rivera at 610-798-9701 for additional information and application.

The 61st annual Holiday Show Applications will be distributed at the upcoming Spring Festival. Don't forget to take advantage of the \$10.00 application discount if completed, submitted and paid in full before the close of the Spring Festival on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

Welcome Spring!!

Wishing you and your family a joyous Easter!