



**THE RAKE AND HOE  
GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD**

*Celebrating Our 50<sup>th</sup> Year*

PRESENTS

**“DECK THE HALLS”**

**A HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR  
DECEMBER 7, 2002**

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MANY THANKS TO OUR HOMEOWNERS  
FOR GRACIOUSLY OPENING THEIR HOMES.

MR. AND MRS. SEAN FLANNERY  
440 KIMBALL TURN • WESTFIELD

MRS. RUTH TATE  
600 SHERWOOD PARKWAY • WESTFIELD

MR. AND MRS. FRED BUEHLER  
119 WILD HEDGE LANE • MOUNTAINSIDE

MR. AND MRS. SCOTT BOND  
229 EAST DUDLEY AVENUE • WESTFIELD

## The Flannery Home

440 Kimball Turn, Westfield  
“A Cup of Christmas Tea”

An authentic Russian sleigh filled with greens greets you as you approach this intimate colonial home. The entrance hall welcomes you with angels, garlands and topiaries. Tea settings for different times of the day are displayed in every room. Holly and ivy are interwoven in the Christmas designs and color is used differently in each room for effect.

To the right of the entrance hall is the dining room. Opulence pervades through the use of silver, gold, greens and an abundance of lush flowers. A Georgian style silver tea set contains a delicate flower bouquet. A champagne bucket overflows with gorgeous blooms complementing the room's rich coloring. To the left, the living room abounds with Victorian charm. This era's traditions are captured in the tree and the porcelain dolls amidst the tea settings. The jeweled fruit and topiaries also add a special touch of years gone by.

The family room's quiet and repose are a natural setting for tea, set for the man of the house. The room features a unique tree shaped screen in front of the fireplace and a stocking shaped cornucopia filled with fresh flowers. A wave of bamboo holds tranquil petite flowers. Looking out the window, you can see a boxwood frame placed inside the window.

As you pass through to the kitchen, your eye is drawn to the bamboo tripod. The kitchen reflects a French country style. The table set with “Christmas Charm” welcomes the family for breakfast tea. Holly, ivy, mixed vegetables, a multitude of peppers and a rock sugar tree are used in various arrangements throughout the room to provide the flavor of a Provencal Christmas. Upon exiting, notice the open French basket brimming with freshly cut evergreens.

## The Tate Home

600 Sherwood Parkway, Westfield  
"Reflections of Christmas"

Holiday reflections abound in this lovely home. As you come up the front walk, look to your right at the birdbath lavished with reflective balls and holiday greens. Antique planters at the entrance hold layered Christmas trees made of concentric circles of colorful and varied materials. In the foyer, the mirror on your right bears the reflection of the arrangement on the table in front of it, and the open decorated door. Swags of greens and sparkling fabric dress the banister in this stately center hall.

Amaryllis blooms welcome you into this gracious living room where wrapped packages on the window seat await holiday guests. Shimmering garlands of silver and gold adorn the fireplace mantle and the beautiful armoire. A topiary tree made of dried cockscomb sits atop an evergreen wreath. The tea tray in front of the sofa provides a place for a quiet moment to reflect on memories of Christmas' past. As you pass into the cozy sunroom, garland and wreaths decorate the windows. Image sitting around the tree glistening with snowflakes, as you enjoy opening that special Christmas present.

The dining room table is ready for guests with its elevated flower arrangement of roses and orchids. A punch bowl filled with floating flowers sits on the side table. The fireplace has been decorated with a horizontal arrangement and an ivy tree graces the hearth. A dried hydrangea wreath hangs above gifts nestled on the window seat. Then as you move into the kitchen you are greeted by a pyramid of vegetables, greens and ribbons on the center island. A rosemary topiary tree stands ready to provide herbs for the cook. At the sink an epergne is being decorated for use in the holiday decorations. The greenhouse window is filled with miniature pots of holiday flowers and herbs. As you leave, swags of greens and ribbons adorn the back hallway. On the back porch, a different set of topiaries draw your attention. The white stick stars on the trees in the yard welcome the season and bid you farewell.

## **The Buehler Home**

119 Wild Hedge Lane, Mountainside

### **“By Invitation Only”**

This home of elegance is reminiscent of a stately English cottage. A classic Bentley, filled with Christmas treasures, welcomes you in the motor court. The antique urns filled with curly willow, berry branches and greenery accent the outside décor. The front door is adorned with a unique basket depicting the theme of the house, “By Invitation Only”. As you enter the maid welcomes you to the party. Do not miss the spray of magnolia leaves, bay leaves and dried hydrangea on the stairwell railing. A spiral tree laced with fresh calla lilies graces the entrance table. Look into the living room on the right and gaze at the mantle decorated with greens, beads and angels. The far window features a tabletop tree enhanced with fresh flowers. The cornice and bookshelves are embellished with greens and novelties.

Next, step into the kitchen and look at the window display of beaded fruits and greenery, which coordinates with the home’s décor. A Christmas goose centerpiece adds a flair of ambiance to the table. The swags of pine and holly on the doors continue the festive mood. Proceed into the den and glance at the antique doll upon a sleigh complementing the mantle. Gaze at the grapevine wreath decorated with artichokes and pomegranates. As you stroll from the den into the dining room, admire the floral designs of white poinsettias and candles in the bar area.

The aura of sophistication invites you into the formal dining room. First cast your eyes on the table set for the evening’s gala event and marvel at the gorgeous centerpiece. Your eyes will be drawn next to the sideboard where the large arrangement of branches, grasses and flowers adds to the glamour. And finally, the Christmas tree decked with sprayed curly willow, hundreds of crystal pendants, lights and other adornments will dazzle your imagination.

## **The Bond Home**

229 East Dudley Ave., Westfield  
**“The Twelve Days of Christmas”**

The grand columns of this stately Victorian are flanked by urns filled with grapevine wreaths, fresh fruit, flowers, berries and greens. Upon entering the home the story of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” begins to unfold. A garland of cascading roping using hydrangea, blue-berried juniper and pinecones drapes the foyer staircase. On your left the living room sets the stage for a grand ball. Gifts are presented in drum shaped boxes. The beautiful grand piano stands ready for the music to begin. A beribboned flute awaits its piper. The mantle has been adorned with an arrangement of fresh roses, berries and greens. The wreath encircling the ballerina on the coffee table continues the splendor of the mantle décor. As you exit the room observe the tabletop tree with the ladies dancing and the lords leaping. The evening promises to be magical.

The library mantle with its dried arrangement of cattails, field grasses, goldenrod, thistle and statice provides a welcoming refuge for our feathered friends. Eggs nestle in a basket of greens on the coffee table. Guests are called to the dining room to enjoy dessert of pastry swans swimming adrift a pool of chocolate. The eyes feast on a low arrangement of poinsettias beneath the elegant chandelier. The magnificent lilies on the buffet attract revelers to share a cup of Christmas cheer around the silver punch bowl.

The kitchen beckons you to the heart of the home where no one cries over the tree of milk pails spilling white blossoms. Cranberry swags tasseled with pinecones invite you to enjoy the view beyond. The center island holds an arrangement of grand proportions nestled in a clear vase filled with limes and cranberries. Partridges perch among a pyramid of pears in a tiered centerpiece on the breakfast table. A trio of arrangements on the family room mantle looks toward the partridge presiding atop the pear-laden Christmas tree.

**“Celebrate The Season Boutique”**  
Westfield Community Players Theater  
1000 North Avenue West

The “Celebrate The Season Boutique” is being held at the Westfield Community Players Theater, conveniently located at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and North Avenue West in Westfield.

As part of the Rake and Hoe House Tour, the theater has been transformed for a different kind of performance, the “Celebrate The Season Boutique”. Please plan to visit and enjoy hot cider and homemade cookies. Outside the theater there will be kissing balls, tabletop trees, candle rings and more offered for sale. Inside you can browse through our specialty areas. The “Gifts from the Heart” area features items appropriate for teachers, friends and hostesses. Our “Out on a Limb” area showcases gifts for bird lovers as well as homemade gifts for nature lovers. The “Tea with Friends” area has an assortment of home-baked foods plus teacup ornaments and other “tea” related items. For the collector, we have a “Winter Fun” area with snowmen and snowflakes and a “Heaven Sent” area featuring angels. There is something for everyone at reasonable prices along with the sounds, smells and tastes of the holidays.

The Westfield Community Players was founded in 1934 and has brought more than 200 comedies, dramas, musicals and mysteries to life on its stage. Performances are held in the group’s delightful 150 seat theater. The group’s productions are part of the active cultural scene in Westfield and surrounding communities. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield appreciates the use of this wonderful facility.

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Rake and Hoe Garden Club is celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We were founded in 1952 by a group of women interested in having a vibrant active garden club. Membership in the Rake and Hoe Garden Club can satisfy a variety of interests. Community service, educational scholarships, stimulating speakers, courses in horticulture, floral, and landscape design, bird watching, conservation, flower shows, luncheons, workshops and trips — Rake and Hoe offers it all.

Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, we have between 50 and 70 members all of whom share one thing in common — a love of flowers and gardening. Our membership is diverse, spanning all ages, interests and occupations. We feel our diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Each member brings her knowledge to the group, sharing it the way a friend shares seeds or cuttings with a friend.

