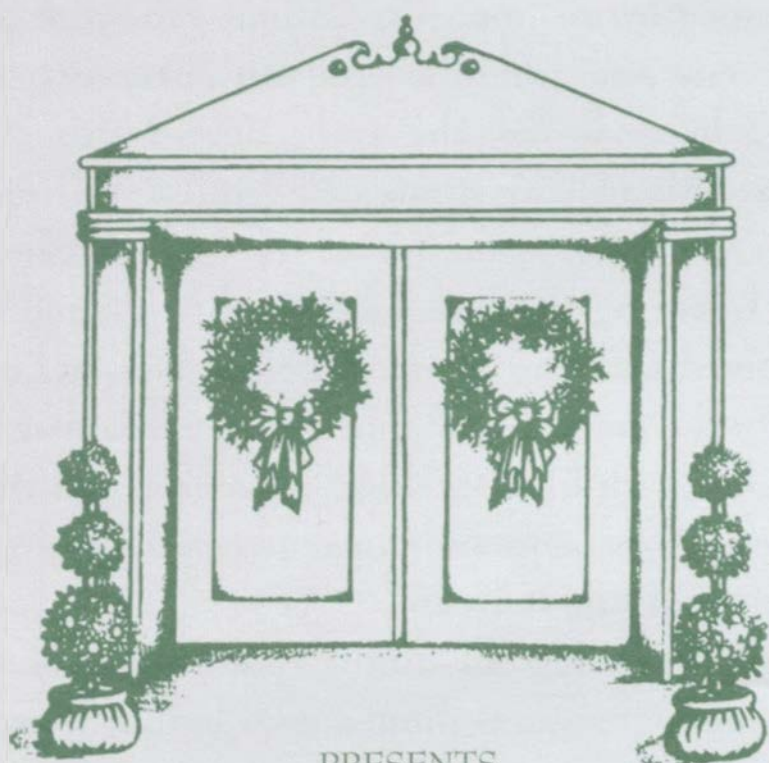


THE RAKE AND HOE
GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD



PRESENTS

“DECK THE HALLS”

DECEMBER 2, 2006

MANY THANKS TO OUR HOMEOWNERS
FOR GRACIOUSLY OPENING THEIR HOMES.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Allen
267 Woodland Avenue

Please park around the corner

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Francz
507 Wychwood Road

Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Kieczkowski
248 Dudley Avenue West

Mr. & Mrs. Martino Laurenzi
403 South Euclid Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Walsh
1715 Grandview Avenue
“Tis’ The Season” Boutique

THE ALLEN HOME

267 Woodland Avenue

"WOODLAND ELEGANCE"

Proceeding up the walkway, visitors are welcomed by an imposing antique lamppost draped in greens and ribbons. As you enter the stately 1937 brick home, the ambience of this charming woodland Christmas celebration will envelop you. The house is decorated for a lavish Christmas fete, featuring the lush bounty of fields and woods combined with the gleam of gold, silver and copper.

In the grand foyer, a wondrous Christmas tree is bedecked with lilies, orchids, pinecones and ribbons. A garland of greens and pinecones cascades down the graceful curving staircase.

On your left, the dining room is set for an old fashioned Christmas dinner. The beautiful arrangement of lilies, roses and orchids adorns a table set with placements of gilded leaves and white Minton china complemented by similar flowers on the buffet.

As you stroll through the living room, your eye is caught by the luster of silver positioned amid greens on the mantelpiece and the glitter of gold tree toppers arranged on the grand piano. Topiaries continue the woodland theme.

Next, you meander into the family room where gifts are being wrapped for Christmas morning. The mantel is decorated with topiaries and gifts are piled high. In the bar, goblets filled with cranberries and hydrangeas add color to the holiday spirit. Follow along to the table laden with Christmas stories accompanied by cocoa and a handful of cookies.

Arriving in the kitchen, one is greeted by the breakfast table graced with Spode "Christmas Tree" china. A children's tree is decorated with ornaments of pinecones and sweet gum balls sparkling with gold and copper. Glance over toward the counter to admire glorious topiaries created from pears and lady apples. On the bench, silver gazing balls set amid greens reflect the family's many Christmas activities.

As you exit, bid farewell across the patio and notice the lamppost decorated with greens and ribbons, echoing the entrance way.

THE FRAN CZ HOME

507 Wychwood Road

"BERMUDA HOLIDAY"

As you saunter up to the Bermuda House, built in 1939, observe the unique architecture including the circle design over the front door. The evergreen trees welcome you with small seashells and starfish, one of the themes for this attractive cottage. The moped in the courtyard signifies the outdoor life enjoyed in Bermuda.

Pass through the double front doors and proceed to the right. The floral design in the hall echoes the colors of the painting above it. Peek into the elegant bathroom and step into the living room, where the lovely décor is enriched with tropical flowers and greens. On the grand piano, weathered driftwood anchors the design. The credenza holds small white poinsettias, cedar branches, and ornaments. Through the window heralding angels garnish the deck. On the upholstered coffee table are arrangements wrapped like Christmas presents, brimming with white roses and the mantel recounts the Caribbean flair with greens, poinsettias, orchids and ti leaves.

Upstairs in the family room, the Christmas tree holds mirrored ornaments, fresh alstromaria and lilies in glittering flower tubes. The white poinsettia tree in the corner is a bright focal point while shells and candles in glass goblets embellish the coffee table. The delicate shell trees surrounded by fresh flowers and greens will catch your eye.

The island in the kitchen displays a design using fruits and vegetables, while the table is beautifully accented with pink roses, pink poinsettias, and burgundy carnations. On the counter notice the underwater design using orchids, coral, shells, and the wrought iron candle sticks with artichoke candleholders and draping date branches.

Blooming vines and trellises enhance the walls in the intimate dining room. The majestic table is ready for Christmas dinner with a striking tropical design, while the server holds a low, massed arrangement.

As you leave, check out the rustic birdbath with galvanized watering can filled with greenery, birdseed treats and cranberry garlands.

THE KIECZYKOWSKI HOME

248 Dudley Avenue West

"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

The Kieczkowski home is a vintage transitional Victorian-Colonial farmhouse built in 1865 as the first in the initial development of the original Clark homestead. The broad, sweeping front porch welcomes visitors to join in the merriment. The "Home for the Holidays" theme evokes the warmth and anticipation of family and friends gathering together to celebrate the holidays. Marvel at the classic Jaguar convertible overflowing with gifts parked in the driveway.

Wander up the pathway amidst hand crafted angels dressed in flowing tulle. Flanking the doorway, painted trees twinkle with excitement. Suitcases brimming with poinsettias stand in the hallway and the aroma of cider fills the air wrapping visitors in nostalgia. At the top of the staircase, view the marbled poinsettia tree gracing the landing.

Venture into the exquisite dark green living room with bright white trim punctuated by dramatic deep reds and burgundy floral arrangements. The dining room showcases a dramatic centerpiece complemented by the mantelpiece design which flows to the floor. A spiral topiary tree of boxwood highlights the alcove dressed with Santas made from dried okra.

Pass the celestial tree bedecked in angels of white tulle, gold halos with garlands of feathers and stars. The kitchen designs creatively demonstrate the use of vegetables. The family room glistens with whimsy, decorated with topiaries and the homeowner's collection of Santas.

There's no place like "home for the holidays"...



THE LAURENZI HOME

403 South Euclid Avenue

"MEDITERRANEAN CHRISTMAS"

The Laurenzi family has lived for many years in Italy and has an impressive collection of art and sculpture from all over the Mediterranean area. The noble front entrance sets the stage with an abundance of greens and fruits in topiary arrangements and kissing balls. Regional colors and fruits such as pomegranates, lemons, limes, and kumquats all with Mediterranean herbs are featured throughout the home. The garland on the center stairway distinguishes the home's atmosphere.

Each room has a special characteristic that we have highlighted with a variety of garlands from fresh and dried materials. The striking fireplace in the family room features dried and gilded materials on the mantle. The rustic manger represents one of the typical customs found in the Mediterranean area during the holidays. A bank of white poinsettias reflects the magic of the season.

The splendor of the dining room is inscribed in gold with a Latin poem about the importance of home. The gilded fruits and flowers from the stairway garlands are carried throughout the home.

The sunny living room has a large collection of sculpture from the Mediterranean territory that is accented with a combination of fresh flowers and fruit with gilded dried materials. The topiary arrangement is the centerpiece of the decorations here.

The kitchen includes the owner's collection of lemon decorations. Be sure to notice the innovative use of greens in the back kitchen window.

The Christmas tree features the owner's private collection of antique and modern elephant ornaments combined with original origami elephants designed by the Rake and Hoe decorators. As you exit through the side porch door catch a glimpse of the tree once again and the presents ready for Christmas morning.

THE WALSH HOME

1715 Grandview Avenue

"TIS' THE SEASON" BOUTIQUE

As you amble up the driveway of this splendid Tudor home, be sure to see the antique wagon trimmed with Christmas greens greeting our holiday shoppers. Admire the stunning holly bushes and enjoy the obelisk with greens and gazing balls. The grapevine wreath on the front door invites the guest in to browse around.

The center hall banister is radiant with a gilded arrangement of heather, magnolia leaves, astilbe, hydrangea, and shiny ornaments surrounded by a white pine garland. On the dining room table do not miss the gilded baby's breath. And make a point to see the silver angel on the sideboard.

As you come into the living room, your eye is drawn to the mantel handsomely decorated with greens, gilded floral material, and ornaments. The pretty arrangement on the coffee table embraces the beauty of the season. The ornamental plates on the wall add a special touch to the stylish entertainment scene. On the table near the fireplace is a glorious arrangement of amaryllis stems tucked in greens. The amazing Christmas tree catches your attention with its gilded dried alliums and hydrangeas. The magnificent crocheted snowflakes and pink ornaments complement each other and bring the tree to life.

Enter the kitchen and while you are enjoying some refreshments, take note of the culinary topiary in the greenhouse window. Our boutique begins here in the kitchen on the baker's rack, continues into the family room, and out into the garage. On your shopping spree you are most certain to find something for your favorite gardener, bird lover, holiday hostess or yourself. Cheers!

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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club prides itself on education and civic beautification. Our membership of over fifty talented gardeners conducts a variety of interesting workshops developed around horticulture, floral design, environmental awareness, and community service. The non-profit organization arranges centerpieces for Lyons' Veterans Hospital, enhances the holiday celebrations at the Cerebral Palsy Center of Union County, and distributes decorative bouquets to the clients of Mobile Meals. The women maintain the landscape at the Miller-Cory Museum and the Shadowlawn Park.

The active Juniors, the children's group of Rake and Hoe, discover the basic principles of planting, experiment with the color and texture of flower arranging, and support ecological concerns.

The tradition of the "Deck the Halls" house tour continues with imagination and enthusiasm! We are pleased you joined us for a festival of inspiring exhibits and know you have come away with an appreciation of nature, ingenuity, and conservation. Thank you for purchasing a ticket and energizing our cultivation of knowledge. May our passion be yours!

