



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Oct./Nov. 2013

Inside the Porch Door

Calendar

October

Tues., Oct. 1, Noon, \$10

General Meeting Charter Luncheon
– reservations required.

Fri., Oct. 4, 10:00am

Arts Creative: Gold Leafing
Picture Frames

Wed., Oct. 9,

Home Life; Sandwiches
for Cathedral Kitchen

Fri., Oct. 11, 10:00am

Garden Dept: Trip to Laurel Hill
Cemetery: "Nature in the Necropolis"

Mon., Oct. 14, 9:30am

Stitchery

Tues, Oct. 15, 2:00pm

Arts Creative: Decorating Cupcakes

Wed., Oct. 16, 7:00pm

Ways & Means

Sat., Oct. 19, 9:30am

Set Up for Oktoberfest

Sat., Oct. 19, 5:00-9:00pm

Oktoberfest

Mon., Oct. 21, 9:30am

Crafts

Mon., Oct. 21, 11:30am

Literature

Mon., Oct. 21, 2:30pm

Educatioin

Thurs., Oct. 24, 7:00pm

Evening Meeting – The UN:
Capital of the World

Fri, Oct. 25, 11:30am

Public Issues

Sat., Oct. 26

Day of Service

Tues., Oct. 29, 11:00am

Arts Creative: Pumpkin Painting

Continued on Page 2

The Porch Club of Riverton

CLUB PRESIDENT: Joann DiNoia,

EMAIL: jaydinoia@verizon.net

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Mindy Ryan,

EMAIL: mindymryan@yahoo.com

Letter From the President

Dear Ladies,

Happy Fall and "Welcome" to the start of it all. It is hard to believe how fast the time is flying by, but there are many exciting things to look forward to this coming club year. Your Department and Committee chairs have shared their up coming news so please read your *Porch Door* so you can mark down the event or events that you don't want to miss. October is upon us so let's welcome her with delight.

October starts us off with our Opening Luncheon, where it is always wonderful to see our friends and share our summer memories.

Thanks to the Luncheon Committee, the Greeters, and the Garden Department for making our first meeting so special.

Our first Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, October 19 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Nancy promises you won't want to miss this event. More information is in this newsletter.

Evening Department also begins this season with a Thursday evening meeting and program on The UN Capital of the World starting at 7:00pm.

October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Department chair Barbara Toritto received special recognition from the GFWC Community Improvement Program for her Great job at Cinnaminson High School, with her program on Teen Dating Violence. Barbara will be attending a Member Enrichment Day in New Brunswick. I am sure Barbara will be able to share her experience with them. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

October is also a month dedicated to our special State Project "Family Promise" Betty Dunn and her committee are working towards this project. Please read her article in the newsletter.

November also greets us with many activities as well, Our Shopping Spree will take place on Monday evening November 4 from 6:00-9:00pm. This is a great time to pick up Holiday gifts.

Our General Meeting / Tea finds us enjoying a special program on Alice Paul.

Then the Open House for Prospective Members will be on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00pm. Please let Jan know if she can extend an invitation to anyone you know who may have a interest in our club.

So as I sign off on my first *Porch Door* letter, I look forward to the coming year and to wonderful times we will share at our club.

Remember, if it is important to you, then it is important to me as well. If for any reason you may have a question or concern, please know that I am always available .

JoAnn

International Outreach

Iris Gaughan,
iggaughan@gmail.com

The focus of the International Outreach Committee this year will be the UNICEF Syria Emergency fund. The situation in Syria is worsening for children. The escalating violence is threatening the lives of all Syrian children. The reports came as a new terrible milestone was being reached: There are now more than 1 million refugee children who have fled the violence. Inside Syria, more than 3 million children are at risk.

The consequences of this war are truly catastrophic – an entire generation of children are facing critical shortages of clean water, and infectious disease run rampant. UNICEF has been on the ground helping children since the very beginning of this conflict. But as the war rages on, more funding is needed to continue lifesaving efforts.

The UNICEF Halloween boxes will be dedicated to the UNICEF Syria Emergency Fund, as will all the proceeds from the International Luncheon in January.

Calendar Continued

November

Mon., Nov. 4, 6:00-9:00pm

Shopping Spree

Tues., Nov. 5, 12:30pm

General Meeting / Tea – Historical Interpreter, Alice Paul

Fri., Nov. 8, 9:30am

Arts Creative Trip – Philadelphia Craft Show

Mon., Nov. 11, 9:30am

Stitchery

Mon., Nov. 11, 1:00-2:00pm

Chorus Practice

Tues., Nov. 12, 9:00am

Arts Creative, Gingerbread Houses

Wed., Nov. 13, 7:00pm

Open House for Prospective Members

Fri., Nov. 15, 11:30am

Public Issues

Mon., Nov. 18, 12:30pm

Literature

Mon., Nov. 18, 1:00-2:00pm

Chorus Practice

Mon., Nov. 18, 7:00pm

Evening Meeting, “Garden Lunacy: A Growing Concern”

Programs

Phyllis Rodgers, partea@comcast.net, 856.786.8422

Our November program will feature The American Living History Theater presentation of Alice Paul. This brilliant and feisty woman is said to be the true founder of the women's movement.

Taylor Williams will bring her stirring portrayal of Paul in authentic costume to our clubhouse on November 5 Election Day! Williams, a practicing lawyer with a masters degree in theater arts from Villanova, happily juggles her profession with her passion for sharing the Suffragist's story with campuses and special events around the country. An event not to be missed!

Membership Committee

Jan DeVries, jdv5456@aol.com

Would you like to invite someone to join The Porch Club? Is there anyone who you think might be interested in learning more about the Club? If so, we would love to send them an invitation to our Open House for Prospective Members on November 13, 7:00pm, at the Club. Please send their names and addresses to Jan DeVries at jdv5456@aol.com or to Jan at 308 Main Street, Riverton, NJ 08077. An invitation will be sent immediately. Put your thinking caps on, and add to our prospective members list. The more the merrier!

Home Life

Dottie Fresco

Welcome back to another year of “serving”. On Wednesday, October 9, we will be making sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen at the Porch Club. Our “assembly Line” is awesome!

We will be visiting the Ronald McDonald House in May, interacting with the international families and preparing dinner in their kitchen.

Future activities include collecting

food for the Bread of Life food pantry, collecting for the colorful preemie and newborn clothesline, and assisting with the Autism Walk in May.

Ongoing for the year will be collections of Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops for Education. Thank you for making the Riverton Porch Club and our committee so great!

Public Issues

Elizabeth “Betty” Dunn, ecarrolldunn@gmail.com

Summer has flown by and fall is here, a very busy and exciting time of the year. Don't forget your flu shots. There is a new strain of flu this year so make sure that you are prepared for it. Also, don't forget to exercise your right to vote on October 16. There will be a special election to replace the late Senator, Frank Lautenberg. Make sure your voice is heard.

Our state project this year is again Family Promise. The Public Issues and Domestic Violence Awareness committees will be co-chairing this project. Our club will be the collection point for the Garden District for items benefiting Family Promise as part of the NJSFWC “Day of Service” on October 26.

We have been asked to collect Welcome Home baskets, buckets, or containers for the kitchen, bath, general cleaning supplies

and Good Night tote bags for children.

The following items will be needed:

Four kitchen baskets or containers filled with small kitchen supplies such as pot holders, tea towels, dish cloths, measuring cups and spoons, cooking utensils, dish detergent, etc.

Four bath baskets or containers filled with bar soap, hand towels, face cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, nonalcoholic mouthwash, first aid kit, hand lotion, etc.

Four general cleaning supplies, a bucket, liquid cleaner, disinfecting wipes, window cleaner, cleaning cloths, scrubbing brushes, sponges, etc.

Twelve Good Night tote bags for children. Pajamas, sizes 2T to 14, and a children's book appropriate for the age.

You can bring your donations to the October general meeting.

Literature / Education

Cora Lee Page

crpage1@comcast.net

Fourteen members of the Literature part of the Education/Literature Department met on September 16 for a pot luck luncheon at the home of Sandi Scheer. We made plans for our meetings for the coming year and discussed books we read over the summer. We are making plans for our Author's Luncheon which will be a tea this year on Friday, March 28.

Our October meeting will be held at the Porch Club on Monday, October 21 at 11:30. Bring your lunch and tell us about a favorite book you have read.

On November 18, the Literature group will meet at the home of Jean Richman in Riverton at 11:30am.

At 2:30pm on October 21, all who are interested in the Education part of our Department are invited to attend the meeting at the Porch Club to make plans for this year. This is the group that was under the leadership of Jan DeVries last year. We hope to continue the good works that Jan was involved with.

Please let me know if you plan to attend either or both of these meetings on October 21.

The 856 phone number listed in the directory is incorrect. It should be 609 932-0787 for my cell or 609 914-4533 for my home. My email is: crpage1@comcast.net.

Ways and Means

Nancy J. Anderson, nancyjanderson@comcast.net

Marge Ziegler, m.a.ziegler@comcast.net

Once again it's that time of year for our wonderful Porch Club to jump into action! Our WAM ladies have many activities planned for our calendar year! Our first fund raiser is Saturday, October 19, "Oktoberfest" at the Porch Club. Please see the enclosed flier for information and registration to come and enjoy Germany in Riverton. Our next event replaces BINGO! Game night at the Porch Club in January and March (lots of fun just like the game Quiso).

Save the date, February 15th for "A night in Sicily, that's Amore" which replaces our spaghetti dinner. Come feel the love! We have some new additions to our group not on the list and there is room for you to join us too! Call me, Nancy, 609-410-1602 or Marge if you have any questions. All the best regards to you!

Communications

Amanda Boulton, agboulton@gmail.com

Website Upgrade

We are in the process of upgrading our website (<http://theporchclub.org>). We have found a provider who will host the website at no cost and plan to have it moved before the end of the year. The next step is to define what we want the new site to look like and what functionality it should have. If you would like to be part of this process, please contact me. We would like to have the design completed in the next few weeks so we

can start implementation. Many thanks to my husband, Bob, who is donating a huge amount of time to make all of this possible.

Yearbook Corrections

Education/Literature -

phone number is 609-914-4533

Carole Lange - Carole.Lange@gmail.com

Helene Styer - 856-787-4205

Domestic Violence Awareness

Barbara Toritto,

Btoritto@aol.com

The Domestic Violence committee has already met and has made some great plans for the year. We will be joining forces with the Public Issues committee to host a "Day of Service" which will be held on October 26. I'll let you read more about that in Betty Dunn's article. As for our plans, we will be raffling a "Spa Basket" at the Holiday Bazaar scheduled for November 4. We'll also give everyone a chance to buy tickets at the general meeting the following day. The winning ticket will be pulled after the meeting on November 5. The basket will be valued at \$350.00 and tickets are \$5.00 a piece or three for \$10.00. The profits will go for supplies that Providence House has requested.

We will also be reaching out to one of the area High Schools for the "Teen Dating Violence" program. It was an incredible program last year at the Cinnaminson High School. I have been honored by Anne Redlus. She has asked me to join her at a special event being held at the headquarters on October 30. Anne would like all of the clubs in NJ to host this program in their areas. She has asked me to attend and share the information that we have. I would like to say "Thank You" to last year's DVC members for their support in getting this program together.

House

Bobbi Beck,

paul062@verizon.net

The House Committee has started their fall housecleaning. Seven of us cleaned and washed our bottom kitchen cabinets and containerized some of our seldom used glassware. During the summer our bulletin board got a much needed facelift, our thanks to Ken and Mary Walling for doing this project. Our Virginia creeper and other vines (aka weeds!) are gone from the back of our property, thanks to Kevin and Johanna Rooney for undertaking this task. Cobwebs, dust and dirt were cleaned off of the front of our building. We hope they won't make an appearance again before our October luncheon!

Garden/Conservation Department

Pat Brunker, patebrunk@comcast.net

Pat McDermott, pmcdermott14@comcast.net

We had an exciting and eventful year in 2012/13 with trips, workshops, parties and lectures. Thanks to everyone who took the time over the summer to take care of the Porch Club garden. It looks terrific. Our special thanks go to Johanna and Kevin Rooney who cleared out all the overgrown mess in the back.

Our fall program line-up is complete. See below and mark your calendars, then contact us to sign up.

Friday, October 11, 2013 – “Nature in the Necropolis” Tour of Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia

Carpool from The Porch Club at 9:15am, tour at 10:00

Laurel Hill is a site originally chosen for its picturesque location, intended to be a garden for the living that honored those that had passed. In 1836, when it was designed, there were no other parks as we know them today. Virtually every planting on the grounds is deliberate and is a sanctuary in the city for many varieties of mammals and birds that are also carved into the stones - a perfect trip for Halloween. Led by Steven Maurer of Nemours, the tour will explore the cemetery's environmental resources and features. The walking (grass, sidewalks) tour lasts approximately 1½ hours. Cost: \$15 adults, \$10 Seniors.

Evening Meetings

Kit Stahler-Miller, Kitsmiller200@comcast.net, 856-261-0251

Thursday, October 24, 2013, 7pm

Capital of the World: Philadelphia's Race to Host the United Nations by **Charlene Mires**

Did you know that among more than 200 cities and towns seeking to become the Capital of the World, Philadelphia was one of the most energetic competitors and nearly succeeded in luring the world's diplomats to the City of Brotherly Love?

Come hear Charlene Mires, author of *Capital of the World*, present a slide show and discuss the dramatic, surprising, and at times comic story of the hometown promoters in pursuit of an extraordinary prize and the diplomats who struggled

Friday, October 18, 2013 – Perennial Plant Conference at Swarthmore College
Carpool from The Porch Club at 7:15, return around 4:30

See <http://www.perennialplantconference.org/>. Internationally and nationally renowned garden lecturers include Rob Cardillo, David Culp, Peter Korn, Bill Johnson, Darrell Probst, and Claudia West. Cost \$99 per person (if you register by September 16) includes lunch, refreshments, and free admission to Longwood Gardens and Chanticleer that weekend.

Monday, November 18, 2013 – “Garden Lunacy: A Growing Concern” with Art Wolk, 7:00pm at the Club

Garden expert Art Wolk will speak at 7pm at the Porch Club. Art, billed as the Dave Barry of gardening and an award-winning writer, lecturer and photographer, will speak on “Garden Lunacy: A Growing Concern.” He says that he will “attempt to give the audience a delightful, non-sedative, laugh-out-loud experience.” Hear him track his hysterical exploits through the evolution of his career from a casual windowsill gardener into a Philadelphia Flower Show fanatic. Join Art as he light-heartedly tiptoes through the tulips to bring us his own

with the balance of power at a pivotal time in history. She will also speak about the New Jersey connections in the story.

Charlene Mires is Associate Professor of History at Rutgers University-Camden. She is the author of *Independence Hall in American Memory* and a co-recipient of a Pulitzer Prize in journalism.

Bring your questions to this fascinating evening. Books will be available for book signing. Guests welcome.

November is co-sponsored with the Garden Department. Please see the article by Pat Brunker and Pat McDermott in this issue.

No December program scheduled.

brand of horticultural histrionics. After all, isn't gardening supposed to be about having fun? This program is co-sponsored by the Garden and Evening Departments. Art's books will be available for purchase and signing after the meeting. Free to members and guests, suggested donation of \$5 to others.

Thursday, December 5, 2013 – Holiday Wreath Making Workshop, 10:00am at the Porch Club

Join us for a morning of wreath-making for the holidays presented by the Burlington County Gardeners Association. An evergreen wreath, ribbon, florist wire, pine cones and other natural decorations will be furnished, but feel free to bring something special of your own if you wish. We hope to do extra wreaths for the Borough Office and businesses in town. Cost: \$20, prepaid.

Family Promise – State Project

Amanda Boulton,
agboulton@gmail.com

The Special State Project for this year is Family Promise, a non-profit organization whose mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. Our local affiliate is Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) of Burlington County (www.ihnbc.org) which provides shelter, meals, and assistance to homeless families. Throughout the year we will be raising money for this organization in addition to providing opportunities for directly serving families in the program.

Gently used towels, wash cloths, and twin bed sheets are always in need, so if you are cleaning out your linen closet consider donating unwanted linens to IHN. During the week of October 20, families will be housed at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverton. Volunteers will be needed to cook dinner, serve dinner, and serve as overnight hosts. Contact Amanda Boulton for more details.



FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

5PM-9PM

B.Y.O.B

DELICIOUS CATERED GERMAN MENU

INCLUDES DESSERT, COFFEE & TEA

\$25.00 PER PERSON

RESERVE YOUR SEAT OR TABLE NOW

LOCATION: THE PORCH CLUB OF RIVERTON

4TH & HOWARD STREETS, RIVERTON, NJ

NAME: _____

\$25.00 X # ATTENDING _____ = \$ _____ (LIMITED SEATING)

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE PORCH CLUB

MAIL TO: NANCY ANDERSON, 725 PERKINS LN, EDGEWATER PARK, NJ 08010

Arts Creative Activities

Donna Van Hoy 786-1622

October

**Gold-leafing frames – Friday October 4, 10:00am
at the Porch Club**

We are going to have a couple of projects in the near future that will require a nice little frame. We will be doing framed butterflies either in photographs or a piece of artwork. There will also be framed pressed flowers for Achievement Day. Gold-leafing is easy and fun. Look for the sign up sheet or contact Donna so that she knows how many frames and materials to buy.

**Decorating cupcakes with roses made of icing –
Tuesday October 15, 2:00 PM at the Porch Club**

A very talented cake artist will be giving us a demonstration on making a beautiful rose with icing and placing them on the cupcakes. We can also bring our own pastry bags and practice making roses. There will be a fee. Look for the sign up sheet. Donna will give more details later.

Painting Pumpkins – Tuesday October 29, 11:00am at the Porch Club

Bring your own blank pumpkin and an idea. Donna will draw it out for you and help you paint your pumpkin. Look for the sign up sheet or call Donna.

November

Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show – Friday November 8, 9:30am at the Porch Club

We will meet at the Porch Club and either carpool or take the train to the Convention Center. We will be seeing lots of amazing craft artists and have some lunch at the Reading Terminal. Look for the sign up sheet or call Donna.

Gingerbread Houses – Tuesday November 12, 9:00am at the Porch Club

Our theme for the Christmas Tour is Gingerbread Houses. We will be needing all kinds of gingerbread houses for the decoration of the Porch Club. Donna will be buying the kits so let us know if you would like to participate. There will be a fee. There will be assistance to get the houses assembled and decorated. Look for the sign up sheet or call Donna.

Stitchery

Jeanne Bianchini, jxstitch@gmail.com

This year Stitchery has Projects, Projects, and more Projects. Marylou “Vera Bradley” Schofield will be showing all of us how to create our very own stitching/shopping bags. Jean Richman is currently knitting a beautiful, baby soft, cowl. One that we’ll be able to knit together and make our own. And, we’ve come up with a Group Project that we’ll present to the Porch Club upon completion. Something everyone will be able to point at and know they placed their own stitch upon it.

As projects come and go, we continue as a group, bringing our own personal projects to meetings and enjoying just being with each other. We hope every woman will visit one of our Monday meetings and see if there isn’t something you’ve always wanted to try. We’re sure there’s a woman in our group able to teach you whatever that may be. And we have treats!

Art Performing/Music/Drama

**Susan Fay and Naomi Horn,
suefay56@gmail.com, 856-234-4031**

You know we all love to sing Christmas/holiday songs - just think of Bing Crosby and the crackling fire in the fireplace, hot cocoa, lots of cheer! Even if you have not officially signed up for Chorus this year, we would love to welcome you to our first practice at 12:45pm on November 11 at the Porch Club.

The practice schedule is as follows and begins promptly at 1:00pm, so please plan to be there by 12:45pm:

November 11 – (please arrive early so we can distribute music)

November 18 – rehearsal

December 2 – rehearsal

December 9 – (“dress” rehearsal)

December 10 – Concert at the Christmas Tea. Please arrive by 12:15pm

Naomi and I look forward to seeing you all!

The Porch Club of Riverton
Fourth & Howard Streets
P.O. Box 49
Riverton, NJ 08077
www.theporchclub.org