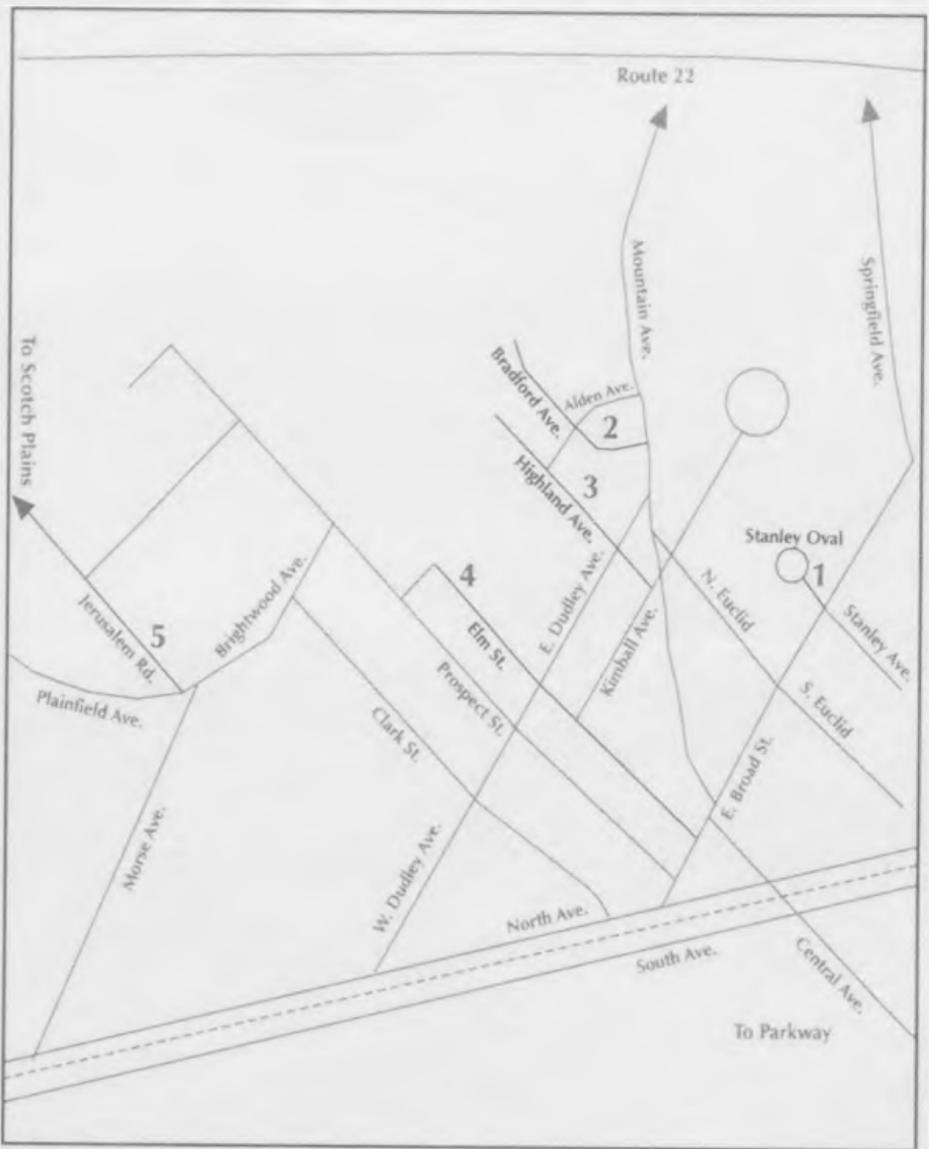


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- 1 STANLEY OVAL
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- 3 541 HIGHLAND AVE.
- 4 641 ELM ST.
- 5 BOUTIQUE

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TREASURER: BETSY CHANCE**

1 STANLEY OVAL

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531 BRADFORD STREET

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540 HIGHLAND AVENUE

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540 Highland Avenue: Betsy Ferguson and her family

641 Elm Street: Sydney Sherry and her family

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Dear Guests,

Deck The Halls is Rake & Hoe's gift to the town, our homeowners and our guests. It's about creating a sensory experience of the holidays and giving our guests that feeling of wide-eyed wonder and excitement they felt as children.

If everyone has a holiday muse, then you will surely find yours here! As you move through the houses on a treasure hunt of evocative holiday vignettes, we hope that moments of joy and delight turn into a journey of inspiration and your anticipation of the holidays is rewarded. Thank you for joining us!

Our **Team Members** will tell you that with hard work, passion and perseverance, anything is possible – and everything from Amaryllis to Winterberries is fair game! We roam our backyards and nurseries planning compositions and pruning nature for elements that might be "just right" in traditional design or a design inspired by the unconventional. We look forward to hearing what inspires you!

Our House Teams' designs are the story books of our four elegant homes. Working with the homes and our homeowners' treasured collections where each piece has a story to tell and reflects a fond memory, the Teams find those magical ingredients that set the themes, inspire beautiful designs composed of natural materials and make each home an unforgettable experience.

The Boutique Team has delighted in infusing winter wonder in the most elegant of ways! They have taken their cues from Mother Nature and crafted a wealth of holiday décor designs and hostess gifts just for you to discover and enjoy.

The proceeds of each Deck The Halls Holiday House Tour are used to support club operations and its numerous **Service Projects** for: Westfield Mobile Meals, The Jardine Academy, Lyons Veterans Hospital, community gardens and parks, local elementary schools and libraries, horticultural organizations, and land trusts. Certain projects have been part of our service since our founding in 1952.

Deck The Halls is truly a group effort! I would like to thank our amazing House and Boutique Teams and their co-chairs, Tour Co-chairs: Sharon Shiraga and Susan Dinan and Tour Treasurer: Betsy Chance. Hard work, passion and perseverance say it all! Our Program Sponsors and Product Donors also work behind the scenes and contribute tremendously to making this event happen – you are great partners. Our print media design team at Sir Speedy of Westfield, Barbara and Jim Murphy, make this program and all of our other collateral eye catching!

Finally, we all wholeheartedly thank our wonderful **Families** who opened their homes, hearths and hearts to us. Your generosity and graciousness are so greatly appreciated! We wish you all many more happy holidays in your elegant homes.

WHAT'S THE BEST HOUSE? The one where guests break into grins of contentment and twinkles appear in their eyes!
Enjoy Deck The Halls 2018!

Pat Wilson, President
The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield

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inside the houses.
Thank you very much.

IDEAS TO TRY AT HOME

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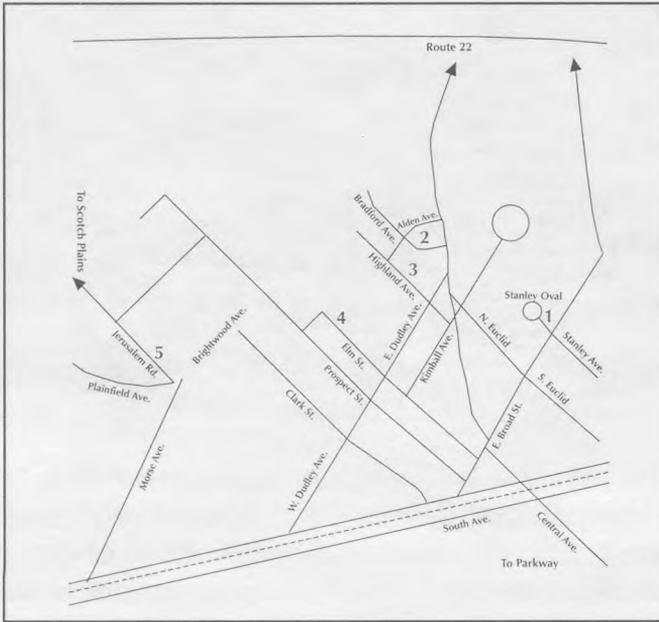
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HOUSE # 4

BOUTIQUE

4 HOMES DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND FEATURING OUR "NATURE'S HOLIDAY ELEGANCE" BOUTIQUE



- 1 1 Stanley Oval
- 2 531 Bradford Street
- 3 540 Highland Avenue
- 4 641 Elm Street
- 5 Boutique - Scotch Hills Country Club
820 Jerusalem Road
Scotch Plains

The Boutique and Houses May Be
Visited in any order.

#1 — 1 STANLEY OVAL "FAMILY HOLIDAY HOMESTEAD"



The history of this delightful home inspired its "Family Holiday Homestead" theme. When you arrive, the wide and spacious front porch will enchant you with its charming and winsome décor and invite you inside to reminisce about your family's traditions.

It's easy to imagine cozy family gatherings in the kitchen and family room while the formal dining and living rooms will impress you with their sophistication. Make sure to find the gingerbread carousel in the kitchen – good enough to eat!

A smile will most certainly cross your face as you delight in the abundance of children's toys on the welcoming wreath, nutcrackers marching up the stairs and the Christmas trees bedecked with handcrafted ornaments made from classic children's toys. A whimsical toy truck adorned with holiday blooms is featured in the family room. This home surely will bring back childhood holiday memories and the warmth of simpler times.

#2 — 531 BRADFORD AVENUE

“WOODLAND TIDINGS”



Pots brimming with greens and gilded pinecones hug the front steps, setting the “Woodland Tidings” holiday theme for this house. In the entry, a rustic old St. Nick and his companion fox greet guests. Vines and greens intertwined with lime and cranberry ribbon adorn the staircase.

Woodland turns to elegance in the living room where the mantel features an asymmetrical design of burgundy amaryllis, greens, berries, and candles. Nestling in the living room is a grapevine swan overflowing with flowers keeping company with our pianist, Carolyn, serenading us with Christmas carols.

Handmade stockings stuffed with flowers introduce the den, which is decked out in grapevine wreaths and handmade pillows. The elegant woodland theme flows into the dining room with European-influenced floral arrangements. In the kitchen, dinnerware is set amidst a forest of birch and pine on an embroidered runner of Nordic design. Hand-crafted “Tomte Nisse,” Scandinavian forest gnomes, wish us good luck in the coming year. Finally, in the family room, Santa keeps watch over a Christmas tree with handmade birds, handcrafted birdhouses and gilded balls nestled within its boughs.

#3 – 540 HIGHLAND AVENUE

“FROM FARM TO CITY CHRISTMAS”



“From Farm to City Christmas,” the theme of this bright and cheery home, reflects the origins of our homeowner who grew up on a Midwestern farm. As guests approach this spacious home, they will find themselves greeted along the walkway by metallic farm animals decked out for the holidays in sprigs of greenery.

The country Christmas continues with the family room tree decorated with hand-stitched farm animals. In the kitchen, a homemade gingerbread farmhouse sits on the island tempting all who walk by. The Hoosier cabinet, a family heirloom, is adorned with a small tree made of branches and berries. The library's hot pink desk will feature an unusual centerpiece made to look like plants growing from a book – what story is it telling? The dining room focal point is sure to be the table with its unique table runner fashioned from burlap, greens and flowers with napkins folded in the shape of miniature Christmas trees. Finally, a more sophisticated tone will be struck in the living room where topiaries will flank the fireplace and white and gold ornaments will sparkle on a tabletop tree, providing just enough “city glitz” to complete our journey “From Farm to City.”

#4 - 641 ELM STREET "MAGNOLIA CHRISTMAS"



Magnolia leaves adorning the outside lamp post introduce our home's theme. As you arrive at the front door, you are greeted by "Maggie," a mannequin wearing her greens and inviting you to step inside and enjoy a "Magnolia Christmas."

As you enter the formal living room, take in the Christmas tree decorated with magnolia and pinecone ornaments providing Christmas spirit to the delightful fairies and their fairie houses snuggled among the branches. As you move into the dining room, discover the magnolia leaf placemats showcasing the place settings for the family's holiday meal. In the kitchen, observe the clever use of magnolia leaves, winter greens and kumquats in the arrangements and window treatments to interpret the teal, orange and lime color scheme.

The family room tree is a delight for young and old with hand-strung popcorn garlands, candy icicles and everyone's favorite Christmas treats – candy canes! They are the perfect complement to the homeowner's cherished Nutcracker and Santa Claus collections so lovingly displayed. The mudroom focuses on the family's three large dogs (Truly, Juno and Brody) featuring their own tree decorated with dog biscuits and apple-cinnamon ornaments. Whimsical dog wreaths adorn the closet doors while dog floral arrangements recline on the bench. As you exit this charming home, please waive farewell to the Swedish gnomes standing guard in the back yard!

#5 — BOUTIQUE
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"Nature's Holiday Elegance Boutique"

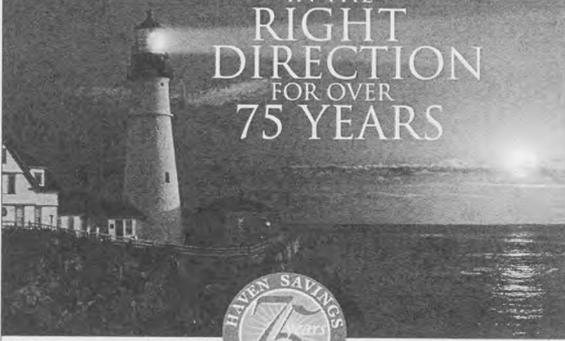
The Boutique showcases "Nature's Holiday Elegance," featuring original items crafted from natural materials and adorned in holiday style. Some of the many exclusive items offered at this year's boutique include topiaries, wreaths, ornaments, and holiday designs that incorporate plant materials found in our gardens, such as seed pods, leaves, wood and bark, moss, ferns, and a variety of dried legumes, nuts and pine cones. Touches of gilding and glitter add sparkle to the holiday spirit.

Returning guest favorites include: pressed fern note cards and gift tags, note cards showcasing members' original photography, decorative tins, hand-painted gourd birdhouses, and amaryllis bulbs already to go in their decorative holiday containers.

Of course, don't forget to pick up fresh greens and arrangements for your holiday decorating. A wide variety of wreaths, swags, planters, topiaries, and bundled greens will make your visit to "Nature's Holiday Elegance" well worth your time.

The Boutique's items are sure to please a variety of tastes and budgets and become beautiful items for your home and to give to your friends! Take a breather and enjoy some homemade light refreshments at the Nature's Bounty Cafe. If you have read our *Well-Seasoned* cookbook, you'll know that your sweet tooth is in for a treat!

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“A SMALL CONFESSION: If a woman can be a Peeping Tom, then I am one. *But only at Christmastime.* When tree lights begin to sparkle inside my neighbors' homes, I can't resist looking in on their holidays, their way of dressing up for the most colorful and joyous season of the year...”

Rose Bennett Gilbert, syndicated design columnist

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.”

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The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, New Jersey

2018 DECK THE HALLS HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Saturday, December 1st 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Every four years, The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, New Jersey, a non-profit club founded in 1952, holds the *"Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour"*. We invite you to join us to tour four elegant *homes for the holidays* where our 80 members have decorated with fresh green, wreaths, flower arrangements, Christmas trees and unusual natural decorations showcasing the theme developed by each home's design team. Another feature of *"Deck the Halls"* is a Holiday Boutique. Rake & Hoe club members design holiday gardening and flower arrangements that are available for purchase in the Boutique during the House Tour. Proceeds from the Tour support the club's numerous service projects and club operations. Donations are also made to our local schools, libraries, arboretums and land trusts. These community service projects include:

Flower Arrangements & Holiday Decorations

- Westfield Mobile Meals: quarterly tray-top arrangements.
- Jardine Academy: holiday trees, decorating parties, book donations
- Lyons Veterans Hospital receives quarterly desk-top arrangements for veterans and staff; holiday gift bags for veterans; Memorial Day and Veteran's Day personalized note cards of appreciation; annual luncheon and flower arranging workshop at the Women's Trauma Unit.

Community Gardens Design and Maintenance

- Miller Cory House and Gardens including the Juniors Dye Garden.
- Westfield Train Station Northside Garden.
- Shadowlawn Pocket Park and Blue Star Memorial Garden including the Juniors Butterfly Garden.
- Claire Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden
- Westlake School: Members work with students & staff to make Valentine's Day arrangements that are sold to other students at the school store.

We hope to see you at the *2018 DECK THE HALLS HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR* on Saturday, December 1st.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOUR HOUSES & BOUTIQUE ON TOUR DAY...OR...WWW.RAKEANDHOE.ORG

House Co-Chairs Meeting Notes

- Introduction of everyone's roles
 - Co-chairs manage the contact with homeowners. Form: **What Homeowners Can Expect** which is included in folder.
 - Co-chairs attend monthly update meetings held 15 minutes prior to each Rake & Hoe general meeting.
 - Call periodic team meetings for planning, workshops to make design components and/or boutique items and to keep everyone involved in the team's progress. You never know which creative energy will inspire the next great idea!!!
 - Co-chairs keep a running log of all meetings and information to be compiled into your final report. This will also build your final report and electronic files.
 - All members work collaboratively to develop a house theme and designs for the entire house.
 - All members develop item(s) to be used in the house's design/sold at the Boutique.
 - Co-chairs assign rooms to members and begin structuring/pricing designs.

- Each House will develop its own theme under the "Deck The Halls" event theme.
- Use vignettes to tell each house's story. While your designs will be the stars of the show, other items can be supporting actors in your story telling. Please take advantage of them! Some of these items include:
 - Some of our houses have very interesting histories that can be incorporated into your vignettes and write-ups. Discuss with the homeowners.
 - Please let your homeowners know that we appreciate that they have collections (e.g., ornaments, villages, silver tea service, Christmas china, spectacular vases/containers) that are very special to them and that they would appreciate having incorporated into your house design. Assure them that you will make every effort to do so. Who knows – they may be the key pieces to the vignettes you're trying to create!
 - Hopefully each of our guests is anticipating what they'll get for Christmas, so let's use beautifully wrapped presents under the tree and in any other nooks that would benefit from them.

- Attend the initial walk through of your house with 2018 DTH Co Chairs by March 23rd.
- Complete Co-Chairs and Teams first walk-through by 4/15.
- Hold Teams' first meetings with DTH 2018 Co Chairs
- House plan and boutique item(s) due 6/15/18 (Form provided). Form: **Plan**
- Please include in your design seating at the house's entrance/exit to assist guests with footwear.
- Deliver electronically your article regarding your house's history to Joe Da Rold and Betty Round by 6/30.
- Construct design and craft items constructed during the summer. 2018 DTH Co Chairs will pitch in!
- **Budget** is \$2,000/house. Please remember that the arrangements bought by either the homeowner or guests offset our costs. ***This is a fundraiser*** for us and we need to maximize income from the arrangements.
- Deliver the electronic copy of your house design write-up to Joe DaRold, Betty Round and Pat Wilson (copies to Sharon) by September 30th.
- Order flowers through Ferris (courtesy of Kay Cross) using the form provided. To minimize confusion for Ferris, please select 1 person to do the ordering for your house. Form: **Flower Order Form**.
- Deliver requests for expenditure reimbursements at the October and December general meetings. Please use the provided Expenditures Summary Form with ***original receipts*** attached.

ALSO, please note that Rake & Hoe will not reimburse anyone for sales tax. Sales Tax Exemption Form Has been provided. Forms: **Check Request; Tax exempt; Expenditures Summary.**

- Remind the homeowner what items are theirs at your last walk-through & in early November
- 1 undecorated tree, 1 mantle décor, 1 front door décor, Roping used inside & outside

*Accept tree delivery on or about 11/27. Please arrange to be there to set up the tree.

*Deliver items to be sold at the Boutique to Boutique co-chairs on Tuesday, 11/27.

*Pick up your flowers from Ferris on Wednesday, 11/28 and hold your team's flower conditioning party!

*Decorate the house Friday, 11/30 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided at the house so that the group can work through the day.)

*Work with photographer to make your fabulous creations shine! Photography has been donated and will take place on Friday and first thing Saturday (to use daylight lighting for your designs).

*Prepare and deliver to Sharon the **DESIGNS FOR SALE** price list of all the arrangements in the house noting the cost and sales price of each at the end of Friday. Please also note whether the item was given to the homeowner at cost or purchased by the homeowner at cost as well as what items are available for purchase by club members at cost or guests at the "marked-up" sales price. Please keep a copy of this list available with your cash box and use it to record purchases by tourists. Form: **Designs for Sale**

*Determine the day/time of unpurchased designs removal with homeowner.

*Participate in the Friday evening walk-thru of all the houses (7:00-9:00 p.m.) and invite your homeowners to do the same. Please make certain that a member of your team is at your house at all times during the evening walk-thru.

*Place price tags for each of the designs in the house that are for sale. Once a design is purchased, please collect payment (cash or check), remove the tag and record the purchaser's name and phone number on the Design Price List.

***STAFFING:**

**All team members are expected to work on Friday (9-5) decorating the house.

**All team members will perform one 3-hour shift as a docent on Saturday...please make sure all members are prepared to describe how the arrangements were made. It's the best way to close a sale!

**Please determine where docents must be to avoid any unfortunate incidents (e.g. – slip & falls; broken crystal, etc.)

**One team member/shift must have the responsibility for the cash box including final delivery of a balanced cash box with completed Designs for Sale to Sharon/Susan lies with the Co-chairs.

**One team member/shift should be in charge of booties/bags.

PUT UP THE SIGN! OPEN THE FRONT DOOR! HAVE A FABULOUS TIME! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

**DECK THE HALLS HOME TOUR
2018
RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD**

WHAT OUR EXTRAORDINARY HOMEOWNERS CAN EXPECT

Design Team Walk-Throughs

The Design Team typically walks through their home several times before the tour. This gives the Team members the opportunity to view the home and develop design schemes. With your permission, they make photos of certain parts of the home for planning purposes.

Set-Up

Set-up for the tour takes place on Friday November 30th. You can expect the Team to be in your home the entire day (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). On Friday evening (7:00-9:00 p.m.), the homes are open for Rake & Hoe members to tour. You and your family are also invited to tour the homes at this time if you wish.

Day of the Tour

The tour is open to the public on Saturday, December 1st, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At all times your home is open to ticket holders, Rake and Hoe members will be there to greet and direct visitors.

Homeowner Gifts

All homeowners receive, as our gift, the following items:

1. One (1) undecorated tree;
2. Decorations on one (1) mantle;
3. The front door treatment; and
4. Any roping used inside or outside the home.

As a homeowner, you will be given the opportunity to purchase any other decorations at Rake and Hoe's cost. Many homeowners choose to have holiday parties on Saturday evening or Sunday while the decorations are still in place. Your Team Leader will arrange a convenient time to remove any decorations that may remain.

Publicity

As part of our publicity for the tour, an article about the tour and your home will appear in local newspapers. An exterior photo of your home from spring time when your home and gardens look beautiful will accompany the article. Photos of each home will also be found on the Rake & Hoe website.

What Rake & Hoe does not do is permit contractor lawn signs on the lawns of the houses or business cards placed inside the home during the day of the tour. We are displaying the designs of the Rake & Hoe team members, not advertising the contractors' fine work.

Thank You

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of ***Deck the Halls 2018!*** Should any questions arise, please call either of us: Sharon Shiraga (908) 228-2865 or Susan Dinan (908) 400-3918.



DECK THE HALLS 2018

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Tickets: Sell a minimum of 4 tickets*
- 2. Decorate: Work on a House or Boutique Team*
- 3. Set up: Set up your area on Friday, November 30th 9-5*
- 4. Candlelight Tour: Bring your family to tour the homes on Friday evening, November 30th 7-9pm*
- 5. Docent: Work 1 3-hour shift in your House/Boutique*
- 6. Be Knowledgeable: Be prepared to answer questions about the designs and know the sales price of each design*
- 7. Enjoy and Have a Great Time!!*

Owners keep-

Front door wreath
1 undecorated tree
1 mantle decoration
all roping decoration

Tree-stands-

See if owner can provide or else you will have to get

Shepherds hook for outside- display hanging sign

Deck the Halls
10am-4pm
(Chairs have sign)

Have sign in house that says: No photography for home-owners privacy

Sharon will send email inviting all home-owners to the Friday night walk-through of houses

Boutique

Boutique will receive 1 front door wreath and 12 ornaments from each house

Trees-

Betsy will deliver to each house Wed. Nov. 28; house chairs must make arrangements to set up trees that day so that trees can shake out and get used to being inside.

Be sure to let use know if you have any changes

Stanley Oval-2 large

Highland Ave.-1 large, 1 small

Elm St.-2 large narrow, 1 small

Bradford Ave.- 1 large

Oasis and wire- from Mueller's

We will order-let use know how much you want.

Flowers

Meeting with Ferris about ordering- ~~date~~ TK

If you want boxwood, roping and special greens let us know. We will see about ordering from Ferris

Donated greens

Greens from landscapers will be on Inge's driveway starting Monday, Nov. 19.

Fragrance

Think about having the house SMELL GOOD.

Photography

Please designate one committee member to take photos of your house and Boutique. If you feel no one is qualified, we will try to get one of our expert members to do it.

Food

Susan and Sharon will deliver lunch for the houses and boutique on Friday, set-up day.

Booties

Sharon will order booties- Chairs have bootie containers

Fundraiser

Please remember that this is a fundraiser. Please price accordingly.

Bring all unsold items to Afterglow party to sell

Price-Tags

All items should have price tags and should be priced in \$5 multiples.

House Tour

Have committee members sign up for 3 hour shifts. Have them be knowledgeable about the house history and items for sale and wear their name tags with the Deck the Halls side showing. Some newer members may not have this type of name-tag. Please let us know if this is the case.

COMPARISON					
	2010 Actual		2014 Actual		2018 Actual
Income					
Ticket Sales	\$16,125.00		\$24,240.00	Tix 690	\$17,925.00 300 Tix
Boutique Sales	\$4,116.00		\$5,000.00		\$10,901.50 including Afterglow sales
House Sales	\$1,499.94		\$4,089.00		\$4,845.50
Ad Book Revenue			\$6,775.00		\$2,425.00
Contributions			\$0.00		\$250.00
Reimbursements			\$0.00		
Total	\$21,740.94		\$40,104.00		\$36,347.00
Expenses					
House Supplies	\$4,182.31		\$4,636.27		\$4,351.47
Boutique Supplies	\$958.12		\$1,005.06		\$3,022.39
Boutique Location			\$342.00		\$475.00
Local Print Advertising	\$53.48		\$112.50		\$155.13
GCNJ Advertising			\$140.00		\$170.00
Yard Signs & Banners			\$442.00		\$654.45
Yard Sign Stands			\$0.00		
Tickets	\$235.83		\$180.90		\$206.06
Ticket Outlet Stand-up Signs			\$10.00		
Posters	\$33.00		\$62.10		\$75.00
Tri-fold Brochure	\$275.00		\$0.00		
Ad Book			\$1,540.00		\$1,112.00
Ad Book additional run			\$67.50		
Bookmarks			\$70.00		
Save-The-Date Postcards			\$93.00		
Photography	\$25.00		\$0.00		
Co-chairs: supplies, (flowers, etc.) & lunches, afterglow			\$198.36		\$2,174.24
Treasurer					\$173.39
Total	\$0.00		\$8,899.69		\$12,569.13
Net	\$15,978.20		\$31,204.31	1	\$23,777.87 NET

DECK THE HALLS 2018
BOUTIQUE SUMMARY

BOUTIQUE	CO-CHAIRS: Kris Luka & Inge Bossert	
Member	Vendor & Description	TOTAL COST
Lee Perry	supplies, wreaths, containers, craft items -misc vendors	\$430.28
Cynthia Cockren	Gourds - Edwards Tree Farm	\$336.00
Betsy Chance	Moss, foam forms, glue, jute, etc. - Michaels	\$278.07
Lee Perry	wreaths, spray paint, beans - Shoprite, Dollar Tree, etc.	\$49.00
Lee Perry	wreaths, moss, stickers, - Dollar Tree	\$18.00
Kay Cross	moss, gold bullion - Flowers natrually	\$39.00
Inge Bossert	partial reimbursement -misc. supplies, misc vendors	\$1,000.00
Holly Schlobohm	bird seed ornaments - Michaels, Westfield Lumber	\$14.00
Gayle Lechner	cider and cups for Boutique refreshments	\$55.93
Inge Bossert	misc expenses, ribbon, cones, forms, etc.	<u>\$802.11</u>
	TOTAL EXP	\$3,022.39
	DÉCOR SALES (Including Afterglow sales)	\$10,901.50
	Boutique was advanced \$1000 for cash and ticket sales	
	\$1,000 was repaid 12/5	

DECK THE HALLS CHAIRS

	2014	2010	2006	2002
Co-Chairs	Beth Siano	Kris Luka	Maryann Pietruszki	Linda Parker
	Pat Wilson	Liz Dwyer	Nancy Smith	Colleen Schmidt
House Selection	Beth Siano	Kay Cross		Anna Daurio
	Pat Wilson	Anna Daurio		Carol Schirm
	Kay Cross			
	Anna Daurio			
House 1	Colleen Schmidt	Nancy Smith	Collen Schmidt	Jill Sitcer
	Maryann Pietruszki	Jill Sitcer	Karen Jolley-Gates	Nancy Smith
House 2	Alice Cowell	Diana Kazazis	Jill Sitcer	Karen Jolley-Gates
	Joan Barna	Karen Jolley-Gates	Helen Pasterczyk	Barbara Mullin
House 3	Tracy Crisitiello	Erica Fried	Tracy Crisitiello	Patty Kreider
	Pat Badala	Barbara Mullin	Gayle Lechner	Maryann Pietruszki
House 4	Nancy Smith	Helen Pasterczyk	Diana Kazazis	Alice Cowell
	Jill Sitcer	Beth Siano	Erica Fried	Elaine Walsh
	Barbara Spellmeyer			
House 5			Linda Parker	
			Marylyn Straight	
Boutique	Gayle Lechner	Linda Winter		
	Gail Kender	Linda Parker		
	Mary Foley Smith	Janet Gardner		
		Pam Kolb		
		Clare Minick		
		Carolyn Pulliam		
Flowers	Kay Cross	Kay Cross	Kay Cross	Kay Cross
	Anna Daurio			
Tickets	Carolyn Pulliam	Gail Kender	Linda Winter	Kay Cross
		Gayle Lechner (printing)		
Program	Darielle Walsh			Linda Winter
	Susan Dinan			
	Barbara Murphy			
Publicity	Irene Greenstein	Irene Greenstein	Diana Kazazis	Pat DelDuca
	Diana Kazazis - web			
	Pelikans - library/posters/signs			
Newsletter	Inge Bossert			
Treasurer	Pat Wilson	Carolyn Pulliam	Ellen Cuddy	Pam Kolb

**DECK THE HALLS HOME TOUR
2018
RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD**

WHAT OUR EXTRAORDINARY HOMEOWNERS CAN EXPECT

Design Team Walk-Throughs

The Design Team typically walks through their home several times before the tour. This gives the Team members the opportunity to view the home and develop design schemes. With your permission, they make photos of certain parts of the home for planning purposes.

Set-Up

Set-up for the tour takes place on Friday November 30th. You can expect the Team to be in your home the entire day (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). On Friday evening (7:00-9:00 p.m.), the homes are open for Rake & Hoe members to tour. You and your family are also invited to tour the homes at this time if you wish.

Day of the Tour

The tour is open to the public on Saturday, December 1st, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At all times your home is open to ticket holders, Rake and Hoe members will be there to greet and direct visitors.

Homeowner Gifts

All homeowners receive, as our gift, the following items:

1. One (1) undecorated tree;
2. Decorations on one (1) mantle;
3. The front door treatment; and
4. Any roping used inside or outside the home.

As a homeowner, you will be given the opportunity to purchase any other decorations at Rake and Hoe's cost. Many homeowners choose to have holiday parties on Saturday evening or Sunday while the decorations are still in place. Your Team Leader will arrange a convenient time to remove any decorations that may remain.

Publicity

As part of our publicity for the tour, an article about the tour and your home will appear in local newspapers. An exterior photo of your home from spring time when your home and gardens look beautiful will accompany the article. Photos of each home will also be found on the Rake & Hoe website.

What Rake & Hoe does not do is permit contractor lawn signs on the lawns of the houses or business cards placed inside the home during the day of the tour. We are displaying the designs of the Rake & Hoe team members, not advertising the contractors' fine work.

Thank You

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of *Deck the Halls 2018!* Should any questions arise, please call either of us: Laura Ivan (347-8897) or Susan Dinan (400-3918).



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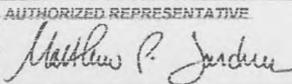
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FW: Deck The Halls
John [patjohnwilson@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 5:07 PM
To: Pat Wilson

From: patjohnwilson@hotmail.com
To: jaruzelski@aol.com
CC: elizabeth.siano@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Deck The Halls
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2014 22:07:13 +0000

Hello, Jenny. We spoke with the agent this afternoon and her answer is that Rake & Hoe is covered for property damage and injuries to people. However, the agent continued to say that anyone hurt would probably name Rake & Hoe and the homeowners in any action they brought, so making sure your insurance is in place and that there are no obstacles in or around your home (her example was loose carpeting on a stairway) are both good ideas. I'm glad we got you the answers and I'm sorry it took a while. Pat

Subject: Re: Deck The Halls
From: jaruzelski@aol.com
Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2014 15:12:11 -0500
To: patjohnwilson@hotmail.com

No problem, whenever you hear back let me know.

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 6, 2014, at 2:16 PM, John <patjohnwilson@hotmail.com> wrote:

Jenny - I have a question for the Rake & Hoe insurance folks about property coverage that Beth and I working on, but the insurance company has been closed more days than it's been open due to weather. I will let you know as soon as we confirm with them. Thanks for your patience. Pat

CC: jrsitcer@aol.com
From: jaruzelski@aol.com
Subject: Re: Deck The Halls
Date: Thu, 30 Jan 2014 15:51:53 -0500
To: patjohnwilson@hotmail.com

Hi Pat,
Just a couple more questions, regarding insurance. Who covers damage or breakage to the home? More importantly, who is liable for personal injury, say if someone falls on our steps?
Is that something I would have to clear with my homeowner policy?
Thanks,
Jenny

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 22, 2014, at 5:41 PM, John <patjohnwilson@hotmail.com> wrote:

Good evening, Jenny.

We wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed our visit with you and our tour of your fabulous home. Your home is spectacular and everything about it will work very well for Rake & Hoe's **2014 Deck The Halls House Tour**. Jill and her co-chairs will be thrilled to work with you and enjoy creating designs that will highlight your home's features.

Thank you very much for agreeing to be one of the four houses on the tour. We are delighted to be able to work with you and will introduce you to your home's team in March. Should any questions occur in the meantime, please give either of us a call (Beth 233-4150 and Pat 389-9342).

Beth Siano and Pat Wilson
Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield
2014 Deck The Halls House Tour

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John 12:54 AM
To: Jaruzelski

Good evening, Jenny. I'd like to check in with the insurance agent before I answer your question about your Homeowner policy. I hope to get through to them tomorrow or Monday at the latest. I'll respond to you asap after that. Thanks. Pat

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December 1, 2018

*HOLIDAY
HOUSE TOUR
& BOUTIQUE*

Dear R&H Members,

Hope everyone is having a relaxing summer!

We would like to thank all the teams for their time and energy already spent on Deck the Halls.

Things are moving along well, with many beautiful and creative ideas. We're sure Deck the Halls 2018 will be a great success!

*See you all in September—
Susan and Sharon*

R&H MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Ticket Sales** — Sell a minimum of 4 tickets
- 2. Decorate** — Work on a House or Boutique Team
- 3. Set up** — Set up on Friday, November 30th, 9-5 pm
- 4. Candlelight Tour** — Bring your family to tour the homes on Friday evening, November 30th, 7-9 pm
- 5. Docent** — Work a 3-hr shift at your site
- 6. Be Knowledgeable** — Be prepared to answer questions about the designs and know the sales price of each design.
- 7. Enjoy and Have a Great Time!**

Please note that the descriptions of the room designs on the ensuing pages are preliminary concepts as of 8/1/18.

The Hunziker Home

531 Bradford Avenue



House History.

Built in 1928, this 4-bedroom, 3-bath home is a cottage-style Tudor Revival design. Typical of this style is the mix of brick and (fish-scale) shingles on the facade. Also traditional to the Tudor style is the steep-pitched roof, which proved popular in snowy Northeast America.

The front door features an unusual beveled glass porthole window. The wainscoting on the staircase is also seen throughout the living room. The family room addition was completed in 1990, along with a master suite on the second floor. The kitchen was updated during a 2014 renovation. Among the notable architectural elements is an elegant stained-glass window in the den with a central fleur-de-lis.

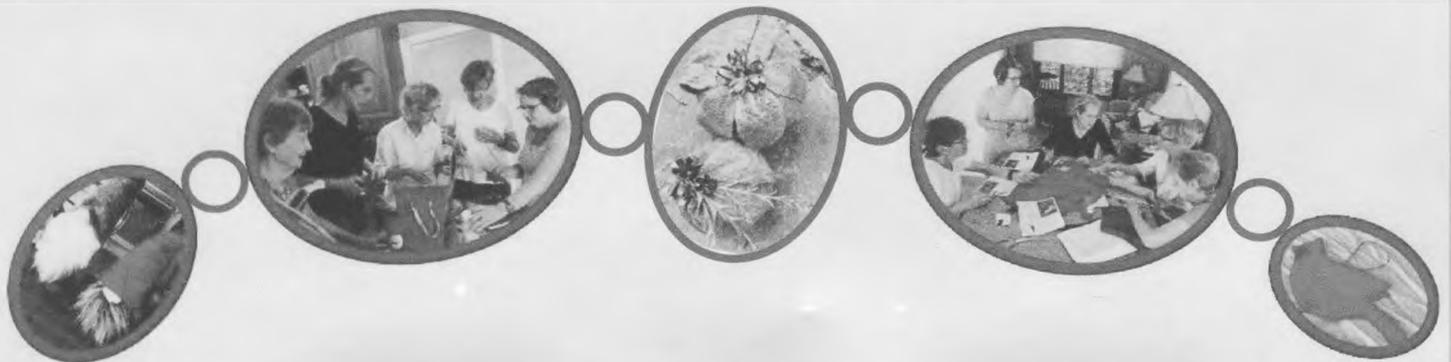
Theme: "Woodland Tidings"

Design Palette: Cranberry, lime green and gold

Committee Chairs: Clare M and Barb S.

Committee: Kay C, Helen P, Bobbie G, Adah L, Beth H, Margo P, Martha S, Joe D.

Room by Room: At the **Entry**, a rustic old St. Nick and his pet fox set the mood for the woodland theme, inspired by the homeowner's love of birds that she has incorporated into her decor. The **Dining Room** theme will include trees, moss, and ivy. Cylinder containers will contain layers of apples, balls, and lights. The **Living Room** will feature a grapevine swan containing greens and flowers/plants on a small table by the window. The Scandinavian inspired **Kitchen** will feature a birch log, an embroidered table runner, and a floral centerpiece with gnomes, winter animals, and birch candleholders. The main attractions in the **Family Room** will be Santa and the Christmas Tree, which will be decorated with felt cardinals, gnomes, rustic birdhouses, and lamb's ear ornaments. Greens and floral arrangements throughout the room will set the woodland tone for the coming holiday. Antique Lionel trains will stir memories of the 1940's. On the window seats, teddy bears will be reading Christmas stories to their young bear friends. Christmas presents, waiting to be opened, are decorated with woodland materials of pinecones, magnolia leaves, and arborvitae fronds.



The Home

641 Elm Street



House History

Built in 1927, the house was completely renovated in 2016, with a 1,500 square foot addition. As you walk into the foyer, to the left is the formal dining room and to the right, the formal sitting room. The continuous hardwood floors transition into the spacious, multi-functional kitchen that includes a breakfast room, a home office, and an oversized island. From the cabinets to the Subzero to the light fixtures, the kitchen was almost entirely outfitted with "re-purposed" materials. Only the countertops, backsplash, and cooking appliances were new. Other features are the quartzite countertops and the mosaic backsplash. The breakfast room and oversized mudroom have large windows with views of the lush yard. The living room opens to a large wraparound porch.

Theme: "A Magnolia Christmas"

Design Palette: Orange, lime green and metallics

Co-Chairs: Joan B and Alice C

Committee: Colleen S, Diane G, Tracy C, Pat B, Barb M, Sharon S, Natalie P, Lena P, and Gail A.

Room by Room: At the **Entry** you will be greeted by a female manikin made with plant materials. A large diamond-shaped wreath will bring your attention to the door, with magnolias on light and posts. The **Living Room** features a tree with magnolia-pod angels ornaments. In the **Hallway**, the focus is on a garland with dried pomegranates on the banister. In the **Kitchen**, the key materials are kumquats and greens in wreaths, garlands, and in floral arrangements. The **Dining Room** picks up the house theme with Magnolia placements under dishes on table. In the **Family Room**, the tree ornaments are teal and apricot. On display are Santa and Nut Cracker collections. The **Mud Room** features four wreaths, decorated with dog biscuits made by the Juniors). The table tree will be decorated with apple-cinnamon ornaments and dog ornaments made by Juniors.



The Ross Home

1 Stanley Oval



House History

This 4-bedroom Colonial home was built in 1911. Gracing the front of the home is a wide, pillared porch with a terra cotta floor and a portico on the side. Multi-colored terra-cotta tile, leaded stained-glass windows, and hardwood floors are found throughout this home. Before electricity was installed, the house was powered by gaslight. The kitchen was renovated and a family room was added in 2012. Sixteen homes surround the Oval, which is owned and maintained by the homeowners. Historically, the Oval provided a campground for the Raritan Indians. Then the William Pierson Family farmed the land for generations. During the Revolutionary War, the Oval served as a military post with an arsenal located between Stanley Oval and North Chestnut. A cannon, with the loss of its right arm from a skirmish, was captured there and now stands today at Fairview Cemetery as one of Westfield's most famous relics.

Theme “Family Holiday Homestead”

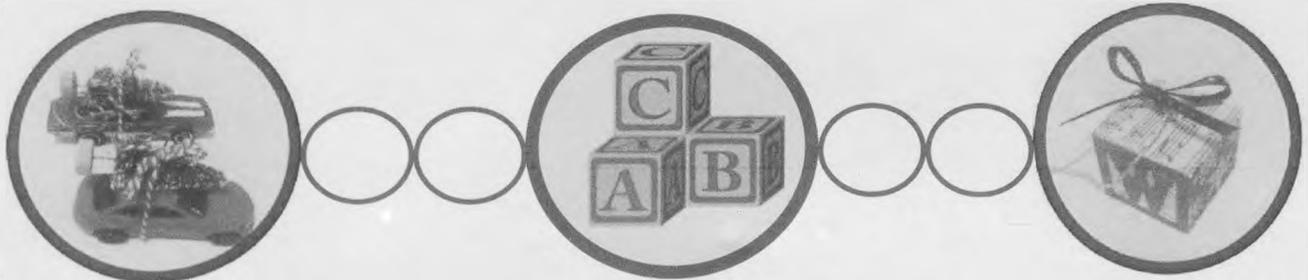
Design Palette: Wine, Hunter green.

(The general theme of greens & pine cones and toys will give each of these areas a coordinated look.)

Co chairs: Nina S. and Barbara M.

Committee: Jeanette P, Richard P, Irene G, Susan D'A, Joan K, Karen M, Joanne W, Penny D, and Tula A.

Room by Room: Entry: The front door wreath accented with children's toys sets the tone for what's to come. The family traditionally decorates a Christmas tree on the porch and hangs a sled from the columns. **Foyer:** Large Nutcrackers stand guard on the steps. **Dining Room:** The sideboard is decorated with large St. Nicholas figures set among greens. The centerpiece runs the length of table using Deep Red Roses. **Living Room:** The Main Tree will be decorated in handmade, childlike ornaments. The tree skirt border resembles train tracks; owner's trains will be displayed there. The five small end tables will each have a distinctly different motif using silver and wine colors. Children's toys will be integrated into the overall whole. **Kitchen:** A gingerbread carousel will be a highlight of the kitchen. Also featured will be a hazelnut wreath, fresh arrangement in a soup tureen, and table settings with tree and toy motif. A low, running centerpiece will utilize pomegranates among the greens. Hanging Pinecone and nuts will drape from the window. **Family Room:** The coffee table will be decorated with a children's toy truck filled with appropriate flowers and greens. A small table tree will follow through with the toy theme. End tables will be decorated with children's toys.



The Ferguson Home

540 Highland Avenue



House History

The house was built between 1910 and 1915. Originally a center hall Colonial, the addition of a front porch by the current owner in 2004 has given the home more of a farmhouse style. In 2008 the owner completed an addition that created a spacious library and family room. The striking windows in the library are original to the home, having been removed from the home's former sun room and reinstalled in the new space. Another interesting feature of the home are the kitchen's pantry doors. They were originally the exterior doors of a neighbor's home, acquired and repurposed by the Ferguson family when the neighbor removed them in order to complete an addition to her own home.

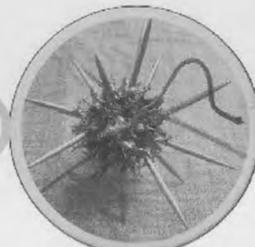
Theme: "From Farm to City Christmas"

Design Palette: Lime green w/orange and lemon, pink, pomegranate red and cream

Co-chairs: Beth S and Cathy B

Committee: Mary Lou N, Nancy S, Carole S, Karen J-G, Diana K, Faten M, Betty G, Ruby S, Jeanne Marie R, and Peggy S.

Room by Room: **Entry:** Homeowner's metallic farm animals are to be decked out in sprigs of greenery. Planters will be wrapped with burlap and ribbon and filled with greens, branches, and winter berries. Wreath of fresh limes and lemons will lead you into the home. **Dining Room/Butler's Pantry:** Accents will be lime green and lemon yellow. Greens and flowers will set off a burlap table runner, with homeowners white and blue china. Lime green napkins will be shaped into mini Christmas trees. Burlap wreaths on the windows will echo the runner. **Kitchen:** Farm elements and furniture in red, white and blue will burst with accent colors as above. A gingerbread house will be on the island, and the homeowners red and white enamelware will be on the counter. The Hoosier cabinet will contain a glass vase with branches and berries, and twigs forming a triangle shaped tree strung with ornaments. **Family Room:** An old-fashioned tree will be decorated with stitched animal ornaments, gingerbread ornaments, animal cookie cutters with ribbon, and a handmade chain. The mantel will display topiaries and pomegranates. **Office/Library:** The hot-pink desk will be accented with Lily Pulitzer colors of lime green and hot pink, along with a holiday floral arrangement. Three unique arched windows will be festooned with garlands of greens, pink and lime green ribbon, and fruit. Floral boxes will be made to look like wrapped gifts. The hallway will contain spray-painted, tree-shaped tuteurs. **Living Room:** Decor is contemporary country, in colors of ivory, pale yellow and hints of green. A tabletop tree will have white and gold decorations incorporating natural elements with a touch of glitz. Topiaries will bracket the fireplace, and 3 window wreaths will echo those in the dining room. The hall mirror will be accented with a pinecone decoration, and white flowers and greens will set off the newell post



The Boutique at Shady Rest Country Club

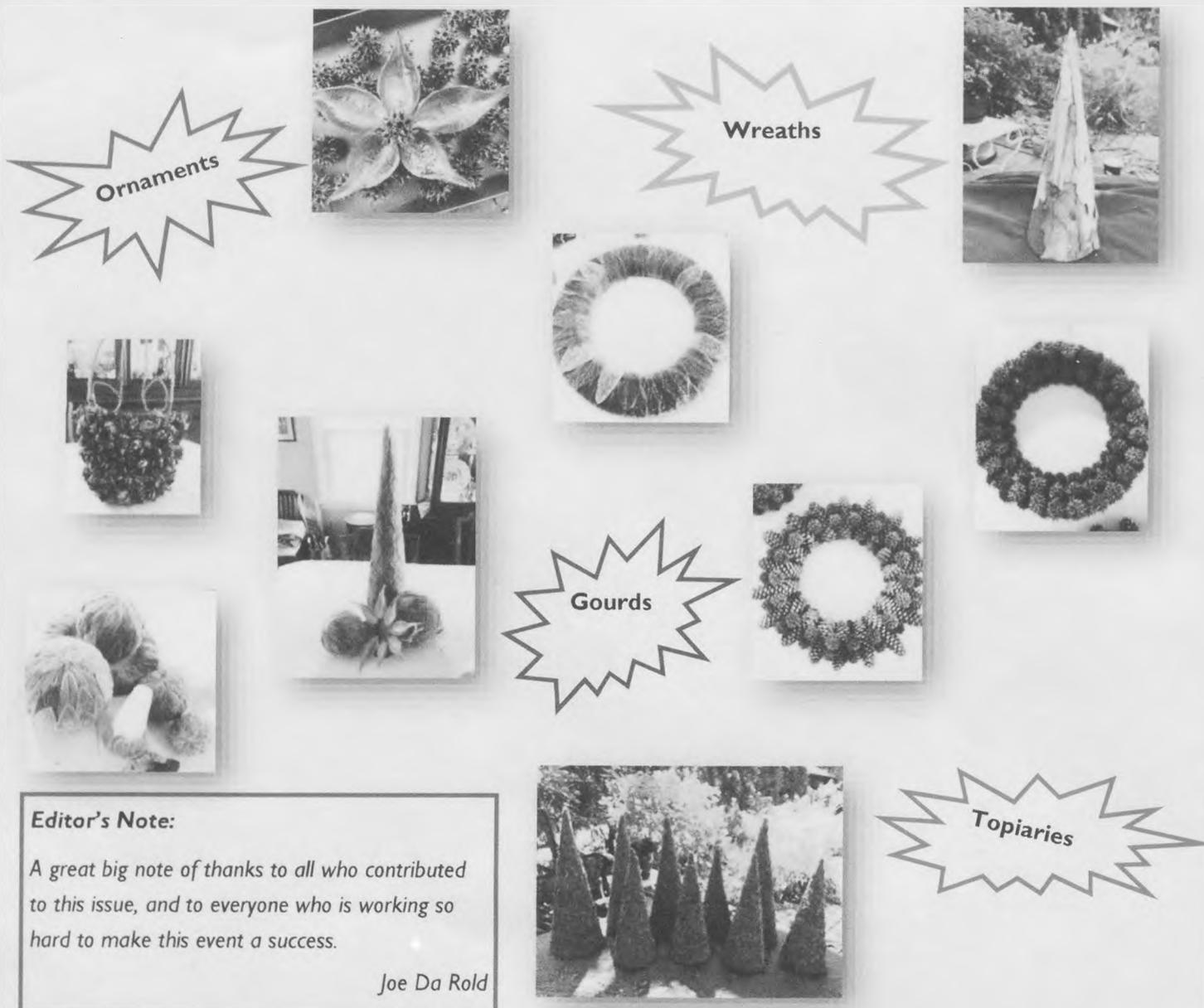
Theme: "Nature's Holiday Elegance"

Committee Chairs: Inge B. and Kris L.

Committee: Mary FS, Linda P, Holly S, Gayle L, Kathryn C, Joyce M, Jane C, Betty R, Cyndi C, Marianne M, and Lee P.

The "Nature's Holiday Elegance" boutique will be featuring a variety of items crafted from natural materials, including seed pods, ferns, moss, bark, milkweed pods, gourds, acorns, birch, and alliums. There will be lots of fresh greens in a variety of decorative containers, all sizes and shapes. [Ed note: I have been advised there will also be cork topiaries, but no word as to who made the valiant effort to empty the wine bottles.]

Note that the creations shown in these photos are all works in progress with as of yet no embellishments.



CLUB NEWS—DTH

An update on the room décor of the four houses in this year's Holiday House Tour.

641 Elm Street

"Magnolia Christmas"

Magnolia leaves adorn the outside lamppost, as you are greeted by a plant-material covered mannequin at the front door. Be sure to notice the magnolia angel ornaments on the Christmas tree in the formal living room, as well as the use of magnolia leaves as placemats in the dining room. In keeping with the color scheme of teal, orange, lime, and metallic, observe the use of magnolia leaves, winter greens, and kumquats in arrangements and window treatments in the kitchen.

The living room features a Nutcracker and a Santa Claus collection, as well as a tree decorated with teal and apricot paint-ball ornaments. The mudroom focuses on the family's three large dogs, with a tree decorated with dog biscuits and apple-cinnamon ornaments. Whimsical dog wreaths adorn the closet doors and dog-themed floral arrangements recline on the bench.

1 Stanley Oval

Family Holiday Homestead

The theme was inspired by the history of this delightful home. A wide and spacious front porch will enchant you with charming and winsome décor.

It is easy to imagine family gatherings in the kitchen and family room, contrasted with the sophistication of the formal dining and living rooms. Look for the gingerbread carousel on the kitchen counter.

Children's toys abound on the welcoming wreath, nutcrackers march up the stairs and hand crafted ornaments made from toys bedeck the Christmas trees. A whimsical toy truck ablaze with holiday blooms adorns the family room. This home will bring back childhood holiday memories and the warmth of simpler times.



531 Bradford Street

"Woodland Tidings"

Pots brimming with greens and gilded pinecones hug the front steps, while in the entry, a rustic Old St. Nick and his fox greet visitors. Vines and greens, intertwined with lime and cranberry ribbon, adorn the staircase. Woodland turns to elegance in the living room where a mantel of asymmetrical decor incorporates amaryllis, greens, berries, and candles. A grapevine swan overflowing with flowers nestles in the living room, while pianist Carolyn plays Christmas carols.

Handmade stockings stuffed with flowers highlight the entry to the den, which is decked out in grapevine wreaths and handmade pillows. The woodland theme flows into the dining room with a whimsical floral arrangement. In the kitchen, dinnerware is set amidst a forest of birch and pine on an embroidered runner of Nordic design. Hand-crafted Scandinavian forest gnomes wish us a good new year. In the family room, Santa keeps watch over a Christmas tree bedecked with handmade birds, handcrafted birdhouses, and gilded balls.

540 Highland Avenue

"From Farm to City Christmas"

This house theme reflects the origins of our homeowner who grew up on a Midwestern farm. As guests approach this spacious home, they will find themselves immediately greeted along the walkway by metallic farm animals decked out for the holidays in sprigs of greenery.

The Christmas tree in the family room is decorated with hand-stitched farm animals. In the kitchen, a gingerbread farmhouse sits on the island. The Hoosier cabinet, a family heirloom, is adorned with a small tree made of branches and berries. In the library, the hot pink desk features an original centerpiece made to look like plants growing from a book. The dining room table features a runner fashioned from burlap, greens, and flowers, and napkins folded in the shape of miniature Christmas trees. A more sophisticated tone is struck in the living room where topiaries flank the fireplace and white and gold ornaments sparkle on a tabletop tree, providing just enough "city" glitz for the city aspect of our "Farm to City" home.

RAKE & HOE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD
Flower Shows and House Tours

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Doublecheck the yearbooks for shows and dates.

	THEME			
DATE				
TYPE of EVENT				
CHAIR				
LOCATION/HOMES				
ADMISSION				
PARTICIPANTS	<i>(# of members and names of special groups)</i>			
# ENTRIES				
EDUCATIONAL & INVITATIONAL EXHIBITS				
ATTENDANCE				
BOUTIQUE				
TEA TICKET SALES				
BUDGET (Proposed)				
NET RAISED				
OTHER				
CORRESPONDENCE, OFFICIAL / SOCIAL				
QUOTES				
HISTORICAL RECORDS CONSULTED	Schedule			
	Book of Evidence (BOE)			
	Monthly newsletter			
	Photo Album			
	Chairman's Summary			
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