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GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD**



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“DECK THE HALLS”

**A HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR
DECEMBER 5, 1998**

MANY THANKS TO OUR WESTFIELD HOMEOWNERS
FOR GRACIOUSLY OPENING THEIR HOMES.

MR. & MRS. RAYMOND McENTEE
221 JEFFERSON AVENUE

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM LONGFIELD
4 KIMBALL CIRCLE

MR. & MRS. MICHAEL CALLAHAN
29 HAWTHORNE DRIVE

MR. & MRS. PAUL ZOIDIS
23 STONELEIGH PARK

THE McENTEE HOME

221 JEFFERSON AVENUE

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

This charming 1930's cottage is the scene of busy preparations for the arrival of that "jolly old elf," St. Nicholas. As you approach the house, notice the interesting Osage oranges around the lamp post. Entering the front hallway, observe the arrangement on your right which is echoed on the window above. Then let your eye be drawn upward to the tree at the top of the stairs.

The living room features fresh flowers and pomegranates on the tree and a simple design of alstromaria, pepperberries and winter greens on the coffee table. The beautiful stockings, "hung by the chimney with care," were handmade by the homeowner for her grandchildren.

The den is a busy place where you will see some innovative package wrapping tricks: fresh flowers in tiny oasis domes, handmade pressed flower gift tags and hand stamped paper. Notice the whimsical pyramid of hat pin oranges.

In the dining room, a parallel design centerpiece and cake, replete with fresh flowers, beckon the family to Christmas Eve dinner. The children are sure to have "visions of sugarplums" dancing in their heads when they see the delicious sugared fruit on the hutch.

The kitchen is filled with the aroma of herbs and spices. Many dried, natural materials are used here. As you leave, notice the clever trompe l'oeil (trick of the eye) effect of a two sided tree in the window and divided wreath on the garden gate! We say farewell with "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

THE LONGFIELD HOME

4 KIMBALL CIRCLE

THE WEDDING HOUSE

Just inside this stately 1929 center hall Colonial home, final preparations are underway for an elegant holiday wedding. Come join us and share in the splendor of this magical time!

Entering the grand foyer, you'll notice the bride ready to descend the tulle and ribbon draped staircase, accented with a cascading floral arrangement of greens and blossoms. Note how the decoration is echoed in the window above. Now, take a moment to observe the unusual 'wreath' of flowers on the pie crust table.

To your left is the "groom's" room. Again, on your left, linger at the dining room entrance where decorated mini-arborvitae "trees" flank the doorway. The table is set for an extravagant reception including a floral decorated wedding cake. Identical arrangements in gold urns grace the servers across the room. Look up to see a hint of greens and flowers atop the breakfront.

In the living room, notice the greens and hydrangeas on the mantel and wall sconces and the fresh flowers that grace our bride's prayer book on the coffee table. Don't miss the formal arrangement of white roses, Singapore orchids and freesia on the baby grand piano.

The family room, with Christmas tree, provides everyone with a place to relax and escape from the hectic pace of wedding preparations. As you leave the family room, take one more peak at the dining room on your way through the butler's pantry to the kitchen. Here you will find a three tiered, floral-decorated pastry stand and a frosted fruit topiary. As you leave through the sun porch notice the special treats provided for our family's beloved canine members!

THE CALLAHAN HOME

29 HAWTHORNE DRIVE

A WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTMAS

Southern hospitality is echoed throughout this lovely colonial home. As you enter, you will immediately feel the warm traditions of Williamsburg.

Our front door is graced with the spirit of Colonial Williamsburg and features a box-wood wreath with fruits and berries. Gazing into the elegant dining room, the symmetrical display of topiaries on the side board was a requirement for a successful party in the 18th century. Turning left into the living room, please notice the fireplace decorated with mixed greens, magnolia leaves and flowers.

Our "gentlemen's room" and "ladies' room" flanking the gracious living room are a decorator's delight. Masculine Williamsburg pottery tankards and a collection of clay pipes adorn the desk in our gentleman's room. Soft yellow hues invite you into our lady's cozy corner where you can admire hand painted ferns and flowers. Don't miss the message of JOY spelled out in holly.

In the charming kitchen, a children's Christmas party is underway. The table is laid with gingerbread men, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and gifts, specially topped with hand painted cinnamon sticks, are a treat for the children. The party mood continues into the family room where the tree is decorated with cookies, fruit and paper chains. Finally, an array of nut trees and candlesticks compliment the simple grapevine, holly and ivy swag which drapes across the mantel.

THE ZOIDIS HOME
23 STONELEIGH PARK
CRANBERRY CHRISTMAS

This majestic gambrel roofed turn of the century house is decorated for a Cranberry Christmas. The impressive architecture is highlighted with natural decorations including grapevine trees, white pine, pine cones and cranberries. Notice the matching arrangements in cranberry scoops on the porch tables. The hydrangeas and artichokes hint at what awaits you inside.

Guests are welcomed by the spacious, flower filled center hall. Past the staircase, a Christmas tree can be glimpsed through the glass doors.

In the living room, cranberries are featured in a variety of ways - the mantel candlesticks, garland and topiaries, as well as the pavé arrangement on the low ottoman. Memories of last summer's garden are found in the cranberry colors of the desk top floral arrangement. Note the unusual boxwood arrangement and the decorative use of brass and pears, as well as the collection of topiary trees which adds to the festive feeling.

Across the hall, gold flows from the chandelier to the dining table, where holiday snappers await the guests. A collection of cranberry glass adds to the ambiance.

In the kitchen, handcrafted pottery sets an inviting place on the center island. Above the cabinets, a collection of American pottery is decorated with holiday greens and the large window includes inventively displayed narcissus.

Stepping into the family room, notice the tree decorated with natural ornaments made of hydrangea, artichokes and cranberries. A "cranberry" tea party, with a miniature boxwood tree, is underway for the girls.

Not to be left out, the boys can be found celebrating across the room! As you make ready to leave, please glance at the beautiful glass doors that grace the back of the room.

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