



THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER PENNSYLVANIA GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN

PRESIDENT – Chuck Arkens

VICE PRESIDENT – Paul Grecian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – September

Well, as usual, summer has slipped by all too fast. I hope that it was a good one for all of you. I know that several members were involved in craft shows, others attended them and I'm sure there were many great vacations. Linda and I were fortunate to get to visit our son, his wife and new (6 months) girl (Ada) in Hawaii. Of course from now on the number of craft shows increase. And one key event will be our 22nd Annual Holiday Marketplace on Nov. 10 & 11. Check our web page for info (under Shows and Events). We are past our "official" deadline, but I think there are still openings. Contact our show chairperson Denise Wilz. At our September meeting you will have the opportunity to tell us what you did this summer. See Paul Grecian's note. See you at our September meeting on 9/18. This should be a fun meeting.

PROGRAM- Paul Grecian

The September program will be an informal catching-up. The idea is to have everyone, or as many as time permits, talk briefly about their summer show experiences, what they achieved in their craft, and any fun travel or other activities they were able to fit in. Someone will lead off with his/her own remarks and then pick someone else to tell what they've been up to. Then that person will pick someone and so forth. The person doing the picking of the next speaker doesn't have to ask for a volunteer, they just have to say "You" to the person sitting next to them, "tell us what you did this summer". These chats are important as they provide insight into what professional crafters/artists do, provide feedback on shows, and even ideas about fun places or things to do during summers. They also allow the group to talk to each other instead of always being talked at. Ideally, this is done with people sitting in a circular chair arrangement.

SPRING SHOW

Just a reminder for all to get their spring show applications in as soon as possible. We are planning on making some changes which we hope will be for the better. Changes are being made to the entrance and possibly having high school students exhibit their work. Dori Martin has again agreed to cater the event and Butch will be there with his talented musicians and singers. Last year we had a good showing of Lehigh Valley members and we hope to better it this year. If anyone has any ideas on how to make this a better show, please get in touch with me. Meanwhile get your applications in!!! It is never too early. If you see someone with excellent work, please mention the spring show to them as well as our holiday marketplace.

Jacqui Hartranft (610) 966-4636.

SPRING TEA AND BOUTIQUE – APRIL 19, 2008

Most people are thinking of gearing up for the Holiday Season...we are thinking about The Spring Tea and Boutique scheduled for April 19, 2008.

If you have any individual wrapped tea bags (any flavor will do) or tea cups and saucers, please bring them to the September meeting or call us and we will work out a pick-up time and place. We sell these items at the Holiday Marketplace, to promote our Spring Tea.

If you can help us with the promotion, that would be **tea totally terrific!!**

Tea Party Committee
610-966-4951

STUDENT AWARDS

Part of our mission within the guild is to encourage and educate the community about arts and crafts. Some of this is done by demonstrations, talking to potential customers, and providing monetary awards. Our Spring and Holiday Shows and our Spring Tea Party are our means of fundraising to help support these monetary gifts.

Once again, we have had the opportunity to provide money to students that have shown an interest and ability in the arts & craft field. The Paul A Wieand Scholarship for \$1,000 is presented to a student that is furthering their education in the field, and is awarded after a live jurying session with our standards committee. This year the committee split the award between two students, whose work was deemed of equal value. The 2007 recipients are Allison Hartshorne and Casey Welsh, both seniors at Emmaus High School.

In addition to the scholarship, we also send letters to all of the schools in the Lehigh Valley, letting them know that we are sponsoring graduation awards and asking them to identify a graduating senior that has shown outstanding aptitude in the arts & crafts field. These students are sent a certificate and check for \$100. This year's recipients are: Alyssa Beller – Dieruff High School, Eric Kleintop – Parkland High School, Allison Schell – Northampton High School, Brenda Williams – Northwestern Lehigh High School, and Erin Sweeney – Emmaus High School.

Finally, we offer \$50 mini grants to 4 guild members that are looking to further their knowledge in their craft. This year's winners are: Pat Oxenford, Jean Anthony, and Carolee Fegley. We look forward to hearing about the new ideas/techniques that result from these grants.

Carolee Fegley, Student Awards Chairperson

Paul A Wieand Scholarship - \$500 each
Allison Hartshorne – Emmaus High School
Casey Welsh – Emmaus High School

Graduation Awards - \$100 each
Alyssa Beller – Dieruff High School
Eric Kleintop – Parkland High School
Allison Schell – Northampton High School
Brenda Williams – Northwestern Lehigh High School
Erin Sweeney – Emmaus High School

Mini Grants - \$50 each
Pat Oxenford – Tole Painting
Jean Anthony – Jewelry
Carolee Fegley – Weaving

EMMAUS PORCH ART WALK Sat. and Sun. 10/6 and 10/7/07

Artists and Crafters were needed to fill the porches along 3rd and 4th Sts. in Emmaus for the second annual Porch Art Walk. The exact times of the event and the fees for participants (fees most likely will not exceed \$25) were determined at the Emmaus Arts Commission meeting. I wanted to give everyone a "heads up" regarding the dates of this year's event. Last year, many of the crafters who participated felt that the event was very successful and made good sales.

Thanks so much! I hope all of you enjoyed the summer and I hope to see you at the Porch Art Walk.

Contact me through email: Dtempe@aol.com or call (610) 965-7187.
Denise Tempest

BYLAWS

We will be voting on a revision of the bylaws at the September meeting. Copies are available for your review online on the Chapter website under Membership

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Starting this month the newsletter will be received by some members via their email. As mentioned in previous newsletters, if you would be willing to have newsletter only emailed to you please email dpk1000@ptd.net stating your name and email address.