



# READING-BERKS CHAPTER

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## *President's Message*

It's been a sizzlin' summer but I am sure I don't have to tell any of you that; especially, if you attended or were set up at the Kutztown Festival. It appears that the crowds enjoy the festival no matter how hot it is because it was crowded the day Kay and I were there. We overheard one attendee say that he thought the Kutztown Festival was the best festival he ever attended. He admired everything about it and enjoyed the location. I did see that he had a flyer in his hand about our Holiday Festival. I am guessing that he will be back in the area the first weekend in November and I am hoping that he will think our show will be the best juried craft show he ever attended.

So, while you are enjoying these lazy days of summer with family and friends, think about that new idea you wanted to try and then when the temperature drops and you have that burst of energy, CREATE!

The show committee took a little time off too but is ready to get back to work on our shows. The Show Committee is pleased with the cooperation our members give to our shows. The continued success of our shows depends on our members. And please if you haven't signed up for the Holiday Show, don't waste another minute. Mail your application in before the postage goes up!

Harvest Fescht at the Heritage Center is in September this year. Hope you are working this show into your Fall Schedule. The PA German Cultural Heritage Center is diligently working on promoting this event. Your participation would be greatly appreciated!

I guess I could keep reminding you of all the work you have ahead of you as we will soon enter our busy time of the year, our Fall schedule, but I am going to stop right now! Enjoy the rest of summertime, catch fireflies, play baseball, have cookouts-use paper plates, eat watermelon and spit the seeds and just have FUN! See you all in August at the goggleWorks!

"You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog." Harry Truman  
*Your President, Barry L. Bennecoff*

## *August Program*

Our August 3, 2010 program will feature **Katelyn Scalse** of Newsmantown. Katelyn, *granddaughter of Matt and Elaine Vardjan*, is an outgoing young lady who has traveled to Guatemala on three mission trips; she has also been doing volunteer work in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and more locally, in Ephrata. She will share her experiences of these trips and her volunteer work through a photographic presentation. By the way, Katelyn will begin her senior year at Elco High School in the fall. This should be an outstanding program by a very energetic young lady.

### *BCTV "Your Berks Craftsmen"*

There is a great line up of programs forthcoming, so you won't want to miss these telecasts. In case you haven't seen the totem pole at Goggleworks, tune in to the July program to have a glimpse at this spectacular work of art and meet some of the artisans who are creating this masterpiece. August will feature the work of Barry Bennecoff (probably some being taped in Barry's workshop); while the September program will feature artisans who will be participating in our upcoming Holiday Show.

And, just another reminder that October is Octoberfest Month for BCTV -- their annual fundraiser auction. Please be generous with your donations to this event. BCTV is the host of our monthly program, so the least we can do is be generous with our donations to them. Thank you in advance for your contributions to Octoberfest. (Remember, the programs are presented "live" on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, then the tapes are repeated many times throughout the month. *Your Berks Craftsmen Host, W. Eugene Burkhardt, Jr.*

## Standards

The Standards Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Goggleworks for a jury session. Members who have belonged to our chapter for a minimum of 3 months are eligible to present their work for jurying. The room will be open at 6:30 PM, and jurying will begin at 7:00 PM. Check the board at the entrance of the Goggleworks for the room number. Members will be asked to leave before jurying begins, and can return in 1 to 1 1/2 hours for the results. The cafe on the first floor will not be open, but there are tables and chairs there. Any Standards Committee member who can't attend, please let me know. For more information or for an application, contact Louise at 610-373-6493 or [louise@eglassplace.com](mailto:louise@eglassplace.com). *Louise McShaffey, Standards Chairperson*

## Holiday Show

Hello to all, I truly hope everyone is having a good summer with the heat and all.

Well I'm asking you to think about something cool and comfortable, like the Holiday Show in Keystone Hall at Kutztown University. November 5<sup>th</sup> is set-up and the show is November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. *Well, it will keep you cool for a little while.* So while you're thinking of this thought, think about sending in your applications for the show. Remember the deadline for the normal fee is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 after that date the show cost is an additional \$10.00 for the late fee.

We have plenty of Rack Cards and also some mailing cards. Let Pat Oxenford, Barry Bennecoff, Gene Burkhart, Carol Haile and/or me know if you need cards. The cards will be at the next meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Google Works at 7:00 pm.

**To the Show Committee, the next meeting is at 6:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. Judy & I will be on vacation the last week of July.**

Thank you so much to the show committee for all of the hard work that needs to be done for the successful shows of the Guild. If it wouldn't be for all of your hard work and the ability to put our heads together and work as one team the show couldn't work as good as it is.

Thanks so much, *Terry & Judy Boyer*  
*Show Committee Chairpersons of the RB Guild.*

## August Newsletter

Please have all information for the August newsletter to me **by Wednesday, August 4th** at 5:00 PM! I'm giving an exact time in hopes I'll have all info in a timely manner. *Pat Oxenford, Newsletter Editor*

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

We wish **Eileen Flickinger** a speedy recovery; she had a recent mishap and fractured a bone. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

**Lillian Walter** is recovering from a recent mishap, please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Lillian is our oldest chapter member.

Also keep both **Roy Bubbenmoyer** and **Skip Hamaker** in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember **Katie Bauer**, fiancé of Dave Fooks in your prayers. Katie is undergoing treatments to prepare for a bone marrow transplant in September; we wish you God's blessings and may you have a speedy recovery. ***Get Well Soon, Katie!***

We wish **Carol and Darryl Yeager's son** a speedy recovery, please keep their family in your prayers.

## With Our Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Lucy Neilson** and her family. Lucy's husband, Ed, passed away on June 19, 2010 at the age of 91 years.

We also extend our sympathy to Matt and Elaine Vardjan. Matt's 97 year-old aunt passed away in Lititz on July 16, 2010.

## Members in the News

**Early American Life** June 2010 issue includes an article on early lighting. A bucket lamp reproduced by **Dave Fisher**, blacksmith, is included in a picture as well as a column in the article about Dave and his work. *Congratulations.*

The 2010 **Early American Life's 200 Top Traditional Artisans** in the August 2010 issue list includes chapter members: **W. Eugene Burkhart, Jr.** - Traditional pressed botanicals; **Sandra Jean Coldren** - Theorems by SJC; **Lisa Teller Short** - Pa German-style folk art and fraktur; and **Janice E. Sonnen** - primitive hooked rugs and wool penny rugs. *Congratulations to each of you!*

**Ron Devlin's Kitchen Table** article in Monday, July 19th issue of the **Reading Eagle** was an interview with **Eric Claypoole**. A nice article. Congratulations, Eric.

## Volunteers

If you took a "typing class" back in the 1950's or even the early 1960's before computer age, you will remember the sentence "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party." This was one of the warm-up drills before a "speed typing test."

I'd like to rephrase that sentence to state "Now is the time for all good chapter members to come to the aid of our Holiday Show." Volunteering is a big part of the success of our shows, and we need YOU! Many jobs are available to assist the show committee in setting up, working during the show, and cleaning up after the show. Even if you are not participating in the show, hopefully you can volunteer an hour or more of your time during the show at the admissions table, or many duties are available to set up and clean up the show as well. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning at the August meeting.

Another reminder that our chapter has many opportunities available and we hope you will participate in them as well. Also see the sign-up sheets for Ornaments for the 2010 Governor's Mansion project, the bus trip to the Governor's Mansion. Any questions on these Governor's Mansion projects or bus trip, contact Gene Burkhart or Pat Oxenford.

**We are now accepting payment of \$18.75 per person for the bus trip. Make checks payable to Reading-Berks Chapter - PGC and mail to Pat Oxenford at 805 Hill Drive, Douglassville, PA 19518. Indicate what location you will get the bus: Douglassville, Vanity Fair or Womelsdorf. Dinner will be at the Firehouse Restaurant and the cost is your responsibility. PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2, 2010. Seats are available, trip is open to all members, guests and/or friends.**

Thank you to everyone who helped at our Log Cabin Workday in June. Progress is being made, and we'll be scheduling more work sessions soon.

## Classified

**FOR SALE:** Two knitting machines. Contact **Shirley Sachs** at 610-944-8156 for more info.

**SHOW BOOTH :** 10 ft. wide x 8 ft. deep. Wood frame covered with light paneling; strong, sturdy, can support items hung on the walls. Requires 2 people to set up and take down; pick-up truck to transport. The two 8 ft. side panels consist of two 4-ft. panels hinged together to open as a book; the 10-ft. back panel consists of 3 equal size panels hinged together at two places. Used only a few times at the 2003 to 2005 chapter shows. Includes a rug in the offer. Moving sale. Contact **Ed Morgan** at 717-445-6229 for more info. Ed and his wife are moving out of state.

**FOR SALE:** 17 sheets Arches French Watercolor paper, 22 in. x 30 in., 140 lb. weight, mixture of cold press and rough; each sheet lists for \$8.30 each, total value \$130.00; asking \$34.00 for all. Contact **Ed Morgan** at 717-445-6229.

## Kutztown PA German Cultural Heritage Center

September 25, 26, are the dates for this year's Harvest Fescht. Our cabin will be open, and spaces are also available through the grounds.

We are also looking for artisans for Christmas-on-the-Farm slated for Saturday, December 4th. Contact Pat Oxenford or Elaine Vardjan for more info.

We will again be taking orders for Holiday Show Flowers - poinsettias and mums, that will be supplied by Levegood's Flowers of Douglassville. Pricing is the same as last year. Flowers will be delivered Friday afternoon and be placed at your booth during set-up. **Prepaid orders will be accepted until October 15, 2010.**

### Holiday Show Flower Order Form

6½-inch pot Poinsettia (multi-bloom pot) COST \$7.50 per pot	Quantity	Cost per Pot	Total
• 6½-inch pot RED			
• 6½-inch pot WHITE			
7½-inch pot Poinsettia (multi-bloom pot) COST \$16.00 per pot			
• 7½-inch pot RED			
• 7½-inch pot WHITE			
4-inch pot Poinsettia - SINGLE BLOOM - COST \$3.00 per pot			
• 4-inch pot RED			
• 4-inch pot WHITE			
8-inch pot Mums (multi-bloom pot) Cost \$4.00 per pot			
• 8-inch pot WHITE			
• 8-inch pot BURGUNDY			
• 8-inch pot YELLOW			
<b>TOTAL ORDER</b>			

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number in case there is any question about your order \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your order form and prepaid check, payable to **Reading-Berks Chapter PGC**, and mail to Pat Oxenford, 805 Hill Drive, Douglassville, PA, 19518 or give to her at the August, September or October meetings. Any questions, contact Pat at 610-385-3431.