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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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- Claire Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden at the Westfield Historical Society Reeve House

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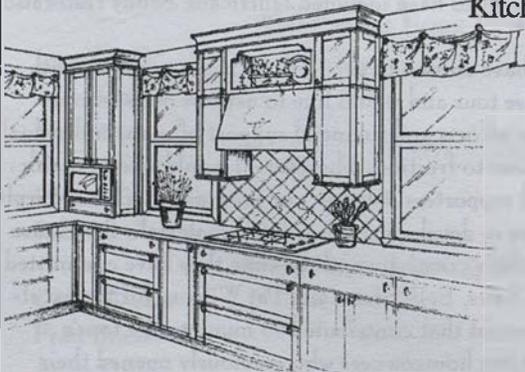
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Recycled materials from nature will be used to enhance the “Enchanted Holiday” theme of the club’s decorations. Pine cones, twigs, mushrooms, and birds will take on a silver sparkle. The kitchen will feature wreaths and a topiary using fruits and vegetables.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

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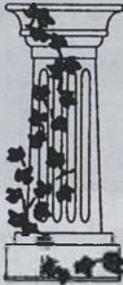


The Womelsdorf home, located at 288 Watchung Fork in Westfield, is a handsome, sprawling stone Dutch Colonial built in 1934. It was renovated in 2011. The interior of the home is enhanced by many fine design elements. The large living room, decorated in the French Country style, is painted a brilliant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

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.

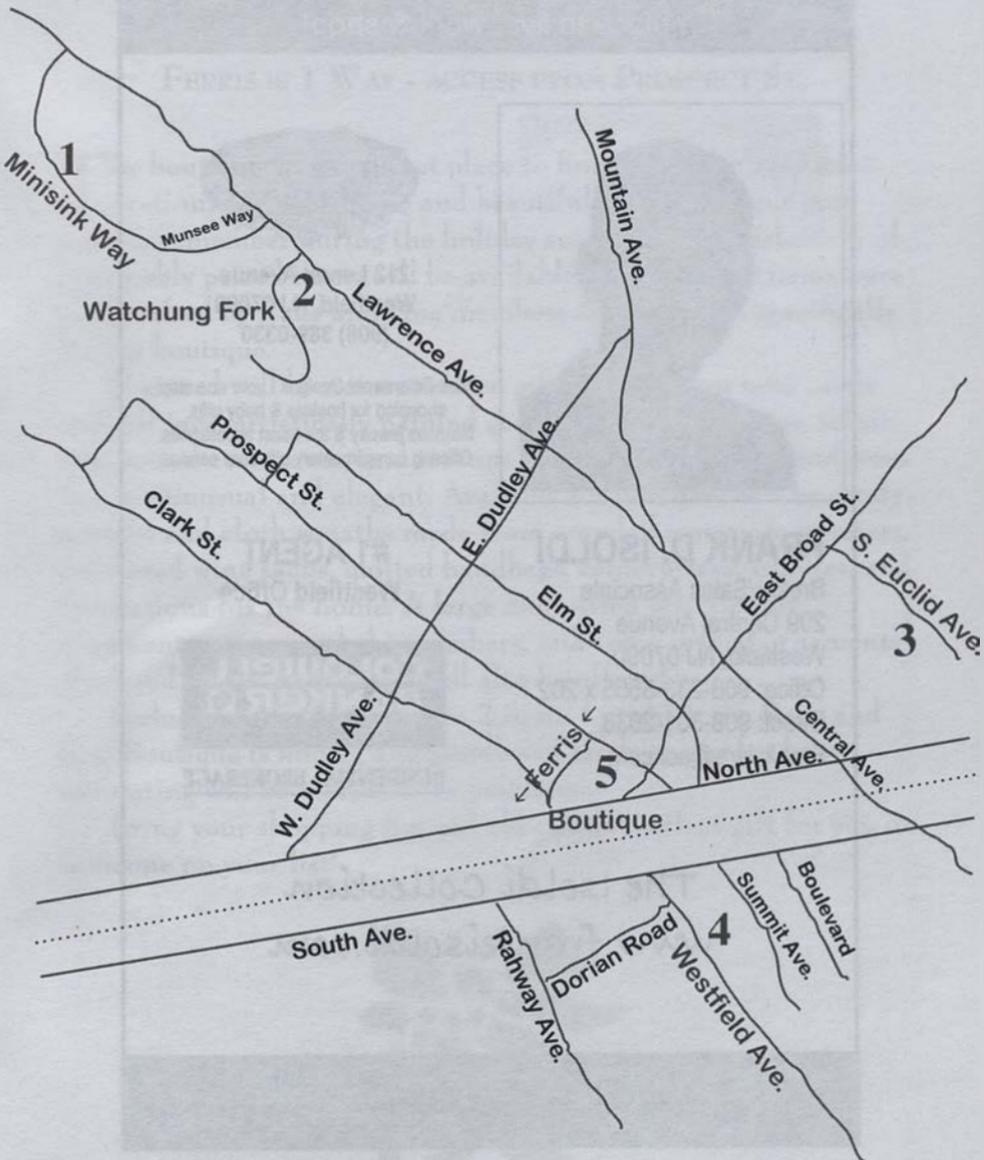
"Birch with a Twist of Moss" is the theme of the decorations throughout this stately home. Guests will notice the club's use of unique containers, the presence of sparkle and reflections, and seasonal fruits, as well as birch and moss. The living room will have a handmade terrarium as one of the many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

“Deck the Halls”

- 1 1011 MINISINK WAY
- 2 288 WATCHUNG FORK
- 3 210 SOUTH EUCLID AVENUE
- 4 625 WESTFIELD AVENUE
- 5 BOUTIQUE
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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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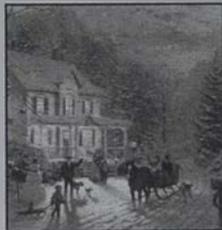
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