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*The Porch Club of Riverton*

*The Garden District*

February 2011

# Inside the Porch Door

## Calendar

**Tues., February 1, Noon**  
International Covered Dish Luncheon

**Sat., February 5, 4:00-8:00 p.m.**  
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**Wed., February 9, 7:00 p.m.**  
Cooking Committee, Sushi demonstration

**Fri., February 11, 12:30 p.m.**  
Lunch Bingo

**Mon., February 21, 11:30 a.m.**  
Literature Department meeting  
Frances Baun's home

**Tues., February 22, 1:00 p.m.**  
Fondant Cake Decorating

**Thurs., February 24, 7:00 p.m.**  
Travel Committee Meeting

**Mon., February 28, 7:00 p.m.**  
Evening Group Meeting  
"Journey Along the Silk Road"

**Tues., March 1, 12:30 p.m.**  
General Meeting  
Colonial Life Show and Tell

**Sun., March 6-Wed, March 13**  
Philadelphia International Flower Show

**Fri., March 11, 12:30 p.m.**  
Lunch Bingo

**Fri., March 18-Sat., March 19**  
Spring Rummage Sale

**Mon., March. 21**  
Literature Department meeting  
Venue to be decided

**Mon., March. 21**  
Trip to the Alice Paul House, Mt. Laurel

**Tues., March 22**  
Metropolitan Museum of Art bus trip

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*The Porch Club of Riverton*  
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## *From Pat's Perspective:*

Sometimes it's hard to think beyond our own community and projects. We are part of a much larger group of women, though, all standing shoulder to shoulder, united in a common cause. As I go to District Council this week, I am thinking about what our larger presence means. Belonging to The Porch Club of Riverton, we are all members of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Clubs across the country and the world share our dedication to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. There have been so many famous club members, but here are a few of the most notable:

Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) is best known for authoring the poem "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". She was a prolific writer and became the first woman inducted to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She was a leader in the suffrage movement and a respected lecturer for numerous causes. She helped organize the New England Woman's Club in 1868 and served as the President of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs.

Jane Addams (1860-1935) founded Hull House, a settlement house in Chicago, which served as a model for the social reform movement of the Progressive Era. She was a vocal advocate for working women and child labor laws, a leader in the suffrage movement, and helped to establish the International League for Peace and Freedom. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931. Addams was an active member of the Chicago Women's Club and served as Chairman of the GFWC Committee on Child Labor in the early 1900's.

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) was a first lady, social reformer, columnist, teacher, and political activist. She was a tireless advocate for the poor and disadvantaged and used her influence as a speaker and writer. She also served on the first U.S. delegation to the United Nations and drafted the Declaration of Human Rights while chairing the Human Rights Commission for the UN. She was an active member of the Chautauqua Women's Club in New York and maintained strong ties with the Federation throughout her years as First Lady. She spoke at several GFWC events and graciously entertained GFWC officers at the White House.

Margaret Chase Smith (1897-1995) was an active member of GFWC in Skowhegan, Maine and became president of her local club at age 25. Smith held political office in Maine for a total of 33 years (1940-1973). She was first elected as State Representative and later became Senator. Smith was the first woman to ever be elected to both Houses of Congress, and in 1964, she became the first woman to campaign for the presidential nomination of a major political party.

Our own Mary VanMeter Grice founded the PTA in New Jersey and was the first woman elected to a school board in New Jersey. She was an activist, leader of the suffrage movement, published author, social reformer and the first President of the Porch Club. I am so honored to be able to stand in this long line of wonderful women. Brag a little! These women are an inspiration to us all and they are one of us.

*Pat*

## Home/Life Social Services Dottie Fresco 856-786-0789

In February our committee will be collecting clothing and basic supplies for "one pound miracle" babies born at Cooper's Children's Regional Hospitals.

Our donations will go to families who cannot afford to purchase the supplies needed to care for their premature babies.

In March we hope to have a volunteer speaker from Crossroads, a support program that "empowers youth who are homeless, abandoned, abused, or at-risk to lead healthy, productive lives".

This presentation will be given at one of our committee meetings but will be open to all members.

I will announce the date at our February general meeting.

I am still learning about The Porch Club but the response I have received from all of the social programs we work with has been inspiring.

## Members On The Move

Please note these member's recent address changes:

**Trish Mori**  
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**Mary Unland**  
Brandywine  
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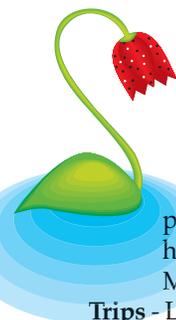
**Fri., March 25, 7:00-10:00 p.m.**  
"Raindance" Children's Event

**Mon., March 28, 7:00 p.m.**  
Evening Meeting,  
Easter Basket Extravaganza

**Tues., April 5, 12:00 p.m.**  
General Meeting, Charter Luncheon  
Reservations required, \$10.

## Cooking Committee Adrienne Smolda Preston Preston-Adrienne@CooperHealth.edu

All are invited to come out to the Porch Club Wednesday, February 9th, at 7pm to get your Sushi Roll on. Know how to roll sushi? I don't but I want to, so that's what we are going to do. This will be a very informal and fun time to learn together and from each other. Supplies will be provided and if you have your own please bring them.



## Garden Department News

June Emens and Rita Vittese

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**Philadelphia International Flower Show** - Support our club's Philadelphia International Flower Show entry in the Window Box/Lamp Post exhibit for our club. The Porch Club's exhibit will be on the floor from Sunday, March 6 through Wednesday, March 9.

**Trips** - Let's look forward to Spring and several arranged trips to some unique gardens and garden centers. For instance, the Garden Department will combine with Arts Creative to see Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ. Other trips are being planned.

**Spring Inspiration** - Meanwhile cozy up to the internet and check out:

<http://www.heirloomseeds.com/>,  
<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/mastergardeners/> or  
<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/plans/>

**Rutgers Master Gardeners** has a new program that they are unveiling for us sometime in April. No date available as of this publication.

Call June Emens 829-2838 or Rita Vittese 856-786-8454 for more information.

## Membership

JoAnn DiNoia, jaydinoia@verizon.net

Please welcome the following ladies as new Porch Club Members: Barbara Toritto, Anne Wrede, Morgan Leone, Janet Karmann, Marjorie Fiorilla, Carol McCarthy, and Lynn Johnson.

I am also looking for members who would like to become "Porch Club Pals". Your job would be to keep new members informed and updated on meetings and events or by sitting with them at our meeting to make them feel more welcome. A phone call or e-mail will be your means of communication. Try to remember what it's like being the "New Kid on the Block". Let us help all who join know the kind spirit of our club. Looking forward to your help and thanking you in advance.

## "Raindance"

Tricia DeVito and Jill Croft

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A "Raindance" will be sponsored by the Children's Event Committee on Friday, March 25th from 7-10 PM. All children from age 10 and up are invited. Members children or grandchildren of the Porch Club, Riverton school kids and anyone else who might like to purchase a ticket for \$5.00/each is welcome. There will be either a band or a DJ for dancing and a joint art project collage for the kids to work on with found objects from nature. Proceeds will go to support the native plantings landscape plan that is to be implemented at Riverton School this spring. Refreshments will be soda, lemon water, a punch, snacks and maybe hot hors d' oeuvres. Chaperones will be provided.

# Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

Donna VanHoy, artdvh@gmail.com

## Achievement Day is April 14.

It's that time of year again so pick up your Achievement Day Information on the back table.

Pre-registration paperwork must be mailed by the end of March.

We all have a few weeks left to put the finishing touches on our entries. Let's hope we get as many ribbons this year as we did last year. Please contact Donna or Phyllis and let us know what you are planning to enter and Donna will submit your paperwork.

**February 22, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Fondant Cake Decorating**

## Programs

Aggie Kennedy

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In May we will have a historical presentation, "The Good Wife, Mrs. Benjamin Franklin".

If any member has program ideas for next year, feel free to share them with me. Send me an e-mail with your ideas and suggestions.

## International Affairs

Pat McDermott, pmcdermott14@comcast.net

On February 1, 2011, we are holding our annual International Luncheon. In the past we have highlighted global charities such as Christian Children's Fund (now Child Fund International) supporting children around the world like our Kimberley. We also supported UNICEF and listened to one of our members speak on the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for children around the world. One of our largest initiatives was the "Bead For Life" campaign supporting Ugandan women and their struggles to lift themselves out of poverty by making jewelry from recycled paper. You should know that all of these charities are still strong and making strides for women and children around the world.

This year our International Luncheon will spotlight Heifer International. Former First Lady, Barbara Bush has said, "Heifer International has brought dignity and self reliance to families in need all over the world with its brilliantly simple solution-live-stock and training for food and income." Please support our "Chicks for Chickens" campaign to contribute several flocks of chickens or maybe even some rabbits to Heifer International.

Thank you in advance for your continued and generous support!

We continue to send packages to Kimberley. Any monetary or material donation is accepted. I usually have a basket at each members meeting for new books or clothing that you would like to donate. Kimberley is 10 years old and wears a size 10/12 girls.

International Women's Day is celebrating its centennial this year on March 8, 2011. Check out their website for world wide activities and to have your voice heard on this day: [www.internationalwomensday.org](http://www.internationalwomensday.org)

We will be decorating mini cakes with fondant icing and making fondant flower decorations. Cost will be \$20.00 and must be pre-paid. Look for the sign up sheet.

**March 22, Tuesday. Bus Trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.**

The bus trip will cost \$30.00 and must be pre-paid. The group admission to the museum will be \$20.00 and is due the day of the trip. Look for the sign up sheet.

**April 18, Monday 1:00 p.m. Making Chocolate Bunnies**

## Literature Department

Sandi Scheer, 856-461-3080

The next meeting of the Literature Department will be on Monday, February 21st at 11:30 at the home of Frances Baun. On Monday, March 21st, the group will meet (at a destination to be announced) to discuss books by Carolyn Hart. Please read any book by this author before the March meeting.



We'll be melting chocolate and using antique and new bunny molds to make some adorable Easter decorations. Look for the sign up sheet.

## Evening Group Meetings

**Journey Along the Silk Road**

**Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:00**

Margaret Riccardelli traveled to more than 50 countries while working for the American Foreign Service in our embassies overseas. She developed a passion for the world's cultures and shares her experiences living in remote areas of the world. Her talk includes a photo display, an exhibit of regional artifacts, and she wears a regional costume. Her lectures are highly interactive and very entertaining. We will also support Heifer Fund International at this meeting by sending some chicks to Africa.

**Easter Basket Extravaganza**

**Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 -**

We will do our annual making of Easter baskets for poor families in conjunction with the Children's Event Committee and the local Girl Scouts. The baskets will be given to Emergency Services for distribution to poor children who wouldn't have them otherwise. Please bring baskets with handles, candy, and other small items to put in the baskets.

## Travel

Iris Gaughan

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The Travel Committee has organized a trip to the Alice Paul House in Moorestown on Monday, March 21, 2011. Open to all club members. Details to follow.

## Rummage Sale

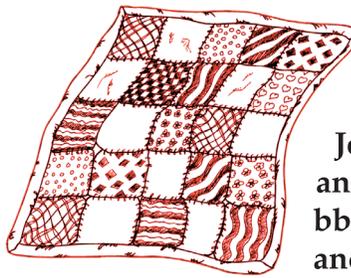
Mary Hannah

[riverton914@verizon.net](mailto:riverton914@verizon.net)

The Spring Rummage Sale will be March 18, Friday and March 19th, Saturday. We will have set up on Wednesday, Thursday and during the day on Friday. What a wonderful way to clean out for the spring by clearing your home of clutter and usable items. Our efforts support women and children's charities and put good use to some special items. The sale is a great way to become better acquainted with some wonderful members. Any items not sold are donated to a neighborhood charity. Go green for St. Patrick's Day by donating some items and stopping in for some fun! Contact Mary Hannah at 786-9314 if you need further info. Thank you so much for your ever generous donations and tireless work for this worthy endeavor.

## March Meeting

Colonial Life Show and Tell will be presented by 'The Burlington County Historical Society March 1 at our General Meeting. This will be an interactive program showing the life and times of our colonial ancestors. Our speaker will be in Colonial dress and will bring numerous period artifacts from the BCHS collection (spices, tea, toys, hats, household implements and more). This program was arranged by the Drama Committee.



## Sew What Committee

Jeanne Bianchini  
and MaryLou Schofield  
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and [mlscho@verizon.net](mailto:mlscho@verizon.net)

The Stitchery group has been busy making our quilted squares. We are collecting the finished ones and would like to have the rest as soon as you can complete them. Upcoming projects will be our Valentine Balls and we will be teaching crocheting. There is interest expressed in making scarves and baby blankets so we will be busy. We have three new ladies that joined our group and they jumped right in and are busy making their squares.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH 2011

4-8 PM- ADULTS \$20.00 BYOB

HOWARD CUISINE BUFFET

Proceeds benefit Porch Club public service projects

For information contact Nancy Anderson 609-410-1602



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