



This fine example of Southern tradition will be one of the homes featured on the Rake and Hoe Garden Club's annual "Deck the Halls" tour on December 5.

Tour Westfield's beautiful homes with Garden Club

WESTFIELD — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield is having a Holiday House Tour fund-raiser, entitled "Deck the Halls," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

There are four Westfield homes on the tour, plus a boutique located at the Community Players on North Avenue. Each of the homes will offer different holiday decoration themes. There will be a "Williamsburg Christmas" motif house, a "Cranberry Christmas" house, a "Holiday Wedding" theme house and a "Twas the Night Before Christmas" storybook inspired home. About 15 members of the club work together in each house and fully decorate the entire home with their respective holiday themes.

The house pictured is the "Williamsburg Christmas" house. The Southern hospitality-inspired decorations echo throughout this charming Colonial home. As you enter, you will immediately feel the warm traditions of Williamsburg. The front door will be graced with the spirit of Colonial Williamsburg and will feature wreaths with fruits, nuts and berries. As you enter the elegant dining room, the symmetrical display of topiaries on the side board exhibit a requisite for a successful party in the 18th century. You will then find the living room filled with mixed greens, magnolia leaves and flowers.

Other highlights of this home are the "gentlemen's room" and "ladies' room" flanking the gracious living room, where you'll notice the message of "JOY" spelled out in holly.

Next you will enter the charming kitchen, where a children's Christmas party is about to begin. The table is laid with gingerbread men, sandwiches and specialty gifts. As you leave you will see the family room decorated in true Williamsburg style with holly swags, fruit arrangements, nut trees, as well as a tree covered with ornamental cookies and paper chains. This house is a wonderful delight to the eyes as well as the senses.

At the end of the house tour there is a holiday boutique where you will find on display many of the items you noticed on the tour.

Tickets for the tour are on sale for \$15 at Clyne & Murphy, Lancaster, Ltd., Periwinkle's, and Rorden Realty, Inc. in downtown Westfield; tickets may also be purchased for \$18 at the door.

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THE MCENTEE HOME

221 JEFFERSON AVENUE

'T WAS 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 breakfast.

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 handpainted 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 man 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.

'Deck The Halls' House Tour Scheduled

WESTFIELD—The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield is holding a Holiday House Tour fund-raiser Deck the Halls, on Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This unique house tour is bound to inspire one to decorate the home for the holidays.

There are four Westfield homes on the tour, plus a boutique located on North Avenue. Each of the homes will offer different holiday-decoration themes.

There will be a Williamsburg motif house, a Cranberry Christ-

mas house, a Holiday Wedding theme house and a 'Twas the Night Before Christmas story-book inspired home. About 15 members of the club work together on each house and fully decorate the entire home in their respective holiday themes.

For example, the house pictured here is the Wedding House. It is a stately 1929 center hall colonial on Kimball Circle. As visitors enter the home they may imagine that they are invited to an elegant holiday wedding. Feel the magic as one enters the spacious foyer and notices the bride's dress at the top of the ribbon-draped staircase, where at the bottom an elegant cascading floral arrangement of greens and blossoms greet visitors. Throughout the home are all the trappings of an elegant wedding about to begin. The dining room will tempt one's senses with caviar, champagne, and a floral wedding

cake. There will be floral arrangements throughout the house with wedding-white roses, Singapore orchids and a display of fabulous Freesia atop a baby grand piano.

Not to be missed will be the Christmas tree in the family room, with traditional touches. At the end of the tour is a holiday boutique where one will find on display many of the items seen on the tour.

Tickets for the tour are on sale

at Clyne & Murphy, Lancaster, Ltd., Periwinkles, and Rorden Realty, Inc. in downtown Westfield.

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WEDDING HOUSE, KIMBALL CIRCLE, is one of four homes on the Deck the Halls House Tour by Rake and Hoe.

Holiday Cleaning Sale

756-0100

Mix or Match

Any 3
Skirts (pleats extra)
Slacks
Sweaters (plain)

G.O. KELLER'S

better dry cleaning since 1894

Westfield • 11 E. Broad St.

SOUTH & LELAND

5. DEN Nancy Smith

coffee table and vicinity- package wrapping

some wrapped completely, others in progress

oasis domes decorated for use on packages

cards of dried flowers and ferns made by committee

basket w/ hand-stamped paper and ribbons

window- wreath w/ colorful greens and small wrapped packages on it

side table - oranges studded w/ white hat pins on cake stand (this was changed to apples, but through an oversight the pins never made it to the apples. Pins were returned to be sold to members)

t.v. cabinet - greens, small packages in wooden sleigh, hand made cards displayed at various levels

December 7 Total: \$73.69

In spite a good deal of apprehension about how this was all going to turn out, I enjoyed this experience and could not have been happier about how the house looked for the tour!

Jill Suter



ENGLISH COTTAGE...On Saturday, December 5, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will include this 1930s English Cottage in its Holiday Home Tour. The house will feature floral designs, gift wrapping tricks and other ideas inspired by the classic holiday story "Twas the Night Before Christmas." A garden "trompe l'oeil" (trick of the eye) tree will be included in the display.



HOLIDAY HOUSE...This Stoneleigh Park home will be decorated by members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield as a "Cranberry Christmas" for the club's holiday house tour on Saturday, December 5. The turn-of-the-century architecture will be highlighted with natural plant materials, including grape vine trees accented with white pine, pine cones and cranberries. Tickets for the "Deck the Halls" tour of four Westfield homes and a holiday boutique are available from Rake and Hoe members and at Rorden Realty, Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, Lancaster, Ltd. and Clyne & Murphy.

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| Fireplace Mantle | Decorate with 5 different size candles on each end of mantle using red candles 3 different size Christmas trees 12", 9", 6" made of assorted nuts and baby pinecones red ribbon bow at bottom |
| Fireplace | Garland of grape vine with a grape vine wreath in the middle holly and ivy covering grape vine red ribbon |
| Staircase | Red ribbon looped Green garland holly and ivy grape vine design at bottom of railing Cluster of red poinsettias at bottom of staircase facing room |
| Table with Mirror | Christmas Collectibles of Diane Callahan Sprigs of greens Greens around mirror |
| Antique Trunk | Folk Art Santa Folk Art Rocking Horse |
| Around Tree | Folk Art Hoop Toy. etc. Wrapped Present |

Deck and Side of House - Colleen Schmidt Marita Erickson Chris Malloy

Greens on deck
Old fashioned with red ribbons
Flag Stone going around side of house
as path



WILLIAMSBURG HOUSE. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will hold its Holiday House Tour fundraiser, "Deck the Halls," this Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Williamsburg House, pictured above, is one of four traditional homes which will be featured on the tour. The house is decorated in traditional Williamsburg style.

Rake and Hoe Club to Hold 'Deck the Halls' House Tour

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There are four Westfield homes on the tour, each featuring a different holiday decoration theme, plus a boutique located at the Community Players headquarters on North Avenue.

The house themes to be presented on the tour include "A Williamsburg Christmas," a "Cranberry Christmas," a "Holiday Wedding," and "Twas the Night Before Christmas," featuring a storybook theme.

The "Williamsburg Christmas" house will reflect a Southern hospitality theme throughout the Colonial home. Adorning the front door will be wreaths of fruits, nuts and berries.

In the dining room, a symmetrical display of topiaries will be on display. The living room will be filled with mixed greens, magnolia leaves and

flowers.

The kitchen will feature a children's Christmas party with a table of gingerbread men, sandwiches and specialty gifts.

The family room will be decorated with holly swags, fruit arrangements and nut trees, as well as a tree covered with ornamental cookies and paper chains.

The holiday boutique at the conclusion of the tour will offer a display of items featured in the homes.

Tickets for the event will be on sale at Clyne & Murphy, Lancaster, Ltd., Periwinkle's and Rorden Realty, Inc. in Westfield for \$15, or they may be purchased for \$18 at the door.

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IT'S A WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTMAS

THE CALLAHAN HOUSE

Our first meeting was held on April 20, 1998 at the Callahan's house. Our committee had a walk through and decided which room they would like to decorate. I took pictures of all rooms to give to committee members to use as a reference. We looked through many books and magazines to get some decorating ideas. We decided to title our house "It's a Williamsburg Christmas". We chose this title because Diane Callahan is from the South and her home has a Southern flair. We will be using an assortment of fresh fruits, nuts and magnolia leaves in our designs. We will get many ideas and discuss them at our next meeting.

Our next meeting was held on May 27, 1998 at the Callahan's house. I gave pictures of the rooms to all committee members to use as a reference. We had another walk through of the house. Diane Callahan walked thru with us and gave us many ideas of things she does and things we could use. We decided room by room how we would decorate them and who would be responsible for certain designs and bringing in things we will need to decorate such as: old fashioned sleds, silver, pewter, etc. We will brainstorm more ideas over the summer and meet again in the fall to finalize our plans.

Our last meeting was held on September 20, 1998 again at the Callahan's house. We finalized all of our plans room by room. We are now ready to start ordering the supplies and mechanics we will need for each room. All sub committees will be responsible to make a list of what they need or go out and purchase them. Vouchers were given to all committee members.

Shirley Carr

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Deck The Halls House Tour December 5, 1998

| Expenses: | Admin. | Boutique | Zoidis | Callahan | McEntee | Longfield |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|
| | (641.07) | (4,135.95) | (1,056.17) | (1,180.65) | (829.97) | (1,126.29) |
| (\$8,970.10) | | | | | | |
| Income: | | | | | | |
| Items Sold | | | 199.50 | 492.99 | 71.00 | 161.00 |
| 924.49 | | | | | | |
| Boutique Sales | | 7,621.10 | | | | |
| 7,621.10 | | | | | | |
| Ticket Sales | 11,672.00 | | | | | |
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| Total | 11,030.93 | 3,485.15 | (856.67) | (687.66) | (758.97) | (965.29) |
| <u>11,247.49</u> | | | | | | |

As of 1/31/99 Submitted by Lori Grow, Treasurer _____

DECK THE HALLS...RAKE AND HOE HOUSE TOUR...DECEMBER 5, 1998

| DATE | ADMIN | Boutique | Zoidis | Callahan | McEntee | Longfield |
|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 4/1/98 | \$ 50.00 | | | | | |
| 5/4/98 | | \$ 120.00 | | | | |
| 6/5/98 | | \$ 639.65 | | | | |
| 9/29/98 | | \$ 178.20 | | | | |
| 10/5/98 | | | \$ 46.45 | | | |
| 10/6/98 | \$ 29.68 | | | | | |
| 10/9/98 | | | \$ 31.74 | | | |
| 10/18/98 | \$ 25.00 | | | | | |
| 10/18/98 | | | \$ 32.00 | | | |
| 10/13/98 | \$ 29.99 | | | | | |
| 10/27/98 | | | \$ 187.71 | | | |
| 11/2/98 | | | \$ 48.10 | | | |
| 11/2/98 | | | \$ 10.68 | | | |
| 11/2/98 | | | \$ 25.00 | | | |
| 11/2/98 | | | | | | \$ 171.93 |
| 11/4/98 | | | | \$ 11.85 | | |
| 11/4/98 | | | | \$ 26.17 | | |
| 11/4/98 | \$ 8.71 | | | | | |
| 11/8/98 | | | | | \$ 176.72 | |
| 11/10/98 | \$ 10.00 | | | | | |
| 11/11/98 | | \$ 30.00 | | | | |
| 11/11/98 | | \$ 24.00 | | | | |
| 11/17/98 | | \$ 342.01 | | \$ 52.70 | | |
| 11/19/98 | | | \$ 48.25 | \$ 140.85 | | \$ 5.80 |
| 11/19/98 | | | | \$ 29.60 | | |
| 11/21/98 | | \$ 12.22 | | \$ 12.22 | | |
| 11/29/98 | | \$ 26.40 | \$ 2.06 | | | |
| 11/29/98 | \$ 95.03 | | | | | |
| 12/3/98 | | | | \$ 44.76 | | |
| 12/3/98 | | \$ 503.53 | | \$ 16.00 | \$ 98.97 | |
| 12/2/98 | | \$ 20.42 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 51.00 | \$ 103.60 | \$ 69.93 |
| 12/3/98 | | \$ 294.50 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 188.25 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 42.00 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 386.25 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 369.00 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 187.50 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 81.60 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 350.80 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 98.80 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 69.90 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | | \$ 15.00 | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | | | \$ 22.44 | | |
| 12/7/98 | | | | \$ 13.74 | | |
| 12/7/98 | \$ 134.78 | | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 126.21 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 30.00 | \$ 24.81 | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 96.93 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 15.00 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 26.00 | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 13.50 | | | | (W&M) |
| 12/8/98 | \$ 12.72 | | | | | |
| 12/7/98 | | \$ 4.00 | | | | (W&M) |
| 12/7/98 | | | | \$ 12.00 | | (W&M) |
| 12/9/98 | \$ 32.00 | \$ 64.00 | \$ 191.25 | \$ 551.90 | \$ 254.85 | \$ 324.50 |
| 12/9/98 | \$ 189.95 | | | | | |
| 12/10/98 | | | | | | \$ 180.68 |
| 12/10/98 | | | | | | \$ 63.84 |
| 12/12/98 | | | | | \$ 75.10 | |
| 12/12/98 | | | | | \$ 21.27 | |
| 12/12/98 | | | | | \$ 35.40 | |
| 12/12/98 | | | | | \$ 10.60 | |
| 12/12/98 | | | | | \$ 17.17 | |
| 12/15/98 | | | | | | \$ 28.69 |
| 12/16/98 | | | | | | \$ 120.29 |
| 12/16/98 | | | | | | \$ 89.01 |
| 12/16/98 | | | | \$ 32.17 | | |
| 12/16/98 | | \$ 3.20 | | | | |
| 12/16/98 | | | | | | \$ 32.35 |
| 12/16/98 | | \$ 11.55 | | | | \$ 3.90 |
| 12/16/98 | | | | \$ 54.95 | | |
| 12/16/98 | | | | \$ 10.00 | | |
| 12/16/98 | \$ 1.92 | \$ 14.42 | \$ 11.48 | \$ 98.30 | \$ 15.29 | \$ 35.37 |
| 12/16/98 | | \$ 89.04 | | | | |
| 12/20/98 | \$ 30.00 | | | | | |
| subtotal | \$ (641.07) | \$ (4,135.95) | \$ (1,056.17) | \$ (1,180.65) | \$ (808.97) | \$ (1,126.29) - \$ (8,949.10) |

INCOME

| ITEMS | Boutique | Zoidis | Callahan | McEntee | Longfield |
|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Boutique | \$ 7,599.60 | \$ 199.50 | \$ 492.99 | \$ 71.00 | \$ 161.00 |
| Tickets | \$ 11,492.00 | | | | \$ 924.49 |
| | | | | | \$ 7,599.60 - 7021.10 |
| | | | | | \$ 11,492.00 |

TOTAL \$10,850.93 \$-3,463.65 \$ (856.67) \$ (687.66) \$ (737.97) \$ (965.29) \$14,066.99-

→ 1/7/99 + 21.50 3485.15 21.50

→ 1/10/99 1800 11088.49

→ 1/27 L.M.C.E. 21.00 11218.49

1/31/99