



THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER PENNSYLVANIA GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN

PRESIDENT – Chuck Arkens
VICE PRESIDENT – Paul Grecian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MAY

This month we had our Spring Tea and Boutique. It was a great success. Thanks to everyone that organized and helped with this event. Actually, because of conflicts in past, this was the first one that I attended and helped out. I was amazed at the work that goes into this event - before, during and after. Again, thanks to everyone involved. Well it's May, and the color of spring is with us (and for some of us, too much rain). This month is our last regular meeting until September. Of course, we will have our picnic in June on our regular meeting date. You will hear more about this later, but have June 19 on your calendar. There will be many craft shows in the months ahead. Good luck to those of you who will be involved, and enjoy, and learn, if you will be just attending. See you at our May 22 meeting.

SPRING SHOW - 2008

For the last five years we have co-sponsored the Spring Show with the Reading-Berks Chapter. Last year Denise Wilz did a great job in making this show a success. However, she wants to focus her efforts on our fall Holiday Marketplace show and does not want to continue with the Spring Show. So, if we want to continue to co-chair the Spring Show, we need someone to step us as co-chair. If you have taken part in or attended this show, you know that this is a first class show. We will discuss this further at our May meeting.

SHOW AND TELL PROGRAM- Paul Grecian

Once again we will continue our program that allows members to bring in one or two items that they are working on for presentation at our meeting. The goal is to make members familiar with the fine work being done within the chapter and allow feedback on the work itself. Participants this month are Debbie Kramer, stained glass and Eileen Cressman Reeder, polymer clay. They will be describing the items they want to share and something about the ideas behind them. Questions and comments from the audience about what has been presented are encouraged. Please email any feedback, concerns, ideas about the program to pdgrecian@verizon.net

EMMAUS FRONT PORCH ART WALK

The Emmaus Arts Commission is sponsoring its second Front Porch Art Walk on Sat. and Sun. October 6th and 7th 2007. We are once again putting a "call" out for any artists and crafters who would like to participate in this event which was very successful last year. The exact times for the event and fees for participants will be determined in July. Last year's event was held from 10 - 5. There is no need to have tents for the Porch Art Walk, since participants set up on covered front porches on N. 3rd and N. 4th Sts. in Emmaus. The event will be held rain or shine. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email Denise Tempest at dtempe@aol.com or call (610) 965-7187. Please contact me by August 10th. Hope to see you there!

2007 HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Show dates November 10 and 11, 2007

Included in the March newsletter was the application with a July 31st deadline; it is also on-line - www.lvcraftsguild.org on the SHOWS and EVENTS page. You **must** be a juried member of our chapter to participate – the next jury session is September. Lehigh Valley members will get first priority until July 31st; after that we will begin to accept applications from juried members of other Guild chapters and selected artists.

For more information contact Denise Wilz - 215-260-1133 or info@wilzpottery.com

We are looking for a volunteer to decorate the entrance to the show.

PUBLICITY PHOTOS AND BIOGRAPHIES

Please send us your biography even if you don't have any photos. Have you won awards? Have you been juried/nominated into a nationally recognized guild, etc? And we still need more photos of your work. These will be considered for the postcard, poster and other advertising – high quality JPEG files only. We do send photos to the local newspapers and it is always great to have a selection we can include with the show information. You may send them to me via email. Denise info@wilzpottery.com

SPRING TEA PARTY AND BOUTIQUE – APRIL 21, 2007

We had a lot of women and one man (total 86) that totally enjoyed themselves at the tea. One comment was, "This is better than last year"!

A big THANK YOU to all the servers, hostesses, those that prepared food ahead, kitchen help, dishwashers and dryers, set-up and clean-up crew and our dishware coordinator. We had a total of 20 volunteers. Thanks to those husbands (non-members) that helped as well; Bill K., Bill L., John, and Phil and Steve and Mary's beautiful daughters. It was a long day, a tiring day, as well as a rewarding day!

The Boutique headed by Debbie Kramer had 18 artisans participating. Deb it looked great...a job well done!

Profits will be reported at the May meeting and I'll publish them in the next newsletter.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for May 15th, at 7PM at 20 W. Main St., Macungie. Come with ideas on how to improve this event, changes that need to be made, or are we still so tired that doing this again seems impossible!!! COME WITH COMMENTS...

Tea Party Committee:

Joan Dunham	Carolyn Lagler
Carolee Fegley	Debbie Kramer
Jacqui Hartranft	Buffy Albright (610-966-4951)

EMMAUS ARTS EVENT

The Emmaus Arts Commission is planning its second arts in the garden event, called "Emmaus By the Yard." The 2007 date is Saturday, June 30th, from 10:00 - 4:00. Crafters and artists will be at various garden sites around Emmaus. Any questions, please contact Denise Tempest by phone (610) 965-7187, or email: Dtempe@aol.com.

GET WELL WISHES:

Ernie Frederick is feeling much better after having heart surgery. It is reported that he is looking forward to getting his boat out and looking for some big fish. Hope to see you, Ernie, at a meeting or the upcoming June picnic. Stay well!

Sheila Case is a life time member who has had a double lung transplant and has now run into some difficulty. She is presently at:

Manor Care – Room 208
2125 Elizabeth Ave.
Laureldale, PA 19605

She would love to receive a card of cheer!!

CHANGES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There is a proposal to send the monthly newsletter to you via email instead of by mail in order to save our guild the money required for printing and postage. If you would be willing to have the newsletter only emailed to you please email me (dpk1000@ptd.net) a note stating your name and email address. This notice will run in next month's newsletter, too. We will begin this new format starting in September. Debbie Kramer (610) 756-6065.

NOTE: May Meeting changed to: Tuesday, May 22