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Garden Club of Westfield
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2022

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*HOLIDAY HOUSE
TOUR
& BOUTIQUE*

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND
FEATURING OUR
'MISTLETOE MARKET' BOUTIQUE

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Rake and Hoe Juniors are school age youth who meet monthly to learn about gardening and flower design. Recent projects include arrangements for a long term care facility, the butterfly garden at Shadowlawn Pocket Park, and craft designs for this holiday house tour.

Please do not take any pictures inside the houses.
Thank you very much.

Dear Guests,

Welcome to **Deck The Halls 2022**. Every four years since 1986 our members have decorated beautiful homes for the holidays, always emphasizing the creative use of fresh greens and flowers. We have also spent a year crafting items for our boutique, Mistletoe Market, again with attention to detail and a love of natural materials.

Proceeds from today's event support Rake and Hoe's educational programs and community services. We plant and maintain gardens at Shadowlawn Pocket Park, Westfield Historical Society's Claire-Brownell Garden at Reeve House, Miller-Cory House Museum, Northside Train Station, and Mindowaskin urns. Our community projects include making flower arrangements for Mobile Meals and area nursing homes, and activities for physically challenged children at Jardine Academy in Cranford. We also have a focus on Veterans. Holiday gift bags are donated to the veterans and Lyons Hospital in November, with cards written by members and Juniors.

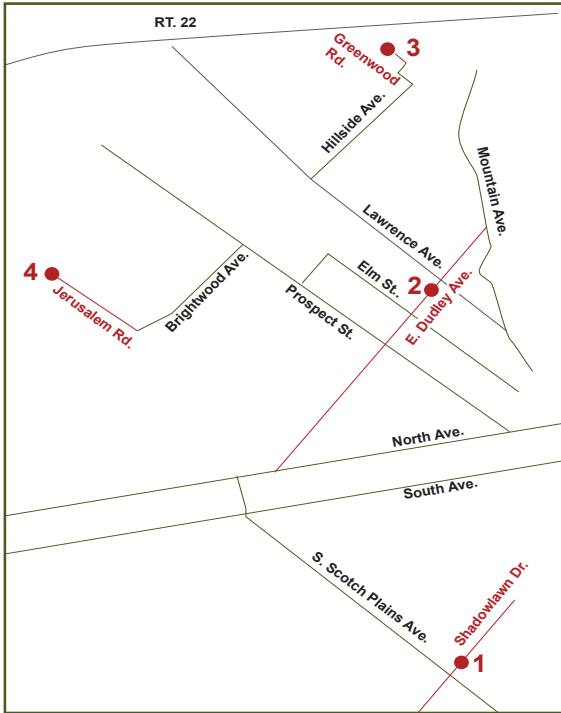
We contribute funds to NJ conservation groups and to local elementary schools for projects such as water harvesting at Lincoln, Wilson's first grade garden and outdoor classroom as well as garden maintenance at Franklin, Tamaques, Washington and Lincoln. We also helped establish a school garden in Mountainside.

Our members attend monthly meetings with guest speakers, workshops and field trips. This year's topics range from Victorians' plants, the Little Islands project on Pier 55 in New York, to Brightwood Park and land conservation in New Jersey. Workshops and trips range from flower design 101, division of peonies, botanical jewelry, and smart-phone photo editing to breakfast birdwatching. Check out our website **rakeandhoegc.org** to see our monthly newsletter, membership information and lots of pictures of our many activities. We welcome new members all the time.

Thank you for your support and enjoy your day as we present Deck The Halls 2022.

Beth Siano
President and Deck The Halls Chair
The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield

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- 1 719 Shadowlawn Drive, Westfield
- 2 240 East Dudley Avenue, Westfield
- 3 141 Greenwood Road, Mountainside
- 4 Boutique
Shady Rest Country Club
820 Jerusalem Road
Scotch Plains

The Boutique and Houses may be
visited in any order.

#1 — 719 SHADOWLAWN DRIVE

“SEASON OF DELIGHTS”



This unique home was a traditional 1950's colonial when it was purchased by the present owners, a designer and contractor, who were living next door at the time. They immediately began a complete rebuild, transforming it into a contemporary home with the clean, California style they love. The theme of the house, "Season of Delights", is reflected throughout in the unique design of the home and the festive holiday decor.

The welcoming front porch features two comfortable swinging chairs positioned on either side of a fireplace that opens onto the porch and, inside the home, onto the living room. Instead of the customary wreath on the front door, three wreaths hang over the fireplace. Just inside, we are greeted by the dramatic floating stairway with its cascading garland of fresh greens, ribbons, and natural elements that travel along the railing and up to the landing.

The large Christmas tree in the living room to the left, decorated with many sweet delights of the season, is a vision of sugar plums. Next to the tree, hand stitched stockings hang, ready to be filled with more delights. A particularly

distinct feature of the home is an entertainment/ bar room in place of a formal dining room. The Christmas tree in this room strikes a fun, personal note with its baseball themed decorations, a nod to the two young sons' love of the Yankees. The room opens onto the kitchen of beautiful Carrara marble decorated with wreaths, topiaries and artful arrangements of fresh greens, flowers, fruits and vegetables. The dining table in this open area features a distinctive floral arrangement that complements the clean, contemporary aesthetic of the home.

Located in the rear of the house, the spacious family room's vaulted ceiling and tall windows fill the space with light. The room's focal point is a dramatic garland of fresh greens and flowers draped across the mantel, flanked on either side by arrangements of dried, giant alliums. And not to be overlooked—our local fairies have also decked out their homes in preparation of festivities.



#2 – 240 EAST DUDLEY AVENUE

“WINTER FANTASY”



Constructed circa 1895, this century-plus home was built by the Loft Family, which owned it for almost 100 years and operated a world-renowned seed business from the property. Entry doors, windows, and much of the front portion of the house are original. In 1999, a 3-story contemporary renovation was added to the back. Following its “Winter Fantasy” theme, house decorations rely heavily on shimmering whites and sparkling silvers to remind us of winters, with bright greens and seasonal reds for holiday warmth. Whimsical elements provide fantasy, as does the creative use of fresh and dried horticulture throughout the home. The tour begins. . .

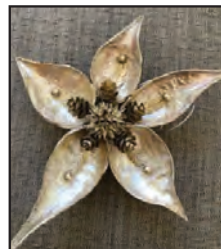
On approach, a majestic wraparound porch beckons with glittering stars hand-crafted by our Junior members. Ethereal fairies crafted from fresh and dried materials stand by the front door to welcome. Inside, design elements in the foyer combine the use of 19th century architectural elements with contemporary floral displays. The antique hand-rail and newel post are dressed with a garland of gilded alliums and seed pods, baby’s breath and greens. Alongside are custom tree frames atwinkle with fresh florals.

In the living room, “Winter Fantasy” comes to life. A

baby-grand piano stands amid a forest of white and silver branches. White orchids cascade from an epergne atop the piano. In the adjoining library stands the original 12-foot fireplace of carved wood and ceramic tile, holiday-adorned. Books are turned into planters and highlight massive bookcases. Original floral watercolors by a Westfield artist are sure to catch the eye.

The dining room reflects a pivotal transition from old to new. Lighted white branches frame original leaded windows. A massive glass table adorned with a 'living' runner of seasonal greens, beautiful white blooms, and gilded seed pods highlights this space. In the kitchen, visitors' senses are met with holiday sights and smells. All displays integrate food elements, from gingerbread wreath and planter, to a variety of topiaries using diverse materials. Tall shelves behind the kitchen table display glittering 'stars' from seed pods, and serve as backdrop to a large culinary centerpiece.

Bringing the tour to a close is the relaxing family room, where all eyes are on the Christmas tree. Three types of original, hand-crafted ornaments decorate this large tree. Glittering silver and white predominate to reflect the winter theme. Ornate ornaments are crafted from dried seed pods, seeds, and grasses, the latter a nod to the home's history. Window wreaths tie design elements to the original diamond-pane windows in the house. The fireplace is contemporary and adorned with seasonal greens and blooms. Across the room, a custom original watercolor by a Westfield artist (and Rake & Hoe GC member) is displayed. We hope you've enjoyed the tour of this historic home, and have noticed the decorative surprises tucked here and there. Happy Holidays!



#3 — 141 GREENWOOD ROAD

“TREES INDEED”



Situated on a tree-lined street in Mountainside, this Cape Cod-style home was built in 1954. Completely renovated in 2015 by the current homeowners, who were “right sizing,” it provides ample space for entertaining friends. Custom cabinetry and traditional styling provide a welcoming atmosphere. In the rear of the home, a bluestone patio surrounded by gardens is a perfect spot for summer gatherings.

Branches, pinecones, and flowers are combined with touches of gold to bring an elegant natural design to this “Trees Indeed” themed home. Trees in many forms will delight you as you tour. Festive greens, branches, and berries fill the window box and a front door wreath of branches greet you as you enter.

A magnolia leaf topiary stands on the entryway table and a newel post design of almonds and greens greet you as you make your way to the dining room. Here a festive flower arrangement graces the dining table and a whimsical monkey watches over a grouping of moss trees.

The first floor guest room provides a restful space to prepare for a night out. Look for a pair of moss shoes and a purse standing ready. Continue on to find a shower of flowers flowing in the bathroom.

In the kitchen, topiary trees and a pinecone deer set the scene for holiday entertaining. A tree of woodland magic filled with butterflies, bees, mushrooms and gilded magnolia leaves is the centerpiece of the living room. Wreaths of green and natural elements anchor the fireplace. In the cozy family room a tabletop tree of birds, nests and birdhouses sits against an outside background of evergreen. As you exit, patio planters and a lady of the garden show more ideas for outdoor space filled with natural delights of the season.



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Visit the Mistletoe Market and you will be sure to find items you love for yourself as well as some to gift this holiday season.



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