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Dear Guests,

I would like to welcome you to the 2014 Deck the Halls House Tour. The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield is a nonprofit club founded in 1952. Our 70 members share interests in gardening, flower arranging, the environment, and community service. Every four years Rake and Hoe holds the "Deck The Halls Holiday House Tour," as our major fundraiser. We are excited that you are joining us to tour four elegant homes, which our members have decorated with fresh greens, wreaths, flower arrangements, Christmas trees, and unusual natural decorations to showcase the theme developed by each house's design team. Another feature of "Deck The Halls" is the Holiday Boutique where unique hand-crafted items, hostess gifts and holiday décor designed by club members can be purchased. Proceeds from the tour go to support the club's operations and its numerous service projects as follows:

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Finally, contributions are made to our local schools, garden organizations and land trusts. Recent beneficiaries have included Hurricane Sandy restoration projects.

We are pleased that you have chosen to support our many activities with your participation in our house tour and would like to express our sincerest appreciation. It took the time, efforts and financial support of many individuals and businesses to bring this tour to fruition. Therefore, I would like to thank the numerous advertisers and supporters listed in our program, Barbara Murphy of Sir Speedy for her guidance in developing our printed materials, the House Co-Chairs and members for their creativity and the time they have committed to this project, the tour Co-Chairs, Beth Siano and Pat Wilson, for the excellent and enthusiastic management that contributed so much to the tour's success, and last but not least our homeowners who graciously opened their homes to us all.

Enjoy the tour and the upcoming Holiday Season!

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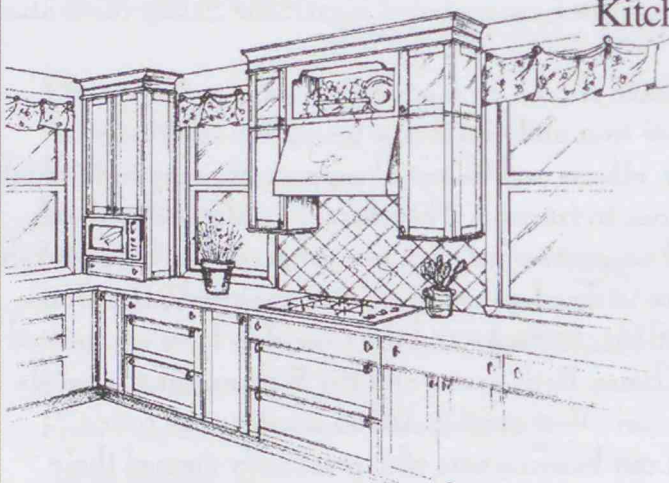
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Recycled materials from nature will be used to enhance the “Enchanted Holiday” theme of the club’s decorations. Pine cones, twigs, mushrooms, and birds will take on a silver sparkle. The kitchen will feature wreaths and a topiary using fruits and vegetables. Mercury glass balls in both silver and turquoise will complete the look throughout the home.

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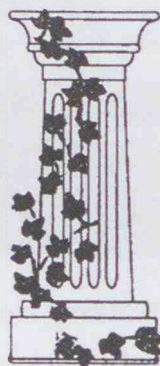


The Womelsdorf home, located at 288 Watchung Fork in Westfield, is a handsome, sprawling stone Dutch Colonial built in 1934. It was renovated in 2011. The interior of the home is enhanced by many fine design elements. The large living room, decorated in the French Country style, is painted a brilliant bamboo shoot green, which gives the illusion of bringing the lovely grounds into the interior of the house. The delightful portrait of "The Lady with Cats" above the fireplace was purchased in a small artist's studio in Rouen, France.

The Rake and Hoe designers will transform these rooms and others to celebrate "A Tartan Christmas." All rooms will be trimmed in Scottish elements that are tied together with heather. Handmade ornaments of tartan ribbon, Queen Anne's lace, and dried hydrangea will adorn the Holiday Tree along with the family's monogram. Surrounded by almost an acre of park-like property, the home presents a delightful landscape even in the winter. The interior of the home is enhanced by many stately design elements. Make sure to see how the designers introduce their theme as you approach the front lawn!

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The Jaruzelski home, located at 210 South Euclid Avenue in Westfield, is a colonial in the revival shingle style, built in 1906 by Walter J. Lee, a real estate developer and publisher of *The Westfield Leader*. The current owners purchased the property from Mr. Lee's daughter-in-law in nearly its original condition. Working with Architect Barbara Vincentsen, the Jaruzelski's renovated, restored and expanded the house. The house has won the Great American Home Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and award from the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission and was featured in *Old House Journal* and *Preservation Magazine*, this colonial revival is a shingle style home, popular at the turn of the century. The handsome interior combines classical as well as arts and crafts elements.

"A Visit to Old Westfield" will be the Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour theme for this Victorian Era home. At this home, visitors will be charmed by the beautiful holiday tree decorated with hand-made ornaments made from copies of the long-time local newspaper. Topiaries, unique floral designs and lush evergreens will bring this lovely home an aura of Christmases long ago.



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625 WESTFIELD AVENUE



The Toricollo home is located at 625 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. Beveled glass, Doric columns, and American Chestnut wood highlight this 1905 shingle-clad neoclassical home. This home features a wrap-around porch with iconic columns and a unique entryway with a full beveled glass door, elegant leaded glass sidelights and an outstanding leaded glass elliptical transom. All of the wood detailing on the first floor, including door and window casings, baseboard moldings, doors, and the staircase are of American Chestnut, which is now extinct due to blight in the early part of the 20th century. Large windows with striking diamond patterned panes light up an interior and are highlighted with impressive woodwork, railings, and stained glass. The home has been restored and decorated in a manner that preserves its charm.

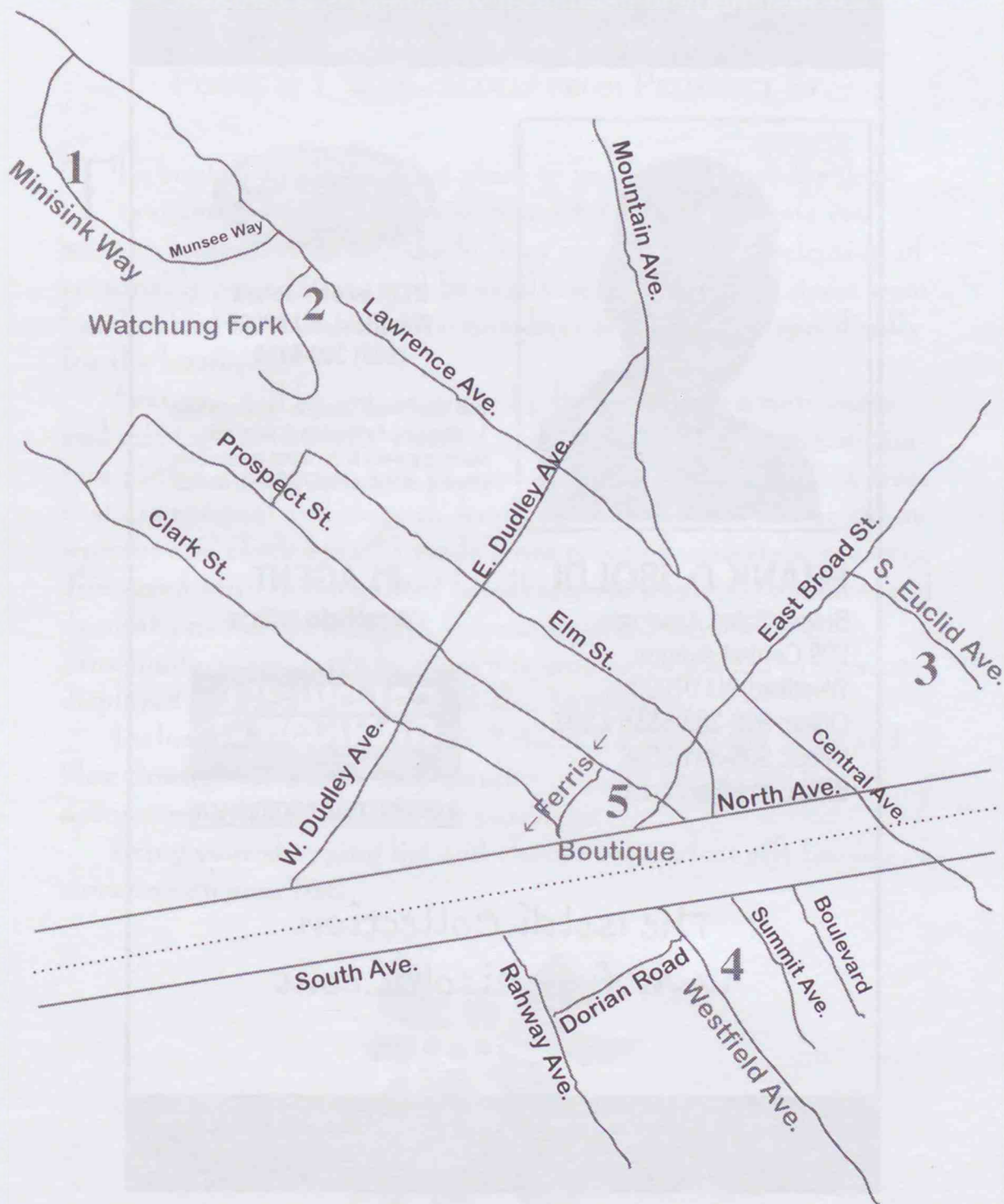
"Birch with a Twist of Moss" is the theme of the decorations throughout this stately home. Guests will notice the club's use of unique containers, the presence of sparkle and reflections, and seasonal fruits, as well as birch and moss. The living room will have a handmade terrarium as one of the many exceptional designs. A highlight is sure to be the music room with a large pot et fleur as a centerpiece and decorative trees made of sheet music. In keeping with the feeling of the home, the seasonal color palette will center on lavender and Clementine orange touches that will enhance the holiday spirit of the home.

“Deck the Halls”

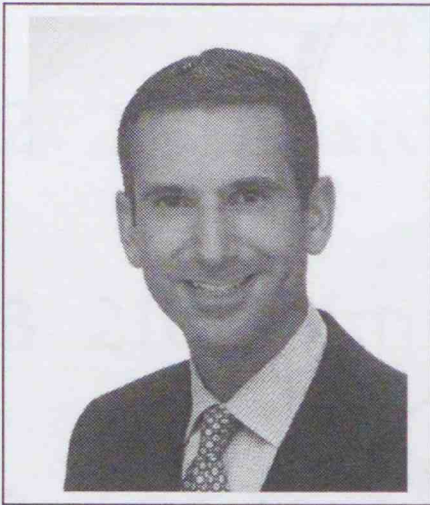
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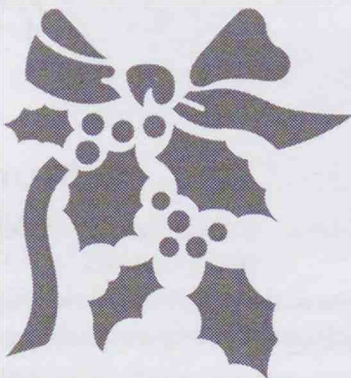
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The boutique is the perfect place to find unique holiday decorations for your home and beautiful gifts for people you want to remember during the holiday season. A large selection of reasonably priced items will be available. Many unique items were handcrafted by Rake and Hoe members and collected specifically for the boutique.

Featured will be nature related gifts such as fern note cards and gift tags, artistically painted gourds, small birdhouses, miniature potted evergreens, and teacups containing tiny boxwood trees that are unusual and elegant. Available for purchase will be candy wreaths and cloth wreaths made from recycled materials, coasters, decorated wine sacks, quilted handbags, centerpieces, candles, and decorations for the home. A large and varied selection of ornaments, many made by members, and some special ornaments displayed on the house tour will also be offered.

Included again this year are 2 items for which the Rake and Hoe Boutique is known and bundles of fresh greens for home decorating will be available for purchase.

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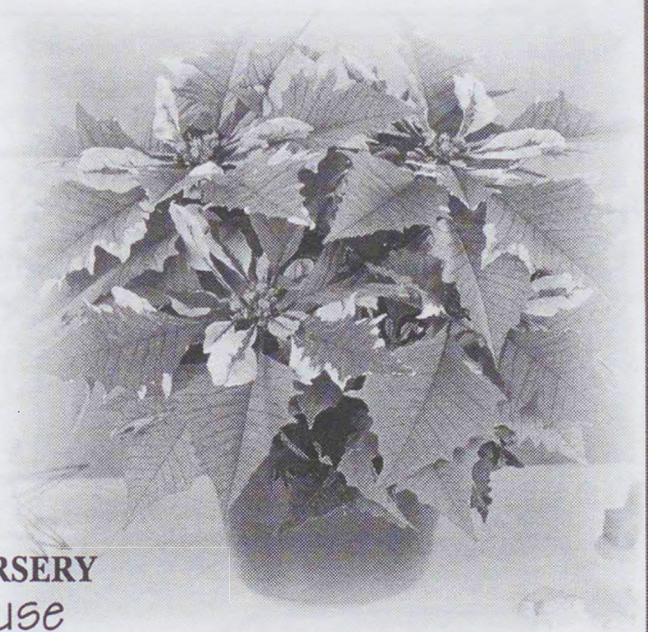


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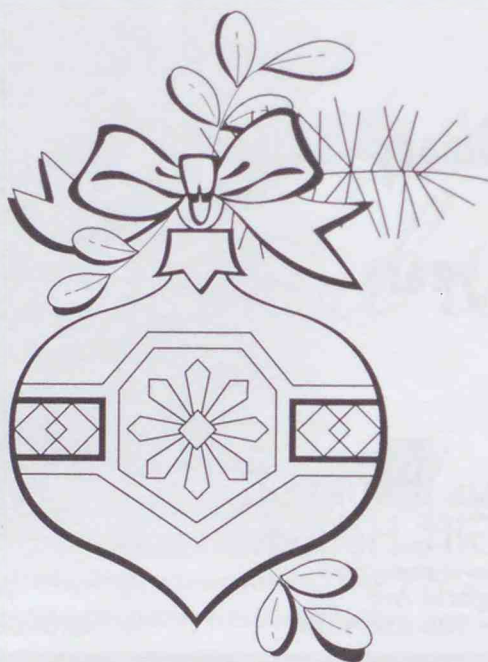
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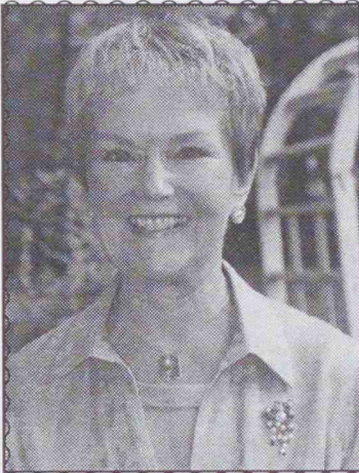
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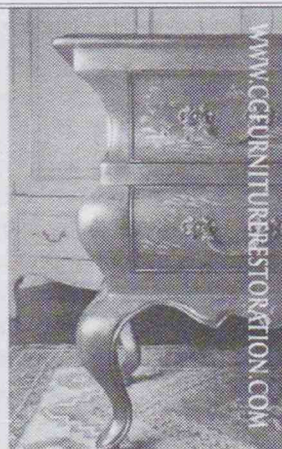
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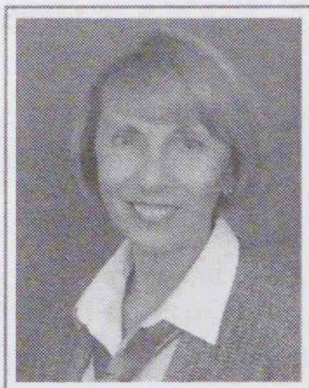
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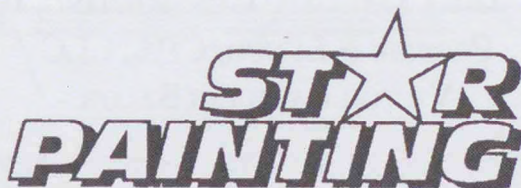
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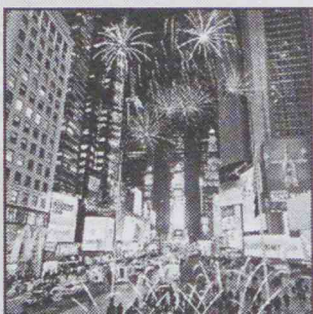
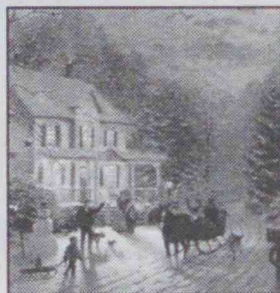
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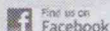
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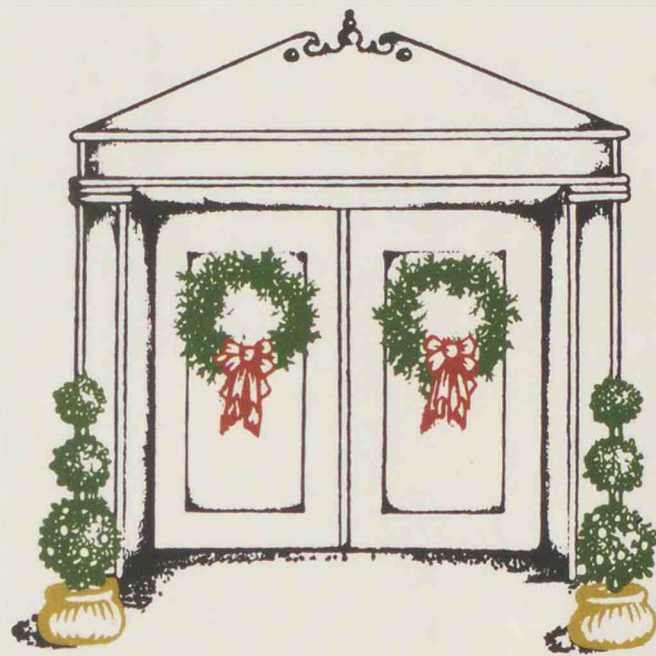
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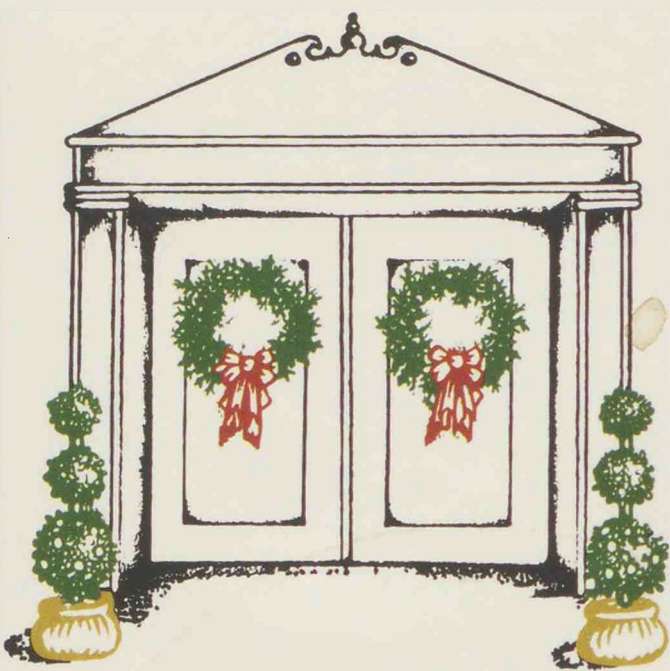
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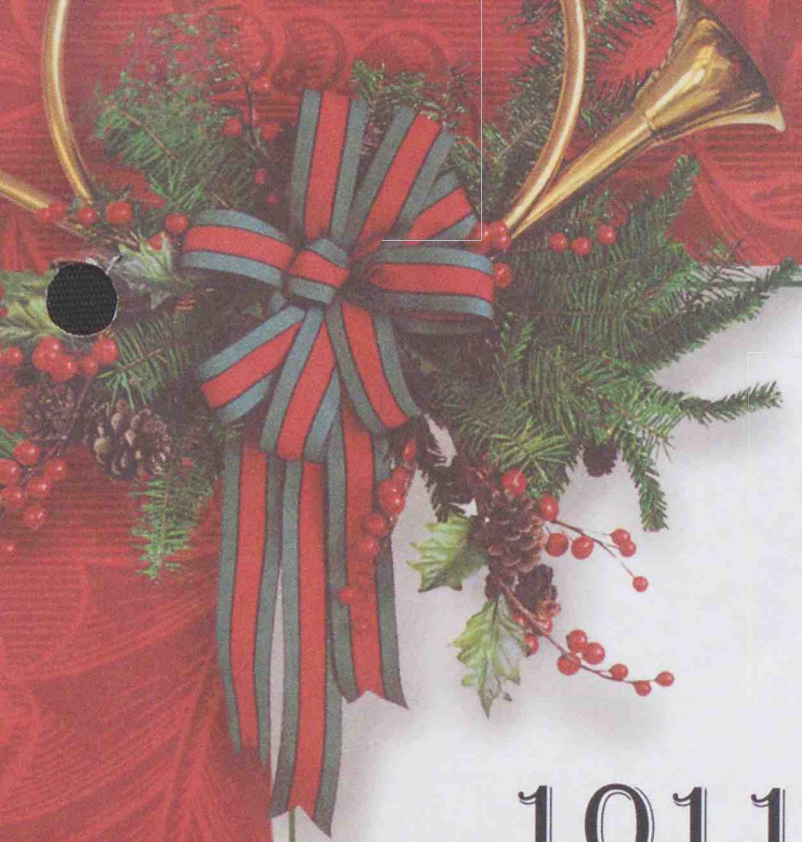
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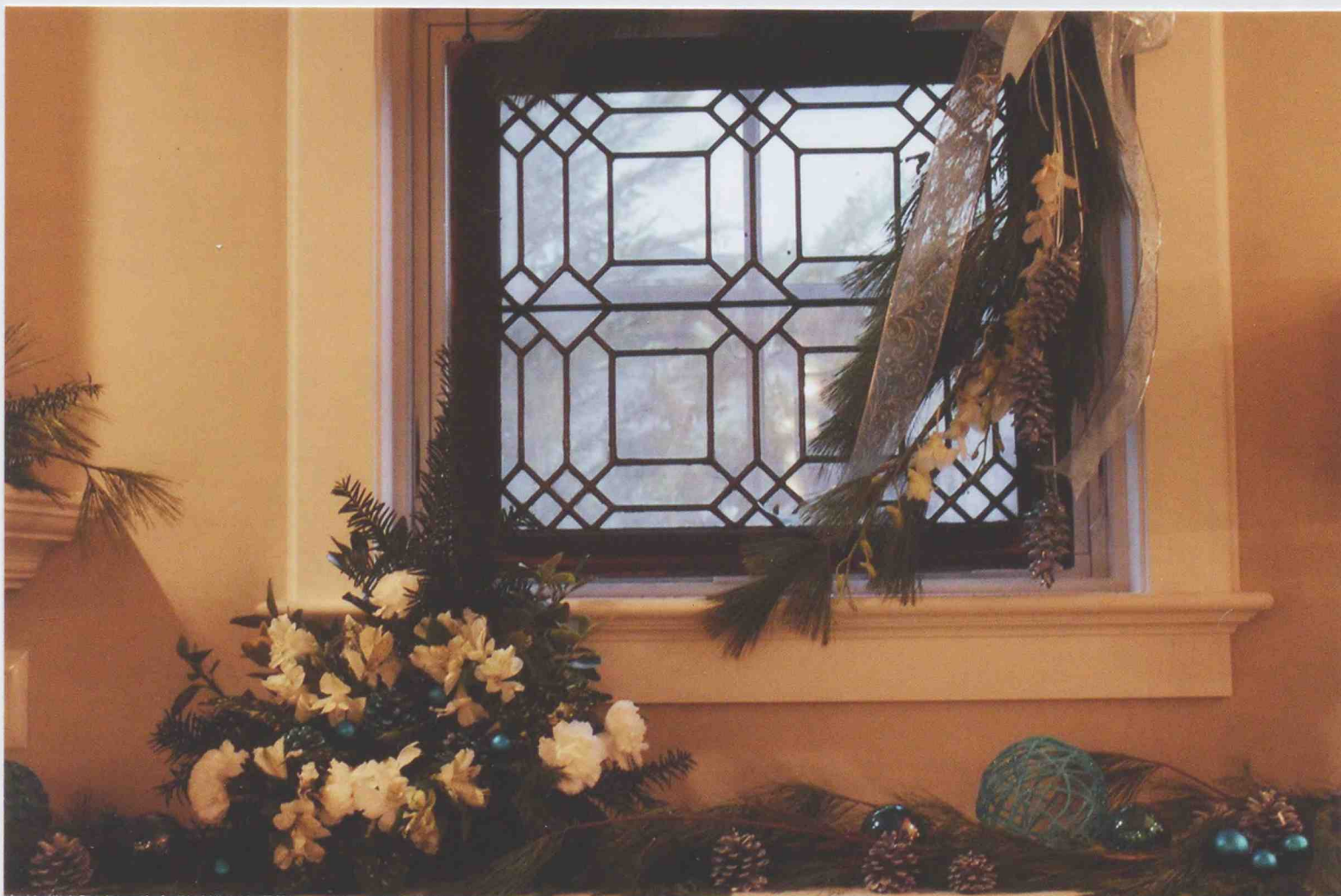
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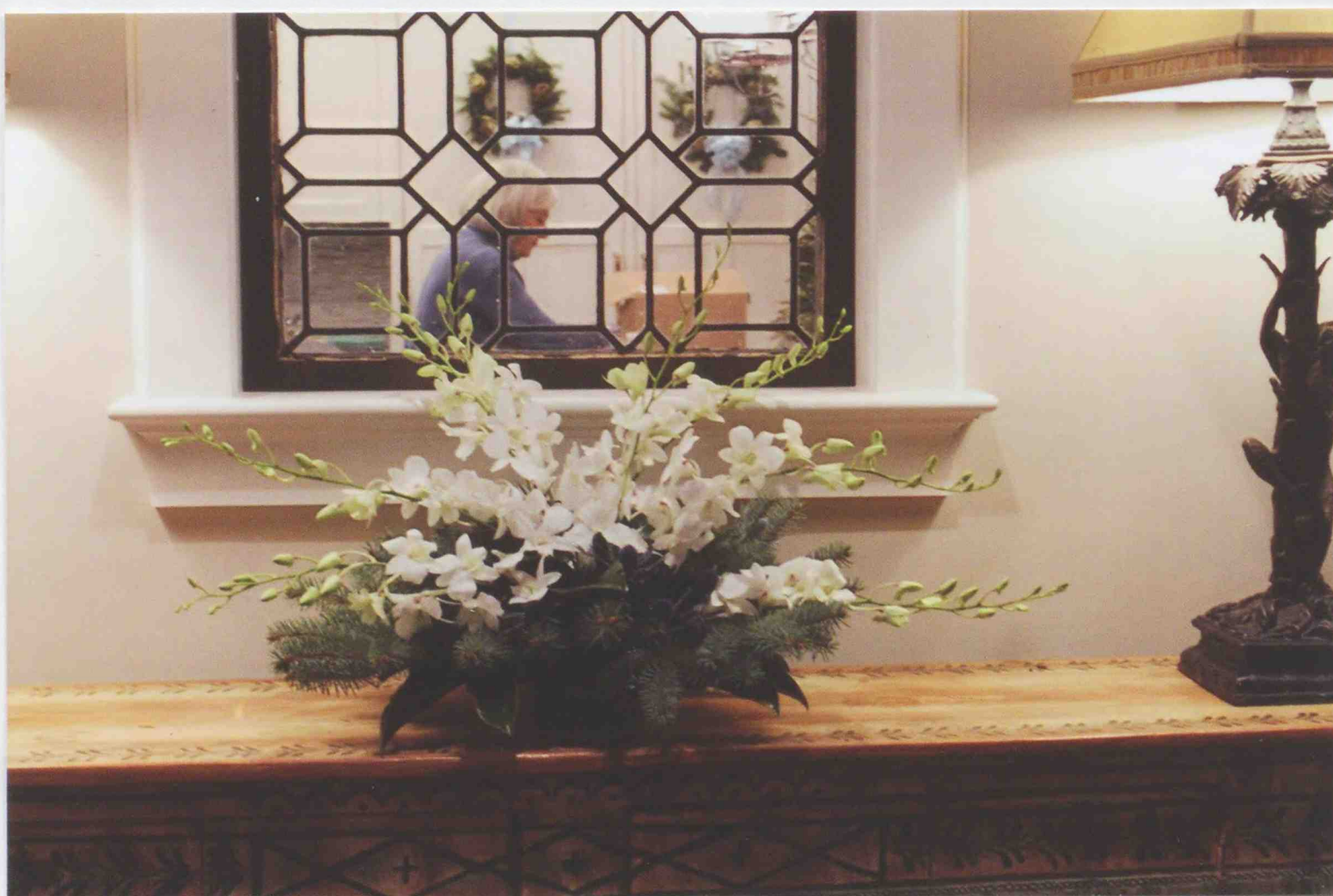
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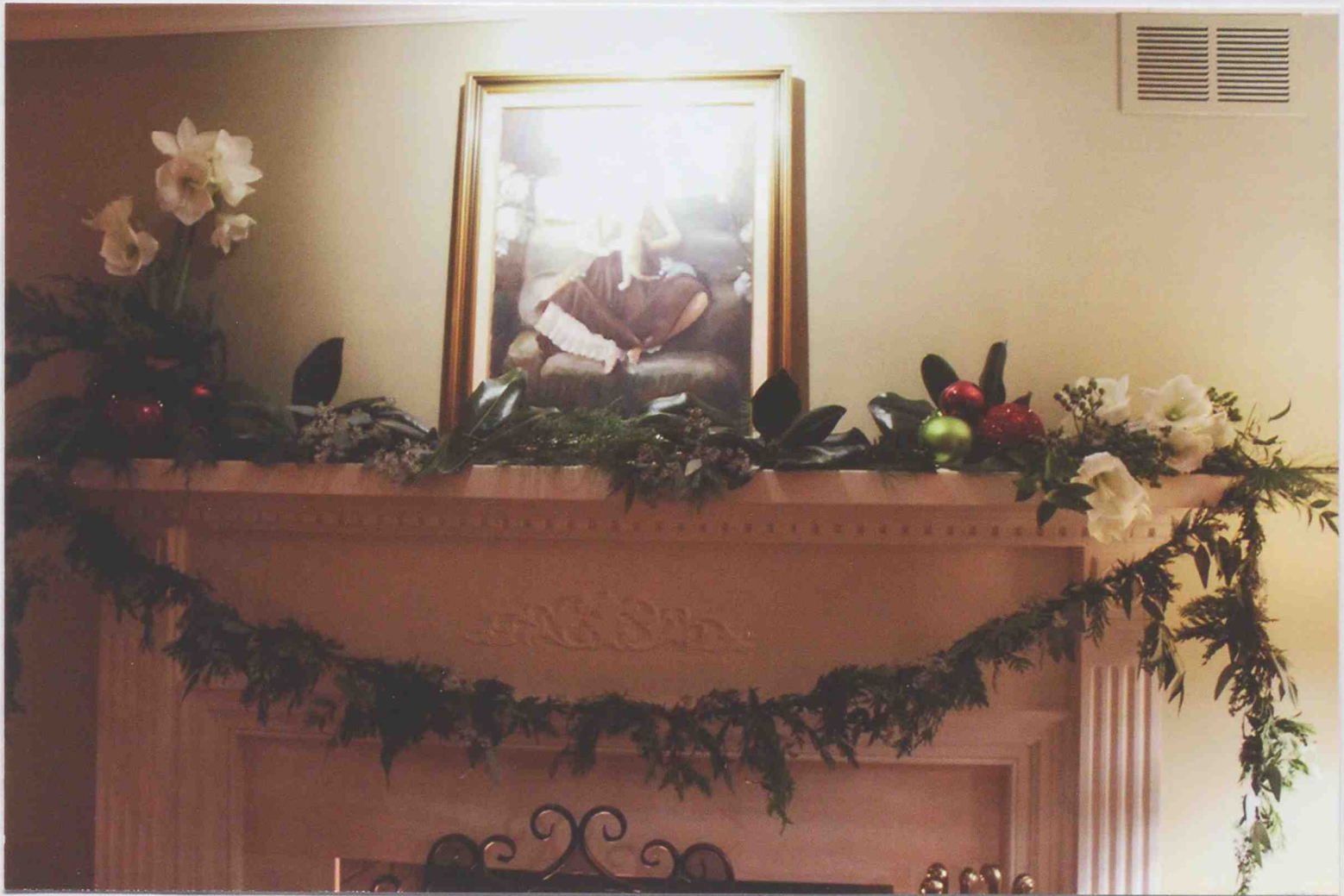


















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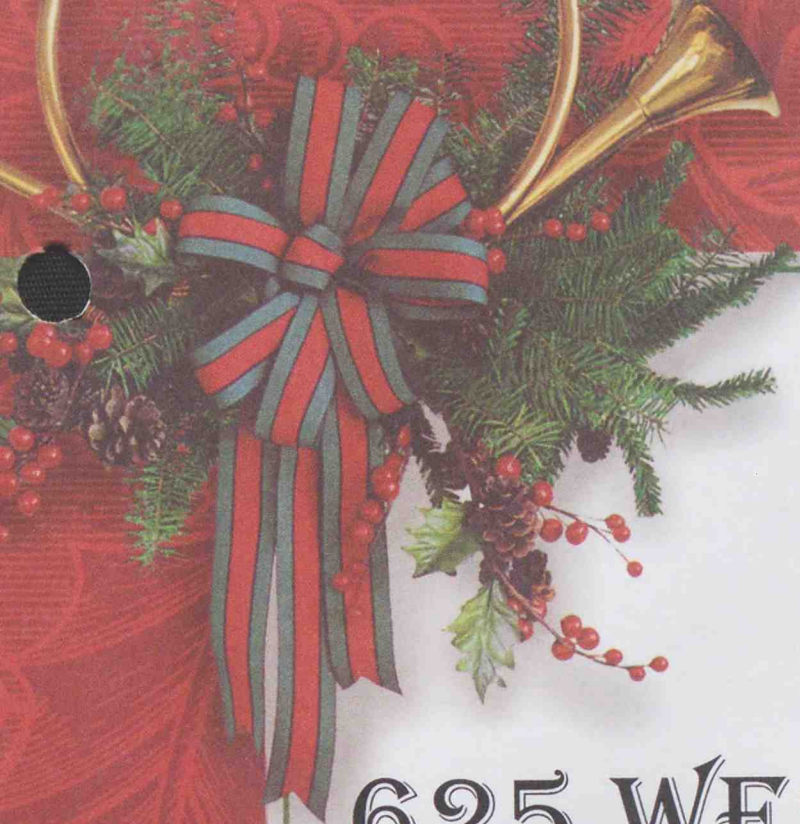
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Located on picturesque grounds in the Indian Forest section of Westfield, this Dutch Colonial will be one of the four classic homes on the Rake and Hoe Holiday House Tour being held on Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (courtesy photo)

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Only presented every four years, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor their 2014 Holiday House Tour on Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This event will be an outstanding effort on the part of every member of this group of floral designers and gardeners. The Womelsdorf home, one of the four stately homes, is located at 288 Watchung Fork in Westfield. A handsome, sprawling stone Dutch Colonial built in 1934, it was renovated

in 2011. The interior of the home is enhanced by many fine design elements. The large living room, decorated in the French Country style, is painted a brilliant bamboo shoot green, which gives the illusion of bringing the lovely grounds into the interior of the house. The delightful portrait of "The Lady with Cats" above the fireplace was purchased in a small artist studio in Rouen, France. The designers will transform these rooms and others to celebrate "A Tartan Christmas." All rooms will be trimmed in Scottish elements that are tied together with heather.

Handmade ornaments of tartan ribbon, Queen Ann's lace, and dried hydrangea will adorn the Holiday Tree along with the family's monogram. Surrounded by almost an acre of park-like property, it is a landscape delight even in the winter. Make sure to see how the designers introduce their theme as you approach the front lawn!

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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a reputation for its service to the community and donations to worthy causes. The Holiday House Tour is the club's primary source of revenue in support of their many service projects to the town, county, and state. As a volunteer organization, the garden club provides service to the community by maintaining the gardens found at the northside of the Westfield Train

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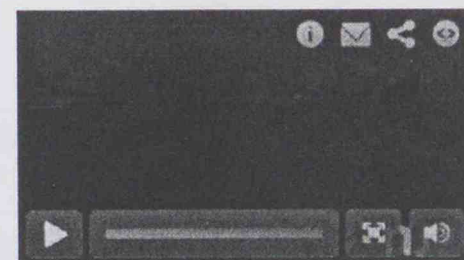
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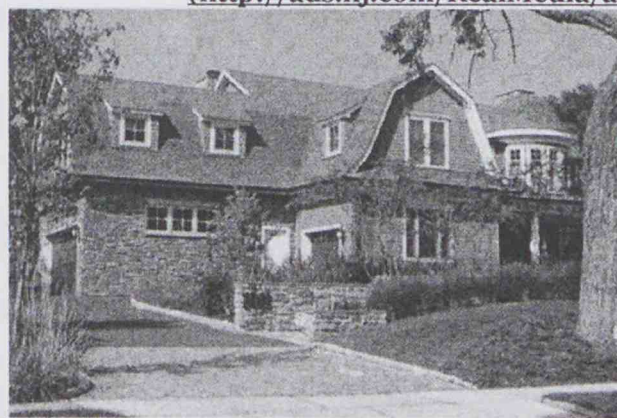
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ings as well as a three-floor staircase that had once been in another home for a harmonious blend of old and new.

Recycled and natural materials were also used to create its "Enchanted Holiday" theme with pops of bright colors throughout, including peacock feathers woven through the mantel garland in the family room. The breakfast area featured unique centerpieces made from dried artichokes and inverted acorn tops.

The Christmas tree was bedecked with handmade sparkling mushrooms, moss birdhouses and pinecones in shades of blue and silver. According to house co-chair, Tracy Sciettiello, RHGC members hand-painted the inside of clear glass balls blue and then coated the outside with a unique mirrored paint that made them look like old world antique glass.

Many items such as these were for sale at each home, and there was also a boutique at the Methodist Church. RHGC president Karen Jolleyes told *The Westfield Leader* and *Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* the club began planning the tour in January. Members then crafted a display of the dried florals over the summer, with the Christmas tree decorating and addition of fresh flowers all taking place in the final weeks leading up to the tour.

He added that natural décor can

four proceeds will support the club's operations and service projects throughout the community.



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ALL DECKED OUT...A festive tall mantel arrangement and Christmas tree festooned with red and white ornaments and a red poppy in the living room of the traditional Westfield Avenue residence on the Holiday House Tour.

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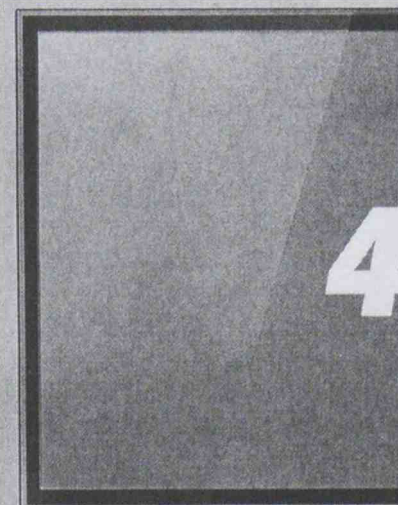
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WESTFIELD, NJ — Four elegant Westfield homes were on display this weekend during the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour, a special event that takes place just once every four years. Each home was decorated with a different theme, depending on the character of the home.

"Our members put in countless hours planning, sourcing and executing their designs to the highest standards," said Event Co-Chair Beth Siano. "The result was a beautiful and inspiring day that made it all worthwhile. We appreciate the support from the town of Westfield and the many local businesses that made contributions that ultimately help to support Rake and Hoe's community projects."

These tours are the Rake and Hoe Garden Club's primary source of revenue in support of their many service projects to the town, county and state for which it is known.

"The 2014 Deck the Halls House Tour was a great success due to the inspired efforts of The Rake and Hoe Garden Club Co-chairs Beth Siano and Pat Wilson; the House, Boutique, Ticket Sales and Publicity Chairs; and the talented members of the club who created the beautiful decorations," said Club President Karen Jolley-Gates. "We would also like to thank the town of Westfield and the many businesses which supported our efforts. The joint efforts of all of these parties made the tour an enjoyable event for all of our participants."

"We would like to thank our intrepid guests for making the 2014 Deck The Halls a wonderful success in spite of the heavens opening up on us," added Co-Chair Pat Wilson. "We look forward to having you all join us again for the 2018 Deck The Halls Holiday House Tour."



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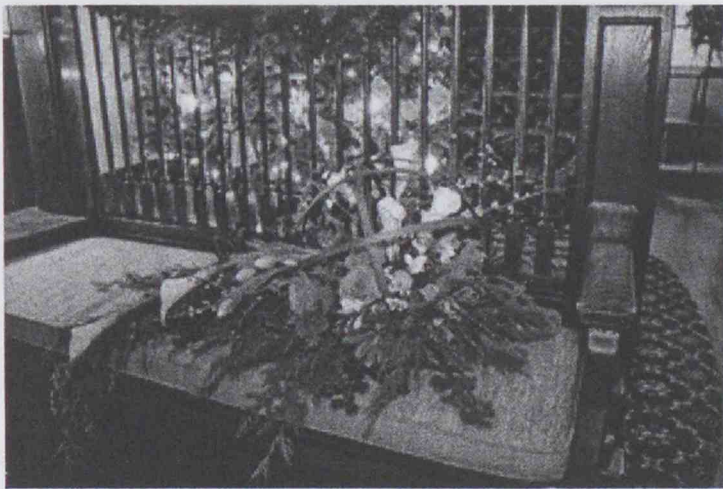
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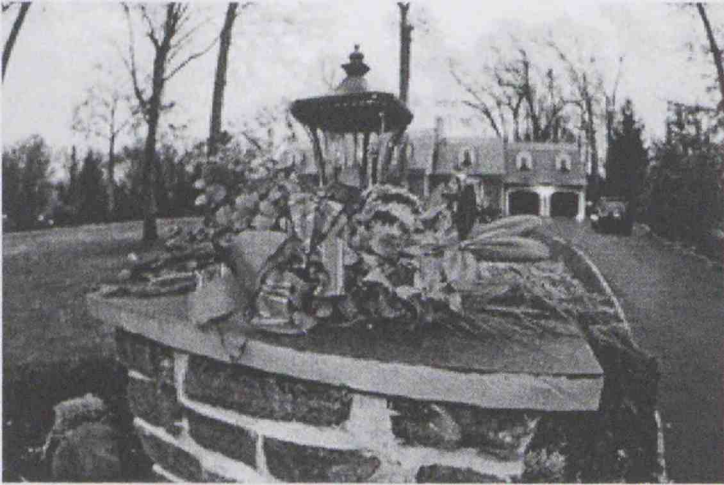
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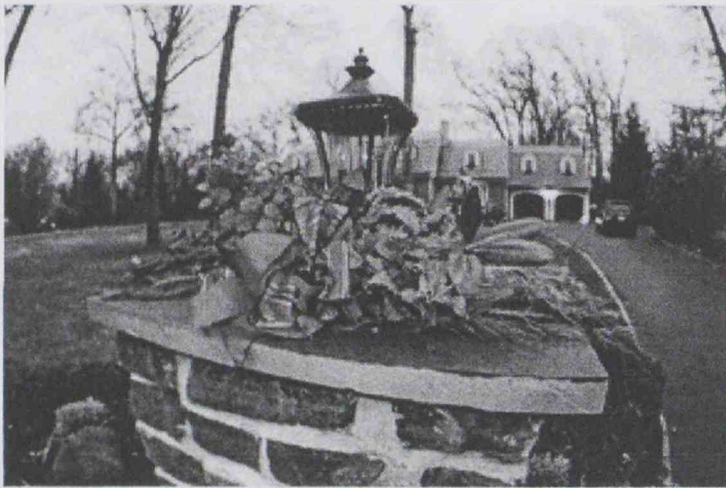
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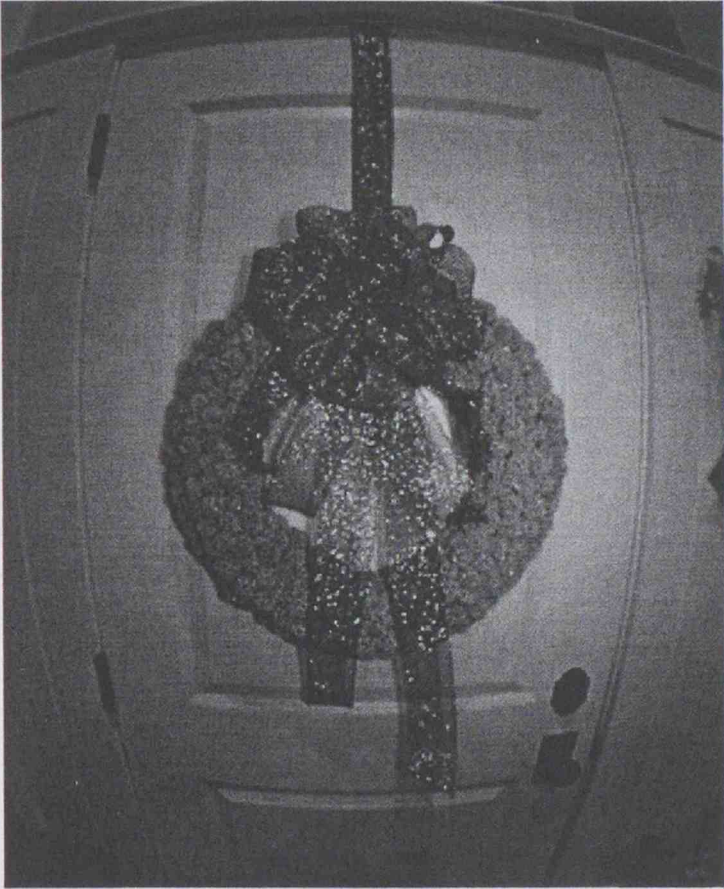


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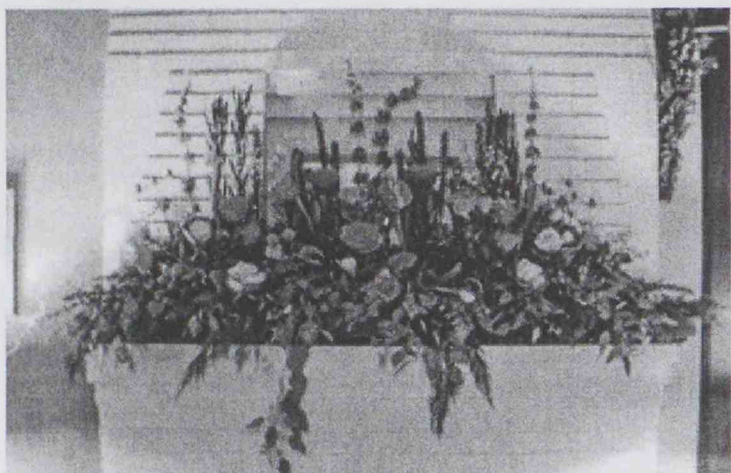
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