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THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER PENNSYLVANIA GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN

PRESIDENT – Paul Grecian
VICE PRESIDENT – Delano Morgan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the April meeting I have had time to communicate with chapter officers, other attendees of the Officer's Retreat and Sherrie Boyer. There are sincere, thoughtful opinions being expressed concerning the dues proposal. I relayed to the other Retreat attendees and to Sherrie, the concerns expressed by several Lehigh Valley Chapter members about the state board's suggested changes to the dues structure. I also expressed my own opinions making it clear that I spoke separately as the chapter President and as an individual member of the chapter.

I felt Sherrie was very responsive and sensitive to the issues at hand. I was pleased to learn that the Life-Membership category changes would not deny any chapter from offering this benefit for chapter dues. I suggested that the state should consider a dues structure that distinguished members that were active in state shows and those that were not. I don't know what the outcome will be in August, but I do feel that the state is dealing with tough issues in an effort to increase membership, and offer more to all its members. In that, I support them fully.

Paul Grecian/Photography

PROGRAM – AN EXERCISE IN CREATIVITY AND SCRAP SWAP

Join us for a fun and mind stretching evening. We'll begin with an exercise in creativity that will get the juices flowing so the next time you sit down at the work bench, loom or lathe, you'll have more ideas than you'll know what to do with!!!!

The second part of the evening entails a "Scrap Swap." **Bring a scrap from your craft:** a botched photo, unused bead, scrap of wood, broken pottery...whatever leftover material from your craft that you no longer need. We'll swap scraps with other artists, giving you the opportunity to use your imagination in a new way.

Del Morgan/photography

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE – November 14 and 15

Please consider participating in our chapter's show. This is an opportunity for you as an artisan to meet and get to know your patrons. When they acquire your work they are taking home a piece of you and your story. Other benefits to you include camaraderie with fellow artisans for friendship and perhaps a business relationship. Last year a potter and soap maker displayed their work together with the idea that it might generate more sales for both. If you need more information or an application, which is available on-line, please give me a call.

Denise/Redware Pottery 215-260-1133

MAY 19 MEETING ACCESS

Due to the primary election, we will have to use the side entrance to the right of the back entrance we normally use. We often use that entrance for the picnic if we use the kitchen. It will take us down to the kitchen and then into Fellowship Hall.

HOSPITALITY FOR APRIL MEETING

Barb Talijan and Debbie Kramer will be providing us with snacks at the May meeting.

Carolyn Lagler/Cut and pierced lampshades

SPRING TEA AND BOUTIQUE – April 18, 2009

The Spring Tea is just a "sweet memory"! We served 66 people...four tables were still available at the 1:30PM seating! To me that would have been an additional profit of \$240.00 that we missed out of!!

A big THANK YOU to everyone that prepared teas, tea breads, soups, sandwich spreads or desserts. A big THANK YOU to our dishwasher and those that dried dishes, helped in the kitchen, our servers, those that helped with set-up or tear-down!

Our husbands deserve a big THANK YOU as well...Phil Hartranft, Bill Kramer, Bill Lagler and John Albright...our set-up and tear-down went smoothly with the help of these men. WE LOVE YOU GUYS!!

THANK YOU to those that sold their items in the boutique. We had more foot traffic through this year. THANK YOU to Debbie and Donna for running the boutique that day.

At present, we are showing a profit of about \$1,100.00.

THANKS again for another successful year!!

Tea Party Committee

HELP BAIL OUT JIM MACDONALD FROM "JAIL"

Jim Macdonald (LVGC Web Master and newsletter "poster") is in jail! Not "real" jail, but a kinder, gentler jail to help raise donations for Jerry's Kids© and MDA. The idea is to raise "bail" and he needs help!!! He's hoping that everyone can give just a little bit and he will easily reach my goal. All you have to do is [click here](#) to make a secure, online donation. Your donation will help families living in our community.

Together we'll make a difference.

Thanks!
Jim Macdonald

P.S. I know these are not the best of times, but if you can help, [click here](#) to donate.

If the link above does not work, please cut and paste the address below into the address bar of your Internet browser.
<https://www.joinmda.org/allentownlockupcy09/jimmac/>

JURIED CRAFT SHOW – ART ODYSSEY, 2009

The Carbon County Chamber of Commerce is looking for vendors for a juried craft show the last weekend in September to be held at the Blue Mountain Ski Area. The event is Art Odyssey 2009, and the website is <http://www.carboncountyartists.com>.

Eileen B. East 570-325-0216
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JUNE PICNIC – June 16

We don't have a regular meeting in June, but we will hold our annual picnic on our regular meeting night, Tuesday, June 16. We will begin at 6:00 PM (outside at our regular meeting place). We will be signing up at the May meeting to state what covered dish we will be bringing and/or if we will be attending. If you do not attend the May meeting to sign up, you are still welcome to attend the picnic. We will supply hot dogs, paper plates, drinks, etc. We are asking everyone to bring a covered dish or dessert to share with others. Please bring your own chair. See you there!

Paul Grecian/Photography 215-529-9882, pdgrecian@verizon.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SEND NEWSLETTER INFO TO:

Deborah Powell Kramer, DPK1000@ptd.net, 8567 Kings Hwy Kempton, PA 19529

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Friday, June 5, 2009

May Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2009
6:15 P.M. at Moravian Church, upstairs
Emmaus, PA

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2009
7:30 P.M. at Moravian Church, downstairs
Emmaus, PA

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