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THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER PENNSYLVANIA GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN

PRESIDENT – Chuck Arkens
VICE PRESIDENT – Paul Grecian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – May

It's May already, and the summer months will be here soon. We have a regular meeting this month and then in June will be our Annual Picnic, and then a meeting break for July and August. Many of our members get involved in larger shows, but this time of year there are many local events which are looking for crafters to take part in the event. They usually don't cost very much and are an opportunity to see how your items sell. Several members have taken part in different courses which will benefit their craft - and maybe get a Mini Grant. One of these was a Photo Course offered by the PA Guild of Craftsmen to give insights for taking photos of craft items for submission with show applications. For those that get Mini Grants, it is expected that they share at a future meeting what they learned and how they applied it. I look forward to seeing everyone at our May 20th meeting.

PROGRAM - Paul Grecian

Annie Harlin will be speaking about marketing, the jurying process for shows and self promotion in general.

SPRING TEA AND BOUTIQUE – April 19, 2008

It's only a memory...but what a wonderful memory it is! The tables were set for 80 individuals with our beautiful "china", teapots, favors, and fresh flowers. The room looked stunning. Our menu was:

Assorted Tea Breads

Soups:

Cream of Asparagus

Chicken Wild Rice

Chilled Melon

Sandwiches:

Cucumber

Egg Salad with Bacon

Mushroom Pate

Prosciutto & Dried Cherry Wraps

Shrimp Salad

Assorted Desserts

THANK YOU to everyone that made breads, soups, sandwiches, and desserts. REMEMBER: We need your recipes if you made a bread, soup, sandwich or dessert. Our cookbooks are always in demand! Forward recipes to:

caroleefegley@rodale.com

Our servers, kitchen help, dish washer and dryers, hostesses, set-up and tear-down crew, and dish co-coordinator need a big THANK YOU as well!!

The raffle was well received...THANK YOU to Jim Reed for donating a wood turned bowl, Del Morgan, for a photograph of a yellow flower titled "Simple Beauty" (He used this piece for his State Jerrying – Congrats!!) and Buffy Albright for donating an arbor surrounded with quilled flowers. THANK YOU for your generous donations!! The raffle drawing will be held at our Holiday Marketplace in November. If you want tickets to sell...let me know. One for \$1.00 for \$5.00 for six. (610-966-49541 or ppetites@ptd.net)

Our Boutique was a big success. The Boutique looked full and showed the many talents of our members. THANKS Debbie for overseeing this project. A big undertaking and we all appreciate you and your husband's efforts.

Talking about husbands... Bill Lagler, Phil Hartranft and John Albright require a big THANK YOU for set-up and tear-down. You guys are tops in my book!! We also had Shannon Wietecha help at the last seating...we always enjoy Shannon who was a great assistant to our servers!!

Next month I should have a final tally on the profits made at The Spring Tea and Boutique. THANKS TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED!!

Tea Party Committee

EMMAUS PORCH ART WALK – Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, 10 AM - 5 PM

The Emmaus Arts Commission will sponsor its 3rd annual Emmaus Porch Art Walk on Sat. Oct. 4th from 10 - 5. Details will be completed at the May 12th Emmaus Arts Commission meeting and an update will appear in the next newsletter. This year the event will be held on Sat. only and the artists' locations will be consolidated into a more central area. The fee will set at the May commission meeting, but will not exceed \$30. Please contact Denise Tempest if you are interested in participating this year. Dtempe@aol.com

STATE NEWS – Gary Campbell

- o Membership in the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen (PGC) as of April 3, 2008 was 1,259 consisting of 843 chapter members and 416 members at large. The guild expects, based on past experience, to add approximately 100 members by September. However, as with our Lehigh Chapter, state membership has also been declining. In 2002, PGC membership was 1,578.
- o To address the membership decline, the membership committee sent out 500 letters to former members from 2006 and 2007, to consider rejoining the PGC or if not, to complete a short query card asking for their reason for not renewing their membership. Data from these responses will be analyzed by the committee to determine possible future actions to sustain membership.
- o Beginning with the upcoming FlavorFest, the membership committee will staff a membership booth at future state sponsored shows.
- o The Guild's new headquarters Grand Opening will be held September 5 which coincides with Lancaster City's First Friday event. The Mayor of Lancaster will be present for a ribbon cutting ceremony and our President John Hesselberth will make welcoming remarks. The Annual meeting of the PGC will be held the next day, Saturday, September 6. All members are welcomed and a full day of activities is planned. The address is 252 North Prince in Lancaster.
- o Regarding State Shows for 2008:
 - Flavorfest - May 24-25: 30 exhibitors in 33.5 booths. Members can purchase advance tickets for a \$3 discount of the \$15.95 price.
 - Summer Chase Show - July 25-27: 170 exhibitors in 183 booths. The show is full with a healthy waiting list.
 - Montgomery County Show - October 18-19: 104 exhibitors in 108 booths. Would like to add at least 10 more booths.
 - Manheim Township - November 8-9: 122 exhibitors in 128.5 booths. Would like to add 15 more booths.
- o If more information is needed, please visit the PGC website at www.pacrafts.org
- o A state jurying session was held February 26. Eighteen of 21 applicants were awarded state juried status. Two of our Lehigh Chapter members. Tom Laudenslager and Delano Morgan were among the successful 18. Congratulations to both Tom and Del!
- o Twenty-two workshops have been scheduled: The first five were photography, glazing, beading (2), and a tour of Luna Park. Again, refer to the state website for additional details.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

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JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Friday, June 6, 2008

May Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2008
6:15 P.M. at Moravian Church, upstairs
Emmaus, PA

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2008
7:30 P.M. at Moravian Church, downstairs
Emmaus, PA