



READING-BERKS CHAPTER

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen

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President's Message

Congratulations to Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen for producing and promoting a successful Spring Festival at Kutztown University. Vendors, students, and customers were pleased with the event. The show is successful because of everyone's hard work and dedication. Thank-you to everyone. Your show committee's work is never done.

Extensive preparation has already gone into the Holiday festival for 2010. The Holiday Festival was set for October 30 and 31, 2010 at Kutztown University. Rack cards have been printed. Some craftsmen have already signed on to do the Holiday Festival. One glitch arrived in our mailbox on April 2nd. Kutztown University has a football game on October 30, 2010, and we will not be able to have the field house that weekend for our Holiday Festival, but they will let us have the field house on November 6 and 7, 2010; so the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Holiday Festival for 2010 will now be the weekend of November 6th and 7th. We are working feverishly to get the word out about the date change. Again, with your continued support, we look forward to having another successful show at this fine venue.

And, if you think you have a lot of time to get ready for the Holiday Festival, think again. It is almost time for our Guild picnic at Gring's Mill. Pat was sending around the sign-up sheets for the picnic at last week's meeting. My mouth is watering just thinking about the great food. And with that said, everyone should be humming, "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas in Harrisburg," while they are working on their Christmas ornaments for the Governor's mansion. and then and then and then. I guess you are getting my drift, (no pun intended)

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

Theodore Roosevelt | ÉâÛ CÜxá|wxÇá? UtÜÜç _A
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Program

During our May meeting we will change pace a little. We try to present topics of interest on crafting and also the business of crafting. This month Jamie Bennecoff will present a program on marketing and its relation to crafts. This should be of interest to all of us particularly those interested in selling their works. Please join us at the May meeting. Thank You, CÜÉzütÅ

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Education

At our May meeting Gene Burkhart will draw 4 lucky winners from those who have submitted an application for our annual Mini Grants. Application deadline is Monday, April 26, 2010, to be entered in the random drawing.

BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"

The April program will feature the work of Debbie Jarrett and Bob Shultz. Portions of the program have been pre-taped at last year's Kutztown Festival. Debbie and Bob will also be in the studio with Gene to talk about and show examples of their work.

The May program will feature Berks County's high school art students whose work will be entered in the annual BCIU's annual Senior High School Art Exhibition held at goggleWorks. Our annual student awards presentations will be made by Gene in conjunction with this show.

June's program will feature artisans who will be exhibiting and selling their work at this year's Kutztown Festival. Hope you will tune in to see all these programs.

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Revised Holiday Festival dates: Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7th, 2010.
See page 3 of this newsletter.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to work at our admission table, selling raffle tickets, set up, clean up and everything in between at our Spring Festival. Your help is sincerely appreciated and helps to make a successful show. We look forward to your volunteering again for the holiday festival in November.

Another thank you is in order to all those members who volunteered their time so our Reading-Berks Chapter could host our State Standards Committee on Wednesday, April 7th. Also to those who provided baked treats as well. Thank you all for a job well done!

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State Standards

Congratulations are in order to our Reading-Berks members who successfully passed the state jury process on Wednesday, April 7th.

- Mary Stoudt** - fiber
- Joan Dunham** - theorem
- Louise Hutchings** - fraktur
- Duane Wendling** - wood
- Tammy Wilkinson** - clay
- Janice Sonnen** - penny rugs
- Chris Hornamen** - photography

Annual Chapter Picnic

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 is the date for our annual chapter picnic at Gring's Mill barn. It will be held rain or shine since we are indoors on the second floor of the barn, overlooking the water. The chapter provides the meats, beverages, paper products and plastic utensils. **YOU** provide the remainder of the covered dish meal.

The sign-up sheet was circulated at the last meeting and more than 20 people indicated they would attend. Please let us know if you will join us, so that we can prepare enough meat entrees. You may call Pat Oxenford at 610-385-3431 or email at paoxenford@dejazzd.com to make your reservations. We hope to see you there for a night of great food, fun and fellowship!

Other Chapter Opportunities

Our chapter has many opportunities for you to participate in 2010. Sign-up sheets are available so that we know we can count on you. Contact either Gene Burkhart or Pat Oxenford for more information on the following:

- The 2010 PA State Governor's Mansion decorating - ornaments (traditional and contemporary) and room decorations
- Wood to Wonderful ornaments
- Bus trip to the Governor's Mansion on Dec. 12, 2010.

NEW MEMBERS

The Reading-Berks Chapter of the PA Guild of Craftsmen is happy to welcome the following new members:

Emily Gartner – *Mixed Media, Handbags*
618 4th Ave.

Bethlehem, PA 18018

484-597-6663

Joan Vogel – *Papier maché*

524 Tuckerton Ave.

Temple, PA 19560

610-929-8713

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Updated Bylaws

A special committee has been working on updating our bylaws, which will be voted on at the May meeting. Copies of the proposed bylaws will be available at the meeting, and after the changes are approved, updated copies will be available at later meetings. Contact louise@eglassplace.com if you have any questions.

Group Booth at State Shows

RBG juried members are invited to participate in the RBG Group Booth at PGC State shows. Members need to be RBG juried. \$100 Deposit is requested, 3 months prior to each show. This helps to determine number of participants and the size of booth to request. The number of participants determines the cost for each. Balance owed is requested at the end of each show

- July 31 & August 1, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington, DE (NOW DUE)
- October 16 & 17, at Montgomery Co. Community College, Blue Bell, PA
- November 13 & 14, at Manheim Township High School, Lancaster, PA

To request application or questions, contact Kelly Brown Brehm, 610-370-2951 or info@rbcrafts.org Applications can also be retrieved at www.rbcrafts.org/newsletters/2010pdfs/2010state_group_app.pdf

Seeking RBG members, who are KU Graduates

We are seeking RBG members who are Kutztown University Alumni. Please contact, info@rbcrafts.org or 610-370-2951 with name, major and graduation year.

Requesting Images of Juried RBG Members' Artwork

We need to update our photo database. We are looking for images of juried member's work to use to promote the Guild. Looking for high resolution images approximately 1MB (tif, jpg or eps formats) or quality photos of your work. Mark your name on all materials submitted. Submit your CD or pictures (please indicate if you need pictures returned.) to Reading Berks Guild of Craftsmen, P.O. Box 85, Mohnton, PA 19540 Attn: PHOTO DATABASE. Questions, please contact, info@rbcrafts.org or 610-370-2951

Website

Note: Only RBG chapter or PA State juried members website are linked. RBcrafts.org websites are available to chapter juried members. Example: www.yourname.rbcrafts.org Contact info@rbcrafts.org for details and pricing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Tentative date to work on our log cabin at PGCHC is Saturday, June 12, 2010. We hope to have a good work crew to do carpentry work, electrical work, and some outdoor work as well. More information will be available at the May meeting.

We are hopeful to have all work completed by Harvest Fescht - September 25, 26, 2010, to obtain the Occupancy Permit for the use of the log cabin. If so, we will plan to have the official "ribbon cutting ceremony" at Harvest Fescht. More info will be forthcoming at meetings and our newsletter.

Get Well Wishes

We extend our get well wishes to **Ned Foltz**, please keep him in your prayers.

With Our Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Susan Spier**. Susan, a member of our RB chapter, resided in Allentown, passed away on April 8th and a memorial service was held on April 12th. We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband and daughters.

PA GERMAN CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

Volunteers are need for Kids Camp to be held July 26 - 29, 2010. Morning sessions are for children 6 to 8 years of age and 9 to 12 years of age. Afternoon sessions are for youth 12 through 15 years of age. If you can volunteer a few hours of your time to teach a craft or assist with activities, please contact Elaine Vardjan at 610-770-8423. Thanks.

Harvest Fescht dates have been moved forward to the last weekend of September, September 25, 26, 2010. We hope to have the log cabin open with a limited number of small spaces, however two large tents will be available to demonstrate and sell your wares, or you may set up your own canopy. For more information contact Zach Langley at 484-646-4166 or langley@kutztown.edu.

Newsletter

The board has decided to continue with monthly newsletters in our usual format the remainder of 2010, with the exception of the months of July and December. *Info for the May newsletter should be submitted by May 6, 2010.*

Holiday Craft Festival 2010 -- CHANGE OF DATE

For 59 consecutive years the Reading-Berks Chapter has held our annual Holiday (show) Festival the first full weekend of November. Last year, our 60th anniversary show we needed to change the date to the last weekend of October to be able to use the Kutztown University Field House since Kutztown University President's Scholarship Ball was traditionally held the first Saturday of November in Keystone Hall.

This year we were scheduled to have the last weekend of October again, however, we just learned that a home football game has been scheduled for the date of Saturday, October 30, 2010, and will be utilizing all available parking spaces, leaving none for our customers. Also, the renovations at the SUB (Student Union Building) have been completed, so the President's Ball is being moved to that location, making the Field House available to us for the first full weekend of November (our traditional show/festival weekend). If we want to host a Holiday Festival, we have no other choice than to accept our traditional first full weekend of November as our festival dates -- November 6th and 7th, 2010.

We regret any inconvenience this has caused with your show scheduling, but we do hope you will join us at our 61st Holiday Festival on November 6th and 7th, 2010 at Kutztown University's Field House.