



**The Rake and Hoe Garden Club
of Westfield**

presents

"DECK THE HALLS"

1994

Many thanks to our Westfield homeowners for graciously opening their homes to make this house tour possible:

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph DeMaio

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Spass

Mr. & Mrs. Neal Vantosky

Dr. & Mrs. Norman L. Luka

Mr. & Mrs. John P. Esposito, Sr.

The Spass Home

10 Floral Court

Traditional luminaries and Hopi "sand" paintings guide you to "The Birds of Welcome" at this lovely contemporary home. Take note of the use of birds throughout the house. Blended with the many individual art pieces in the living room are holiday floral designs and a unique stylized tree. The tree is decorated with handmade ornaments which mirror the Southwestern flavor of the room.

An exceptional dried flower assemblage compliments the stone fireplace in the den. The muted pastel colors of the room are enhanced by the use of vibrant anthurium and protea in the floral arrangement.

Notice the southwestern influence which is incorporated in the deck decor, from the child's tepee to the adobe birdhouse.

Our homeowner has on display her salt and pepper collection in the delightful kitchen. Along with our kitchen floral pieces, we have featured a Southwestern style gingerbread house.

Enter the dramatic dining room where the centerpiece on the glass top table reflects a stylized Indian motif.

We hope you have enjoyed a different side of holiday decorating.

The Vantosky Home
629 Tremont Avenue

The wedding guests arrive via a gently curved front walk lined with evergreen and birch topiaries. A flower filled evergreen ball is suspended above the front entry. Entering the spacious front hall the guests spy the bride ready to descend the magnificent stairway. The tulle and evergreen draped stairs provide the perfect setting for the bride in her wedding gown, designed by Edens Oberto. Two massive cascading arrangements flank each side of the hall. Looking to the right, guests see the "groom's" room. Turning left guests are ushered into the living room. Here the mirrored fireplace is draped with lush evergreen roping and incorporates the Vantosky's collection of Oriental Objects d'Art. Highlighted here is the bride's bouquet on the coffee table and the Christmas tree with it's tulle roses.

The Wedding cake is formally displayed on a bed of evergreens in the next room. To the left is a mirrored niche with a floral arrangement and to the right is a large hutch containing a special display provided by Designers Potpourri of Westfield. A quick walk around the staircase allows for a peek at the mother's "Retiring Room". A special "Pavee" design arrangement is seen on the hall table. In the beautifully decorated dining room, the table is the backdrop for a "Parallel" design flower arrangement while the etagère contains examples of European styled arrangements.

The Butler's pantry shows an arrangement "in progress", then it's on to the lovely kitchen where we immediately see a "Wedding Gingerbread House" on the large counter. Evergreens decorate the area above the cabinets. Special note should be made of the decorated Christmas tree provided by the Vantosky's as a part of a collection.

The Luka Home
229 East Dudley Avenue

Featured in this 19th century Victorian home are stained glass windows which inspired our room decorating themes. Ask the hostess to point them out for you.

In the living room an angelic motif complete with a 12 foot Christmas tree of golden delights and Victorian toys is accented by an angel's harp. You enter the hall through the antique lace draped doorway. Don't miss our tribute to Bethlehem and the clever combination of real with permanent plant materials on the staircase.

Interestingly wrapped gifts adorn the stairs and line the shelves of the Shakespearean room which follows. This men's sitting room has been decorated with a creative placement of a wreath under the chandelier and a collection of Santas.

Next you'll pass through the dining room with its seashells, roses and fruits to enhance a festive holiday dinner. The sideboard features a typical Victorian fruit and floral design.

The maid's pantry is busy with holiday preparations and will lead you into the friendly kitchen bustling with preparations for the best Children's Christmas ever. Smell that cider! Please do not keep grandma away from her chores, however she does love to "listen". Definitely do not pass up the opportunity to buy chances for the fabulous Gingerbread houses. Don't miss ours in the kitchen.

Out the back door is our Christmas dinner for the birds. Special thanks to our *Rake and Hoe Juniors* (ages 6-12), for their contribution of handmade decorative treats for our bird friends.

The Esposito Home
467 Hillside Avenue

This English Manor House was built around 1870. Note the interesting entrance with its stone curved walls. In the front of the house is a beautifully restored MG TC 1949 to enhance the English flavor.

The living room has a lovely marble mantel with French doors on either side. On the mantel are topiaries with pink roses. The Christmas tree is hung with gold and silver. The silver balls are from Reed and Barton and have been collected yearly since the 1970s.

The formal dining room is set up to serve punch for the Open House theme. There are double topiaries and the champagne bucket is overflowing with hydrangea, pomegranites and fresh greens to add to the festive feeling. The floral candelabra - of the period - are arranged with greens and holly which are continued throughout the room. Also included in the room are two orange trees and a reflecting arrangement of period glass and fruit.

A charming galley kitchen is decorated with a small tomato and parsley topiary. On the shelf is Spode china and greens. Notice the creative design of bread. A fresh fruit and vegetable arrangement sits by the sink. The butcher block holds a freshly roasted turkey.

Between the kitchen and the den is a breakfast room which is set up for a Tea Party. Raggedy Ann and Andy are joining the children for this festive occasion. The gingerbread house completes the Holiday picture.

There is another Christmas tree in the den which is decorated with horns and pheasants. The saddle and accessories bring out the English Hunt theme.

"A Dickens' Christmas"
Boutique & Refreshment House
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph DeMaio
705 Boulevard

The fabulous Gingerbread Houses - completely edible - are to be raffled. Do take the time to enjoy them and take the opportunity to buy chances for the drawing.

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