



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Feb./Mar. 2013

Inside the Porch Door

Calendar

February

Tues. Feb. 5, 12:30pm
General Meeting / Tea
Rosemary Allen, Floral Art demonstration

Thurs. Feb. 7, 7:00pm
Education Committee

Fri. Feb. 8, 12:00-2:00pm
Bingo

Mon. Feb 11, 9:30am
Stitchery

Mon. Feb. 11 7:00pm
Scribblers

Fri. Feb. 15
Public Issues Meeting

Mon. Feb. 18, 9:30am
Crafts

Mon. Feb. 18, 11:30am
Literature Meeting

Mon. Feb. 18, 7:00pm
Domestic Violence Meeting

Thurs. Feb. 21, 11:30am
Literature

Thurs. Feb. 21, 12:00pm
Soup's On, New Leaf Tea Room

March

Tues. Mar. 5, 7:30pm
General Evening Meeting
Musical Program

Fri. Mar. 8, 12:00-2:00pm
Bingo

Mon. Mar. 11, 9:30am
Stitchery & Crafts,
Project for Paint the Porch Pink

Mon. Mar. 11, 7:00pm
Scribblers

Wed. Mar. 13, 3:00-6:00pm
Spring Rummage Sale Set Up

Thurs. Mar. 14, 1:00- 7:00pm
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The Porch Club of Riverton
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Letter From the President:

Dear ladies,

WEAR RED! February is Women's Heart Healthy Month. Be sure to do all you can to keep yourselves healthy.

Spring is right around the corner and so are a lot of activities that will tell you spring is almost here. The Philadelphia Flower Show is the first week of March. Our ladies have put together an amazing window box and hanging basket display. Be sure to get your tickets and enjoy all of the flowers of spring at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

If it's March already can June be far behind? Think Pink for June! Our Paint the Porch Pink ladies are gearing up for one fantastic walk. Be sure to be part of it.

Our April Charter luncheon isn't far away, so make sure you send your check for \$10 (that's your reservation) to Pam Bowen, 309 White Birch Dr., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077. Speaking of luncheons – does anyone have a white tablecloth or two that didn't make it back to the Porch Club? We are missing several.

I want to thank everyone who has helped with events, drives, trips and anything else which involved the Porch Club. So many members have been so busy. It is wonderful to see.

March is Women's History month and here are a few facts about the women of New Jersey.

- In 1666 Lenni Lenape Chief Oratam granted to Sarah Kiersted, a Dutch settler of New Amsterdam, 2,260 acres in what is now Ridgefield Park, Bogota, and Teaneck for her assistance to him as a negotiator and arbitrator when the Dutch were in control of the colony.

- Elizabeth Carteret became proprietor of East Jersey after the death of her husband George Carteret. She sold the land of East Jersey to Quakers in 1682.

- In 1701 Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh, a British-born American Quaker, founded a home for traveling ministers on land her father owned in New Jersey. She managed the plantation and served as clerk of the Quaker women's meeting for over 50 years and is considered by some to be the founder of Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Stay tuned for more tidbits of early New Jersey women.

Stay warm and stay healthy,

Bobbie

Order Your Porch Club Golf Shirt Now!

The shirts are pink golf shirts with "The Porch Club of Riverton" embroidered on the left-hand side. They are \$25 each (no profit to us). You can order one by emailing or calling Bobbie at paul062@verizon.net or 609-877-8452. Let Bobbie know by the end of February.

We would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

Family Promise – State Project

Amanda Boulton,
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Thank you to all who donated supplies for Family Promise (www.family-promise.org). Three large bags of paper products and two bags of linens were delivered to the local affiliate in Mt. Laurel. The next opportunity to volunteer your time to Interfaith Hospitality Network (a program of Family Promise) will be during the week of February 17. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve dinner, and act as overnight hosts at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverton. Contact Georgie Ackers or Amanda Boulton for more information.

NJSFWC Leadership Workshop, February 23

Saturday, February 23 at 10:00am at the NJSFWC Headquarters. Learn practical leadership skills, ideas, and resources. To reserve your seat call (732) 249-5474 or email jpasseretti@njsfwc.org. The deadline to register is February 19. Breakfast treats and dessert will be provided. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

In Memoriam
Joanne Fields

Calendar Continued

Fri. Mar. 15

Public Issues Meeting

Fri. Mar. 15, 1:00–4:00pm

Spring Rummage Sale Set Up

Fri. Mar. 15, 6:00–9:00pm

Spring Rummage Sale

Sat. Mar. 16, 8:00am–12:00pm

Spring Rummage Sale

Mon. Mar. 18, 11:30am

Literature

Mon. Mar. 18, 7:00pm

Domestic Violence Meeting

Tues. Mar. 19

Arts Creative - Hat and Fascinator
Workshop

Mon. Mar. 25, 7:00pm

Evening Meeting,

Easter Basket Extravaganza

Evening Meetings

Kit Stahler-Miller, Kitsmiller200@comcast.net, 856-786-2014 home

Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration and Tasting
at Peachfield, Colonial Dames, Westhampton, NJ

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2013

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Cost: \$20 – checks payable to The Porch Club

Contact: Kit Stahler-Miller, 856-261-0251

We will car pool from the Porch Club

Space is limited to 25 attendees, register quickly!

In celebration of Women's History Month

Historic interpreter Julee Merrill Csuri will present a workshop on Open Hearth Cooking in Peachfield's huge open hearth in the family room. She will explore food preservation and preparation in Smoked, Pickled & Salted. Julie will use period receipts and cooking methods as she illustrates ways foods were "held over". Participants will enjoy light refreshments including samples of foods showcased around the room plus foods freshly prepared on the open hearth during the program.

Julee's diverse background, widespread knowledge, talent, and dedication to educating people about colonial hardships, safety, food availability, preferences, preparation and nutrition, will highlight the many roles and accomplishments of women in history.

International Outreach

Iris Gaughan, iggaughan@gmail.com

Thank you to all the Porch Club members who so graciously made and donated an incredible array of savory and sweet dishes for the International Outreach Luncheon on January 8th. It was a splendid array of inviting foods. A special thank you to the garden members for such attractive table flowers.

The International focus this year is the Book Wish Foundation. This foundation

raises funds to develop libraries in the Darfur refugee camps. At the luncheon almost \$200 was raised. If you were unable to attend the luncheon contributions are still gladly accepted. Checks can be made out to either the Porch Club or to the Book Wish Foundation. You can contact Iris Gaughan at iggaughan@gmail.com or 856-829-8671 for further information about a contribution.

Programs

Aggie Kennedy, aggiekennedy@hotmail.com

On Tuesday Evening, March 5, at 7:30pm, the Porch Club will present The Greater Pinelands Dulcimer Society. The Society includes folks of different backgrounds and cultures who share a common bond. They are a family of friends linked by the desire to play folk instruments, among which the Appalachian mountain dulcimer and hammered dulcimers stand out. Their extended dulcimer family also includes other well-known instruments too, like autoharp,

banjo, bozouki, bass fiddle, fiddle, guitar, folk harp, mandolin, and penny whistle, along with other acoustic instruments.

The Society performs a variety of playing styles, from old-time mountain music to Irish jigs and airs. Occasionally you may hear some classical pieces or a familiar contemporary song. There's also a rich resource of harp tunes dating from the seventeenth century that you may recognize. Since it is the month of March, their concentration will be on Celtic music.

Great Quotes From Great Women

"We are laying the foundation for children to build on. We tried to build in them dependability and responsibility."

Rudy Middleton Forsythe, 1905, American Teacher for over sixty years in a one-room schoolhouse in South Carolina

Education Committee

Jan DeVries, jdv5456@aol.com, 856-816-4986

Many, many thanks for your generous donations to the Teacher's Wish List Project! The Education Committee will be wrapping all of the items for presentation and will deliver them to Riverton and Charles Street Schools. We know they will be gratefully received.

The process of selecting two high school junior girls to represent The Porch Club at the Girls' Career Institute (GCI) has begun. GCI is sponsored by the State Federation of Women's Club and held at Douglass College of Rutgers in New Brunswick for four days in June. It provides an opportunity for the girls to meet other juniors from all over the state and get a taste of dorm life while meeting and hearing successful women speak about their career choices. The Porch Club will invite applications for one delegate from Palmyra High and one from Cinnaminson High.

Ways and Means

Nancy J. Anderson, nancyjanderson@comcast.net
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Happy February and March! Here is what is happening!

Please help support our Ways and Means Department! Our Super Bowl Hoagie Fundraiser is in effect from January 15th- February 28th 2013. Riverline Deli (Monday-Saturday 8-4 PM) has offered to help us and their hoagies are so good! Tickets are available to purchase from many of the WAM members. \$5.00 buys a 6 inch hoagie, Tuna, Turkey, Italian or American. Tickets expire on February 28, 2013. You must purchase a ticket in order for us to get the credit. For more information call Nancy Anderson 609-410-1602

Friday Bingo Lunch, February 8th, March 8th, 12 Noon. Soup and Sandwich. For more information call Georgie Ackers.

Garden/Conservation Department

Pat Brunner and Pat McDermott

It's time for the Garden Department to gear up for spring. Order your seeds in February to get them started in March. March is also when you prune, while the plants are still dormant. I can't wait. Now is also the time to start thinking about entering the Achievement Day competition on April 18 this year. On Tuesday, February 19 at 1:00pm, we will have a meeting at the Porch Club to discuss the entrance categories and to do some workshops on ideas for what you can do. The categories are many, but a dollhouse arrangement, terrarium, hat decorated with flowers, door decoration or flowers arranged in a recycled container are all possibilities. Bring your ideas and we'll have visiting experts to help.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's annual Flower Show is from March 2 to 10 this year. The Porch Club will have a hanging basket and window box display from March 2 to the 5. The theme for the show is "Brilliant Britain." Our category is "Abbey Road" and our entry is "Here Comes the Sun" (we had to choose a Beatle's song). Come see our entry. Jan DeVries and her committee have been working hard to make it "brilliant."

On March 12 at 7:00pm, Diane Walker, the owner and landscape designer at Colorstone Gardens LLC and a Burlington County Master Gardener, will come to discuss "Sustainable Landscaping." She will present a slide show on how it's done and give us all some great ideas for making over our gardens to make them more beautiful and carefree. Bring your landscaping questions for Diane. Hope to see you there.

CONSERVATION CHAT: Have you ever noticed the "windmills" that add to the Atlantic City skyline? This wind farm is the first commercial facility of its kind in NJ and the first coastal and urban wind farm in the nation. The wind farm is connected to the ACUA (Atlantic County Utilities Authority) Wastewater Treatment Facility providing energy to run the treatment facility to keep our marine and fresh water environments clean. Any excess energy is added to the main power grid. There are five 380-foot tall turbines producing 7.5 megawatts, enough energy to power 2,500 homes! Tours are popular with visitors to Atlantic City.

House

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Just a reminder - we are having the floors sanded and refinished at the Porch Club the week of February 11. Please be sure not to schedule any committee meetings at the club house for that week.

Scribblers

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NJSFWC Literary Contest - some of our talented gals in Scribblers will be entering their writings in the contest. Deadline was February 1.

February - planned visit to Edgar Allan Poe's House - date to be determined

Home/Life Social Services

Dottie Fresco, 856-786-0789

During the months of February and March the members of the Porch Club of Riverton will be collecting new preemie and newborn clothing for Ronald McDonald House. Any questions call Dottie Fresco.

Public Issues

Elizabeth "Betty" Dunn
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I would like to thank everyone for collecting paper products for the Interfaith Hospitality Network. With your help, we collected \$120.00 worth of paper products. Our next project is to help the residents of the Burlington County Home for Aged Women. I spoke to Geraldine Regan, their administrator regarding their needs, which include liquid hand soap, dish soap, shampoo, dishwasher detergent, tissues, napkins and paper towels. They could also use sugar, sweet and low, sugarfree candy and coffee. If you wish to help, please bring any of these items to our February or March general meetings.

Rummage Sale

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What comes around just about when you have reached your full of the winter dark cold days, the Sping Rummage Sale! Start looking around and putting your unused and unneeded items aside. We will be setting up on Wednesday, March 13 from 3:00-6:00pm, Thursday, March 14 set up from 1:00-7:00pm and Friday, March 15, set up from 1:00-4:00pm. Our sale times are Friday, March 15, from 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, March 16, from 8:00am-12:00. The famous bag sale will be from 11:00 to 12:00. Note, some of these are time differences from our prior sales.

Each sale has a different flavor. Some are slow to start and others, like our last Fall sale, take off in a full run. Thrift sales have come into their own recently so try us out! You could be pleasantly surprised! If you haven't ever been to one, please try and stop in to say hello and look around. Do you collect anything special? Have hobbies? Do you just like the thrill of a bargain? Come see us! Spring sales can be low on donations so it would greatly benefit our efforts if you have a bag or truckload to donate. Our efforts totally benefit women's and children's charities. While we have fun, these sales are a lot of work so if you are a new member or one who would like to be more involved with the club, this is a great way. We can use your assistance. Donations or assistance, please call me at 856-304 4434. Thank you all for your help, we could not accomplish all we do without your help and donations.

Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

Co-Chairs Phyllis Rodgers 786-8422 & Donna Van Hoy 786-1622

Correction: Van Hoy Past & Present Exhibit and Planning Meeting was held at the Porch Club on January 29. Please disregard the exhibit information in the book.

February 21, 12:00pm, Soup's On at the New Leaf Tea Room! Get out your best recipes. We'll all be ready to sample some great tasting soups and desserts. [BYOB] Please remember to bring your own bowl. We would like to know how many people we are expecting so please look for the sign up sheet or call Donna or Phyllis.

Correction: Trip to NYC is being rescheduled for a later date.

March 19, 10:00am, Porch Club, Hat and Fascinator workshop for "Paint The Porch Pink". We'll be creating some bedazzled Hats and Fascinators for this worthy cause. Please bring your ideas and stitching talents. We have some supplies. You can feel free to add more. Look for the sign up sheet or call Phyllis or Donna.

The pressure is on to complete our entries for Achievement Day. Good Luck!

Stitchery, Jeanne Bianchini, jxstitch@gmail.com

Stitchery made a road trip to Pennington Quilt Works and the quilt shop in Collingwood looking for material for our quilt. The ladies picked beautiful fabrics for the quilt that we will be making for Paint the Porch Pink walk in the spring.

We were also treated to a visit to Beth Rentsch's art studio where we saw what beautiful work this very talented lady accomplishes.

In January we started the process of cutting, sewing and piecing our masterpiece. If you want to see how a quilt is made from start to finish, please feel free to join in the fun on our Monday morning quilting bee at the Porch Club.

Looking Back

Priscilla Taylor, ptaylor93@msn.com, Porch Club Historian

February 1897 - the Village Improvement Section of the club was formed. Its purpose: "to beautify Riverton, as civic clubs do in Philadelphia."

March 13, 1909 - the cornerstone for the new clubhouse was laid.

February 1943 - club meetings continued on the first and third Tuesdays, but none could be held from February to April because of a lack of heat in the club, due to a classification in oil-rationing.

March 1950 - lights were finally installed in the basement of the clubhouse.

March 1965 - the Porch Club celebrated its 75th birthday.

February 1984 - the first New Members' Orientation Luncheon was held by the Executive Board.

HOAGIE SALE
Ways & Means is selling tickets
until February 28
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