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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)

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

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

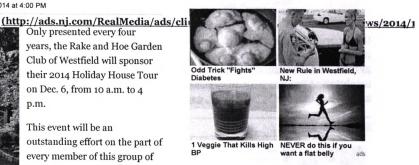
in 2011. The interior of the home is enhanced by many fine design elements. The large living room, decorated in the French Country style, is painted a brilliant bamboo shoot green, which gives the illusion of bringing the lovely grounds into the interior of the house. The delightful portrait of "The 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.

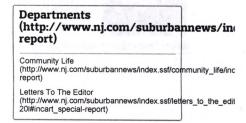
Handmade ornaments of tartan ribbon, Queen Ann's lace, and dried hydrangea will adorn the Holiday Tree along with the family's monogram. Surrounded by almost an acre of park-like property, it is a landscape delight even in the winter. Make sure to see how the designers introduce their theme as you approach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

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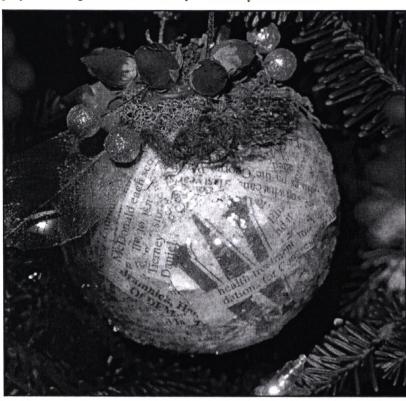
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Christie Storms for The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times A TOUCH OF HISTORY...For the Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour, members of the RHGC crafted elegant ornaments from old newspapers, including this one which features the "W" from The Westfield Leader masthead. The holiday decor in this South Euclid Avenue home gave a nod to the colonial's original owner, Walter Lee, a former publisher of this newspaper.

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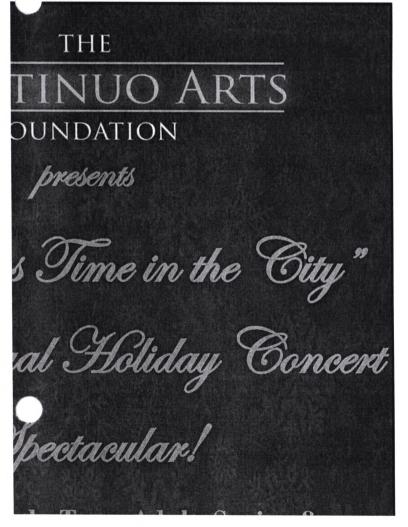
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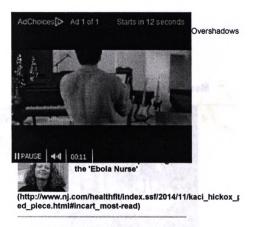
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"Our members put in countless hours planning, sourcing and executing their designs to the highest standards," said Event Co-Chair Beth Siano. "The result was a beautiful and inspiring day that made it all worthwhile. We appreciate the support from 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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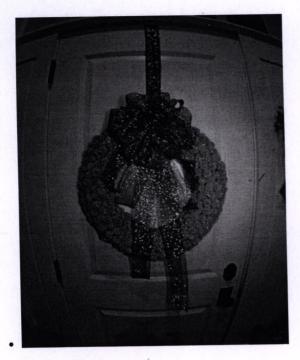
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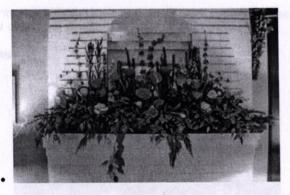
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