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Holiday House Tour*

Saturday, December 6th

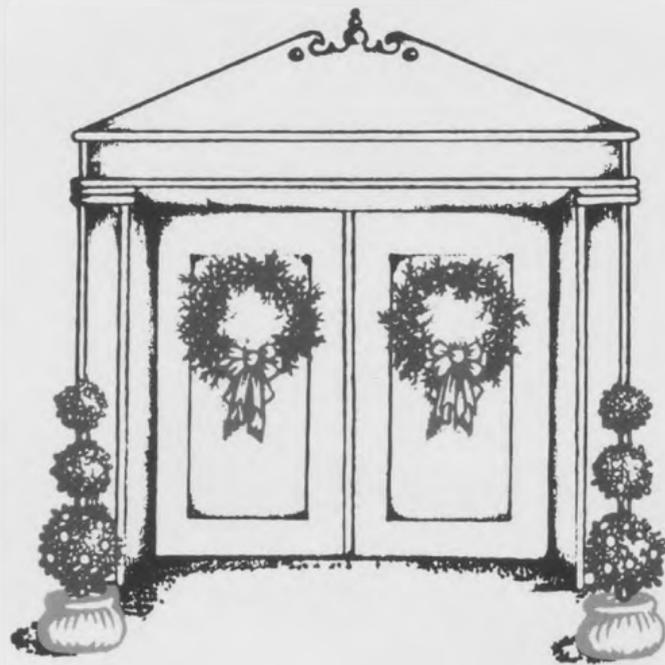
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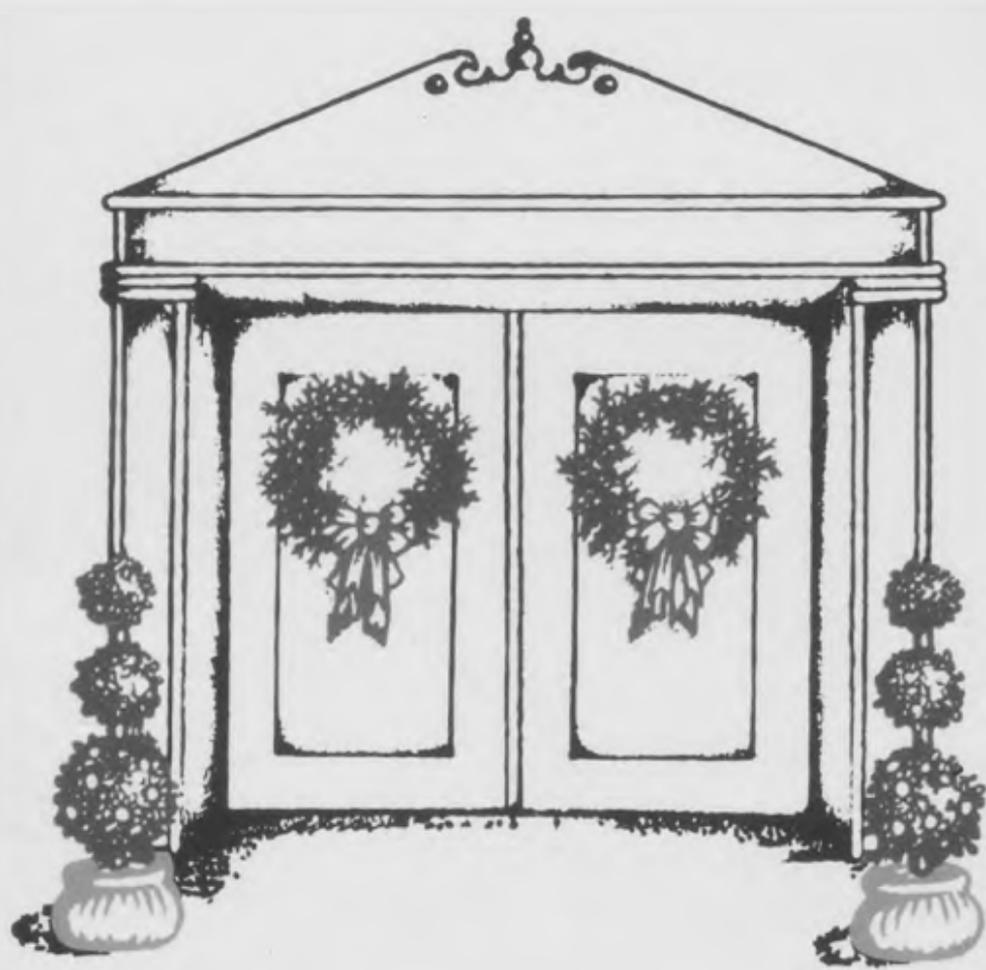
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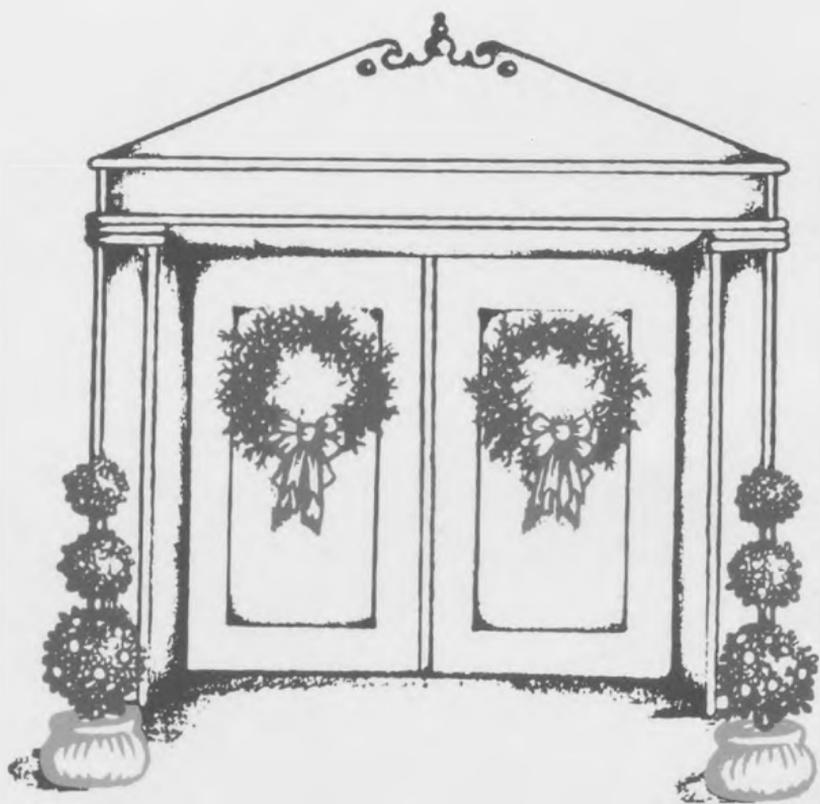
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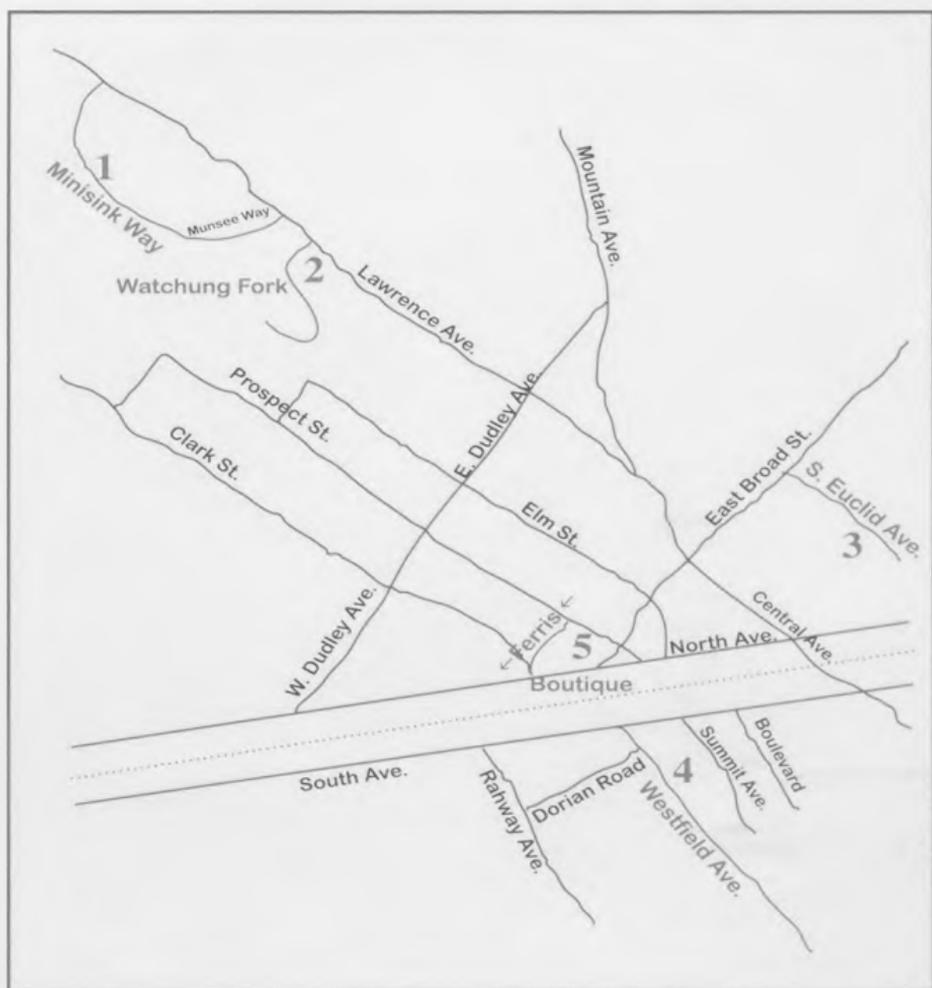
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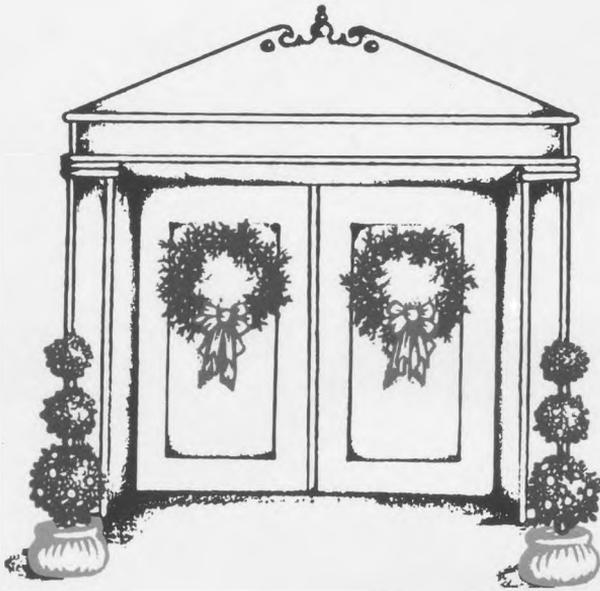
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Dear Guests,

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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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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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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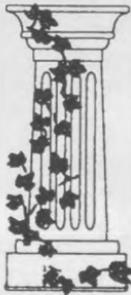


The Womelsdorf home, located at 288 Watchung Fork in Westfield, is a handsome, sprawling stone Dutch Colonial built in 1934. It was renovated in 2011. The interior of the home is enhanced by many fine design elements. The large living room, decorated in the French Country style, is painted a brilliant 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!

With thanks & best wishes to
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210 SOUTH EUCLID AVENUE



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.

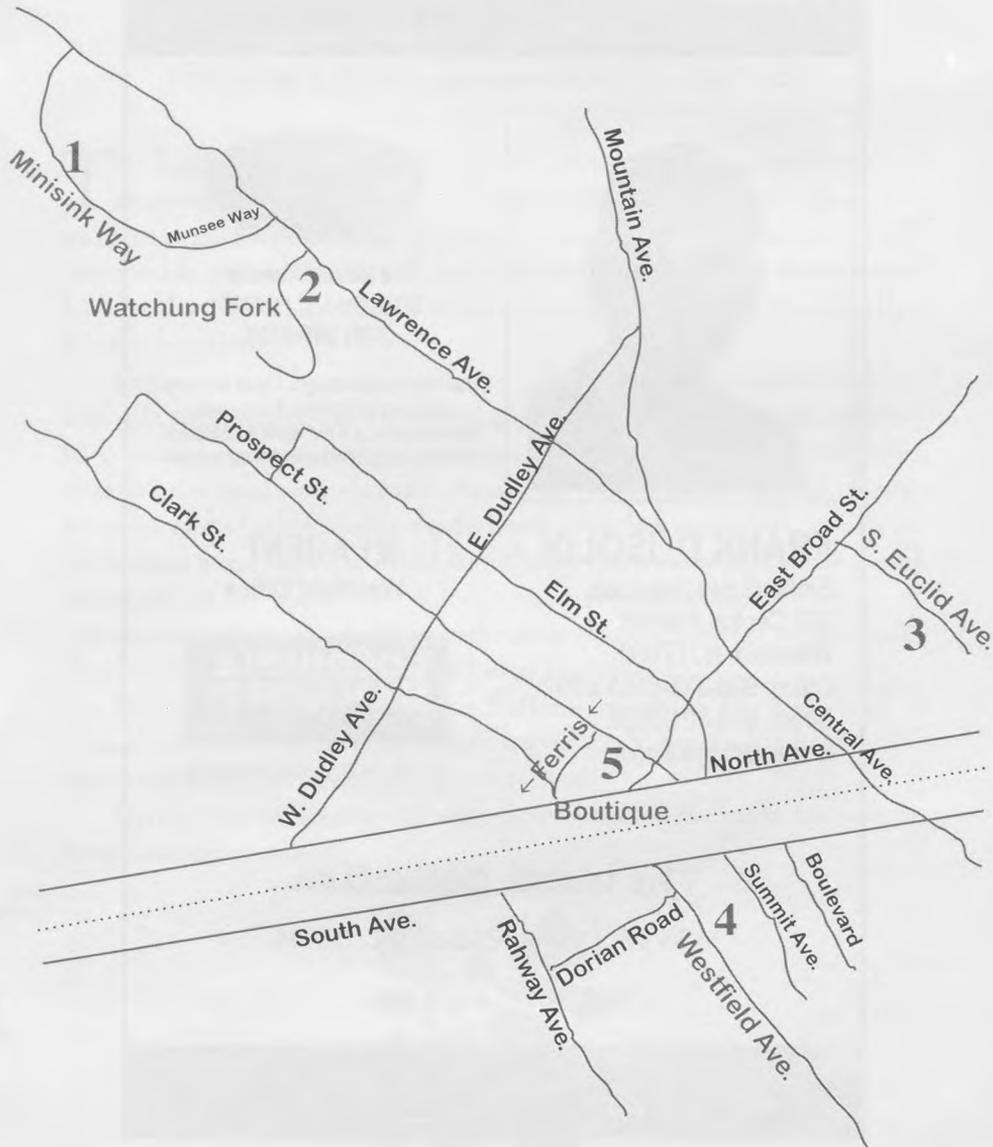
“Birch with a Twist of Moss” is the theme of the decorations throughout this stately home. Guests will notice the club’s use of unique containers, the presence of sparkle and reflections, and seasonal fruits, as well as birch and moss. The living room will have a handmade terrarium as one of the many 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.

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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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More Committee News & Announcements

Juniors . . .

The Juniors have been keeping their glue guns hot working extra time on their Artistic Craft projects for the GCNJ flower show. Keeping with the "Making Waves" theme some girls embellished toy boats and goggles with botanical materials. Others made botanical animal designs to be displayed in a frame.



Several of the older girls are also putting together and educational display on making hypertufa troughs as bird baths. And the February 12 meeting will be the big push to complete the fresh designs, including some staged in shells. Check them out when you go to the show!

- Beth Siano

DECK THE HALLS



While the snow is still on the ground as a reminder of winter, mark your calendars for the December 6, 2014, Deck the Halls house tour. Four wonderful houses have been chosen and co-chairs are in place to be announced at the February 5 meeting. The meeting will also be the time to sign up for your house or boutique so be sure to check out the display. Get set for a fun and creative holiday house tour year!

- Beth S. & Pat W.

2014
Artwork

5:00
at their Van der Groot Rose Garden in Franklin Township on March 8. To register or for more info, call 732-873-2459. EXT 21

R&H Cookbooks

Need a gift?
. . . a good recipe?

R&H Cookbooks
are still available!

Contact Karen J-G.



Publicity . . .

It's time to start thinking 'Spring' and our commitment to provide a display for the Westfield Library. Our display is scheduled for June (pls. note the change!) This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight our club and its many community activities. If you have any ideas or would like to help, contact Jeanie P.



No April Fools'!!

Interest Finders for our 2014-2015 year will be handed out at the meeting. Please complete and return with check for dues to Pat W. by April 1st.

-Karen J-G.

GCNJ Courses

Landscape Design School, Course II, Series XVII, is scheduled for April 15-18.



See *The Newsleaf* for more details.

Recipe of the Month

Easy Hazelnut-Orange-Cherry Loaf Cake

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| 3 eggs | |
| 3/4 c. vegetable oil | |
| 1/2 c. orange juice | Group I |
| 1/2 tsp vanilla extract | I |
| zest of one orange | |
| 1 1/4 c. sugar | |
| 2 c. flour | Group II |
| 1 tsp soda | II |
| 1 tsp powder | |
| 1/2 tsp salt | |
| 2 tsp cinnamon | |
| 1 1/2 finely ground hazelnuts | Group III |
| 1 c. dried cherries | III |
| (TJ's Montmorency) | |

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease & flour 2 pans. Mix wet ingredients (Grp I). Mix dry ingredients (Grp II) in bowl and add the wet ingredients. Add nuts and cherries (Grp III) to batter. Pour into pans and bake for 40-50 min or until toothpick comes out clean. Let cool for 10 min; remove from pan. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired.

- Inge B.



Thanks to the photographers who contributed to this issue of the Bloomin' Times: Jeanie & Richard P., Margot P., Inge B.

The R&H Photo Gallery can be viewed online or in your e-mail.

More Committee News & Announcements . . .

Juniors . . .

The Juniors celebrated their flower show awards at the March meeting. Then Clare M. made tree huggers of them all in a fun interactive program good for all ages.



The girls will be back at Miller-Cory in April for Spring clean-up. They will also start parsley seeds for transplanting to the Shadowlawn butterfly garden in May. Parsley is a host plant for the caterpillar stage of many butterflies and including it in the garden is a way to promote pollinators in New Jersey.

- Beth S.

Publicity . . .

Help
Wanted

Memorabilia and related items are needed for the June display at the Westfield Library. Jeanie P. will be collecting these items at the April and May meetings.

Items should be related to the activities of the Rake & Hoe Garden Club, e.g. community projects such as flower arrangements for Mobile Meals, flower service and Holiday bags for Lyons Hospital, ornaments for Jardine Academy,; also Juniors' activities, Deck the Halls (past and upcoming), and work at the community gardens. Please include a brief description of the item(s) you are lending for the display.

All items will be returned to each member. Items will be displayed in a glass cabinet at the Westfield Library, from June 2 -30.

Any questions? Contact Jeanie

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"Pinterest"

Now that groups are starting to meet, check out 'Pinterest' online as a way to find ideas and to share them. You'll find fabulous pictures of all types of holiday designs.

Here's how to get started:

1. Go to Pinterest.com and click "Join Pinterest".
2. Choose how you want to sign up-- either with your email address or through Facebook.
3. Just follow the prompts for entering username, email address and password. Then click "Create Account".
4. Once you're in, use the search box to search for categories like "Christmas natural designs". You can also find the Rake and Hoe boards set up by Beth S. and Diane G. by using their email addresses.

It takes some experimenting but it's a lot of fun and has loads of ideas you won't see in magazines.

- Beth S. & Pat W.

Secret Garden Tour

Mark Your Calendars! The annual R&HGC Garden Tour is coming soon - on Wednesday, May 28th at 9:00 am.



If you are planning to attend this fun-filled Club event, please bring a CHECK ONLY for \$10.00 made out to Carole Smillie to the next meeting.

Membership. . .

Pls. welcome our new members and update your directory!

Paula Long
908-654-1874 cell 908-451-0231
Email LUVART5@aol.com
2 Floral Court, Westfield

Cathy Becker
908-756-2822 cell 908-377-2237
Email cathymbecker@gmail.com
1056 Oak Lane, Plainfield

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R&HGC Annual Luncheon

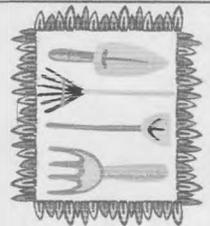
Please sign up for our annual luncheon, June 11th at Echo Lake Country Club. Cost is \$30. (cash or check), to Adah L.



GCNJ Annual Luncheon

Pat W. will collect checks & registration forms for the GCNJ Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Thursday, June 5th, 9:15am at the Bridgewater Marriott. This year's theme is, "Bee-You-Tify Your Garden".

Cost is \$48. (checks ONLY, made out to GCNJ). Deadline for registration is May 19; forms will be available at our April meeting or online.



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News from the October Program 'Winterizing Your Garden'

Craig Stock, a well-known and long-time resident of Westfield who has grown his landscaping business into one of the most respected in the area, provided an informal program with tips on preparing our gardens for winter. With his know-how and members' interest and many questions, it was a lively discussion full of good information which we took home to our gardens!



-Inge B.

Upcoming Activities . . .

Community Projects & Service

- 11/5 Ornaments for Jardine
- 11/6 Train Station Cleanup
- 11/7 Lyons Flower Service

12/9 Tree decorating at Jardine

Juniors

- 11/19 DTH Workshop at Beth S. home
- 12/18 Crafts workshop for GCNJ Flower Show

Meetings

- 11/3 Board Meeting at Nancy S. home
- 11/12 Joint Meeting with the WGC at the Westfield Y
- 12/1 Board Meeting at Beth S. home
- 12/10 R&H meeting at Beth S. home

Workshops

- 11/10 Flower Design: Boxwood Topiary at Mtinside Community Room

November Joint Program with GCW 'Textures of the Holiday Season'



Our club will be hosting the joint meeting with the Garden Club of Westfield. Ken Norman, a third generation floral designer and instructor at the the NY Botanical Garden, will show us how to use textures in our holiday designs - useful know-how for our upcoming 'Deck the Halls' house tour.

Coming in December . . .

'Deck the Halls' After-Glow...

Now the work is done,
So it's time for fun.

And we will meet
Then enjoy and eat,

And a toast we'll pour
To a great house tour!



December 6th

'Deck The Halls' Holiday House Tour

More to Do (more details in the News Leaf)

- 12/3, 12/10, 12/14 - Guided tour of Drumthwacket.
<http://www.drumthwacket.org/>
- 12/8 Dogwood GC of Princeton Holiday Luncheon & Fundraiser, Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor. Tickets: \$50. Call 609-921-3165.
- 12/11 Annual Holiday Tour of Homes held by The GC of LBI Tickets \$35 (include tea & boutique).
www.thegardencluboflbi.com

Announcements

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It's crunch time for the committees, publicity, and ticket sales. Check out the yard signs around town and the big banner at the circle, as well as our website and on-line press. All these channels are meant to supplement person-to-person ticket sales that are at the heart of making this a successful fundraiser. Now is the time to call your friends and neighbors to get them out to this wonderful event. Carolynn Pulliam will have tickets available at our November meeting or you can contact her by email at ccpull@comcast.net.

Here's the Countdown Calendar:

- Fri 11/15 Deadline for flower orders to Ferris
- Tues 12/2 Trees delivered to houses
- Thurs 12/4 Some committees putting up trees & outside designs
- Fri 12/5 Work Day! Lunch will be delivered. 7 pm candle-light tour of the houses
- Sat 12/6 Tour Day 10 - 4. Co-chairs will pick up cash boxes at end of day
- Mon 12/8 Pick up loaned materials at the houses
- Wed 12/10 Afterglow Party at Beth S. home. All expense vouchers with receipts are due

- Beth S. & Pat W.

Scavenging Treasures . . .



Needed

If you have any of these items, pls. contact the member looking.

Lg. Magnolia leaves Kris L.

Pristine shopping bags for boutique (no brown paper) Gayle L.

Have to Give

If you need or can use these items, pls. contact the member listed.

Fresh Moss Beth S.

Publicity Report for DTH . . .

Nine articles about the Holiday House Tour have appeared in print and online media. They have been emailed to the membership. Remember to circulate them to anyone you think would be interested. Also, load them onto your Facebook page.

Several articles have been published in October in the print media, including in the in "Community Section" of the *Suburban News*, and *The Westfield Leader*.

Several articles have been published online in October: *Westfieldtoday.com* in their *DTW November* newsletter, *Mycentraljersey.com*, and *Nj.com*, *Alternativepress.com* or *tapinto.net*.

For November, both the *Alternative Press* and *The Westfield Leader* want a composite article for a larger article. The last two houses will be spotlighted in them. In November and early December, we hope to get the Tour in the calendar sections of the *Westfield Patch* and *The Star Ledger*.

Thank you to Richard P. for contacting Assemblyman Bramnick about putting our house tour on his website.

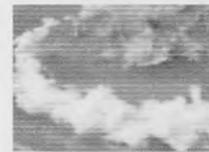
- Irene G.

Recipe of the Month Easy Appies for Entertaining

CRAB DELIGHT

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
6 ounces crabmeat, drained and flaked
12 ounces seafood cocktail sauce
fresh parsley, to garnish (optional)

Mix crab meat and cream cheese together. Spread into a 9 inch size pie pan or similiar dish. Pour cocktail sauce over crab meat mixture to cover completely. Sprinkle with parsley. Refrigerate at least 1 hour to blend flavors. Serve with assorted crackers.



SMOKED OYSTER TIDBITS

24 Nabisco Triscuits
1 (8 ounce) cream cheese
24 smoked oysters (TJ's has them)
chopped parsley

Spread cream cheese on Triscuits. Top each with a smoked oyster. Garnish with parsley.

ASPARAGUS ROLL-UPS

1/4 lb prosciutto, 20 very thin slices
1 lb asparagus, about 20 roasted
1/4 lb cheese, 20 pieces (use your favorite semi-firm sliced cheese).

Place prosciutto on a working surface, place 1 piece of cheese on each slice then lay spears on cheese.

Roll each up and place on a platter.



Happy Holidays!



October Meeting

(photos by Jeanie & Richard P.)



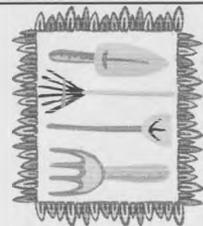
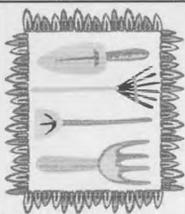
**Spreading the Word for
the DTH Tour!**

The Rake & Hoe Photo Gallery November 2014



DTH Workshops

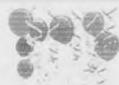




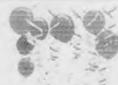
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



President's Letter



I want to again thank the Deck the Halls Co-Chairs, Beth Siano and Pat Wilson, Carolyn Pulliam who handled ticket sales, Irene Greenstein who chaired Publicity, the Boutique Co-Chairs: Gail Kender, Gayle Lechner and Mary Smith, the House Co-Chairs: Colleen Schmidt, Maryann Pietruszki, Nancy Smith, Jill Sitcer, Barbara Spellmeyer, Tracy Criscitiello, Pat Badala, Alice Cowell and Joan Barna; Barbara Murphy who helped with the printed materials, and Darielle Walsh, Susan Dinan and Jeanne Ryan who worked on the ad book/program and

Kay Cross and Anna Daurio who handled flowers and helped with the house selection. And of course, a big thanks to all of the members who worked so creatively and energetically to make the house tour such a success.

The members of this club are truly fabulous and you all are to be congratulated for the great success of this year's Deck the Halls tour. We have received many compliments on this year's tour- just last Friday I received a call from a friend who raved about the innovative designs and creativity of the tour- she was very impressed. But I knew the tour would be great because the club always outdoes itself!

Now we can look forward to the rest of the year with the great meetings, workshops and trips that are planned. Enjoy!

-Karen

January 2015 Program . . .

Private Gardens of NY, NJ, Connecticut & Eastern PA

Mary Jasch, publisher and editor of *DIG IT!* Magazine and author of, 'Best Hikes with Dogs in New Jersey', will present a program using her considerable and wide-ranging knowledge and experience of plants in natural landscapes and designed gardens.



Coming Soon! . . .

The Annual GCNJ Flower Show,
"A Garden of Authors"
February 12-15, 2015

www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com

Upcoming Activities . . .

Community Projects & Service

- 2/3/15 Indoor Plants at Jardine Academy
- 2/20 Lyons Flower Service

Juniors

- 1/21/15 "Flower Power" at Beth S's home
- 2/11 Floral Design for GCNJ Flower Show at Beth S.'s

Meetings

- 1/5/15 Board Meeting at Barbara M. home
- 1/14/15 R&H General Mtg at Westfield 'Y'
- 1/21/15 By-Laws & Long-Range Planning at Diana K's home
- 1/29/15 Finance Committee at Pat W.'s home
- 2/2 Board Meeting at Beth H.'s home
- 2/10 Program Committee Meeting at Kris L.'s home
- 2/18 R&H General Mtg at Westfield 'Y'
- 2/24 Membership Tea at Diana K.'s home

Trips

- 2/6/15 Trip to Dearborn Farms. Meet to carpool at Margot P.'s

Workshops

- 1/12/15 Movie Night, 'The Big Year' at Lee P's home
- 1/16/15 Photography Workshop, 'How to Print Photos for Competition' at Inge B's home
- 1/28/15 Flower Design. "Art in Bloom" at the Mtinside Community Room
- 2/11 Assist horticulture check-in at GCNJ Flower Show
- 2/23 Edible Birdhouse Workshop. Mtinside Community Rm

More to Do (details in the News Leaf)

- 2/12-15/15 GCNJ Flower Show, EXPO Convention Ctr, Edison, NJ
- 2/28 Philadelphia Flower Show opens

More Committee News & Announcements

Photography

Has the Shutterbug bitten, yet? Consider entering a photo or two in the Photography class of the GCNJ Flower Show! Judging from the photo contest at last June's luncheon, there is much photographic talent in the club -- time to share on the State's stage!

For those wishing to participate in the State Show, and would like some help in custom printing their photos, there will be a Photography Workshop on Friday, January 16 at Inge's, 1 to 3 pm. Bring your photos on a thumb drive. There will be a nominal fee for printing to cover the cost of ink and paper. In order to accommodate all, there will be initially a limit of 2 prints per person; more if time permits, so chose judiciously. Frames will also be available. Below is the GCNJ Flower Show Photography schedule; use this to help guide your selections. The workshop is limited to 8 people. Sign up will be at the January meeting. Questions? Please contact Inge or Margot.

Program . . .

The program committee will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 9:30 at Kris Luka's home. Please get ideas for programs to Kris by Monday, Feb. 9. Anyone interested in program is welcome to come to the meeting.

- Kris L.

Thanks!

To the photographers who contributed to this issue of the *Bloomin' Times*:

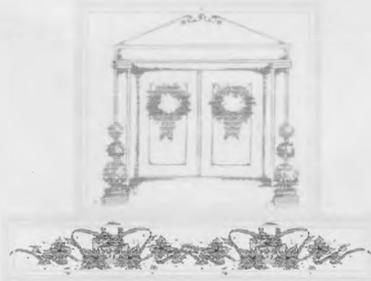
Jeanie & Richard P., and
Barbara M.

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Paula Long's new email address is
longpaula85@gmail.com

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It's finally time to relax a bit and enjoy Richard and Jeannette P.'s lovely photos in this issue and others to come at a later date.

Thank you once again to everyone for all the effort, skill and teamwork that made the Holiday House Tour such a successful event.

- Beth & Pat



Photography Schedule for the GCNJ Flower Show, February 12-15, 2015

(for clearer text, pls visit the show website),

http://floramity.com/Alt_Host/GCNJ/FlowerShow-Feb2015-102414.pdf

SECTION D. PHOTOGRAPHY "On Photography" by Susan Sontag

Sontag's interest in photography was based on her view of the ephemeral quality of the image, the "illusion" of a captured reality that it claims to hold before the viewer as a presence. But Sontag recognized that the photograph is actually a "pseudo-presence and a token of absence." And, as a result it continually generates successive readers and reading -- that is it demands a critical involvement, that is ongoing and dynamic. (Columbia Literary History of the United States Columbia University Press, 1988.)

Eligible for GCNJ Photography Award

Consultant: Carol English overbrook@comcast.net 908-931-1426

CLASS 4: Landscapes/Gardens/Ponds

CLASS 5: Wildlife

CLASS 6: Birds

CLASS 7: Flowers

CLASS 8: Insects and other Arthropods

CLASS 9: "The Great American Novel -- A Garden of Authors"

-- Recipe of the Month --

Southern Girl Frittata

3/4 C chopped bell pepper, any color
1&1/2 C. Sliced mushrooms
1&1/2 C chopped zucchini
3/4 C chopped onions
1 C sliced carrots
3 T olive oil

Sauté all in the oil for 5 minutes.

Combine the following :

6 eggs, beaten
1/4 C lite cream
1 lb cream cheese, diced
1&1/2 C shredded cheddar cheese
2 C cubed bread
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper

Combine the veggie mixture with the egg mixture.

Put into a greased 2 quart casserole.

Bake 350 for 1 hour or until set.

Cool 10 minutes ".....SERVES 12

- Lee P.

The Rake & Hoe Photo Gallery. . . . December 2014



DTH Moments. . .
(photos by Pelikan Pix, Barbara M. & Inge B.)



The Rake & Hoe Photo Gallery December 2014



DTH 'After Glow' Party
(photos by Pelikan Pix)

