



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

April/May 2012

Inside the Porch Door

Calendar

Tues., Apr. 3
General Meeting, 12 noon

Mon., April 9, 9:30 am
Stitchery

Mon., April 9, 7:00 pm
Scribblers

Fri., April 13, 10:00 am
Van Gogh Exhibit

Mon., Apr. 16, 11:30 am
Literature meeting

Mon., Apr. 16, 7:00 pm
Stitchery meeting

Tues., Apr. 17, 1:00-2:30 pm
Sandwich making for Cathedral Kitchen

Tues., Apr. 17, 7:00 pm
Project Runway

Fri., April 20
Public issues meeting

Wed., April 25, 7:00 pm
Garden Tour committee meeting

Sat., April 28, 4:00-8:00 pm
Luau Dinner Party

Mon., April 30
Pot making class

Tues., May 1, 12:30 pm
General Meeting
"What It's Worth"

Wed., May 2, 12:30 pm
Chili Dinner for Ronald MacDonald House

Mon., May 14, 9:30 am
Stitchery meeting

Mon., May 14, 7:00 pm
Scribblers meeting

Tues., May 15, 13:30 pm
Annual Meeting,
Ice Cream Social

Thurs., May 17, 7:00 pm
Evening meeting, Forking Delicious
cooking demonstration

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From Bobbie's Perspective:

Dear Ladies,

Time really does go faster as you get older. I cannot believe it is now April and we are three-quarters through this program year. This will be your last newsletter until next fall.

I am happy to say that we have accomplished an amazing amount of work. The list of projects goes on and on. I am very proud to be part of this fantastic organization. Thanks to all who worked on the St. Patty's Day dinner and our Rummage Sale.

Elections were held at our March meeting. The following members were elected for a 2 year term:

Treasurer – Michelle Daniel

Arts Performing – Sue Fay (music) and Lynn Johnson (drama)

Conservation (formerly garden) – Pat McDermott and Pat Brunker

Evening – Kit Stahler-Miller

House – Carol McCarthy

International Outreach – Iris Gaughn

Public Issues – Betty Dunn

Thank you ladies for saying yes to these jobs.

In May we will have our regular General Meeting on May 1st. May 15th will be our Annual Meeting, our newly elected officers will be installed at this time. Please come out and wish our new members of the executive board the best.

A Red Ribbon (second) was won by our Flower Show committee. Congratulations for a job well done, 97 points out of 100. WOW!

JUST IN – Our beautiful quilt won a ribbon at the Wheaton Village Quilt Show. Over 175 quilts were in the show. Accolades go to all who stitched this beautiful quilt.

Have a great spring and summer. Don't forget our Garden Tour on June 2. See you there.



Bobbie

The Flower Show team was Bobbie Beck, Pat Brunker, Carol Crawford, Jan DeVries, Pat McDermott, Maureen Murray, Debbie Patras, Kathy Simon, and Rita Vittese. The entry gleaned a Second Place in the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show.

Sat., May 19,
Autism Speaks Walk
Mon., May 21,
Literature meeting
Mon., May 21, 7:00 pm
Stitchery meeting
Tues., May 22, 7:00 pm
Garden Tour meeting
Thurs., May 24, 7:00 pm
Entrepreneurial Women,
Marketing Workshop

Sat., June 2, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Garden Tour
Mon., June 11, 7 pm
Evening meeting
Road Rally III

Rummage Sale

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I am writing this article to give you all the results of the Spring Rummage Sale. All the sales are interesting but this one was one of the best. The spring sales are usually very low key in regards to donations and interested buyers and I was a tiny bit worried. This sale was different! The donations were a tiny bit slow in coming but the sale started with full tables. We opened the doors at 6 p.m. on Friday night and closed them to our visitors at about 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and business was brisk. This was totally a change from any other spring sale. We are trying to show quality items and clothing to those who like a bargain and I think we pulled this off!

The sale brought in \$1,542, far above any other spring sale! These monies totally go to women and children's charities. No overhead here - all donations and volunteers. We had about 16 women who gave from 2 to 20+ hours towards the sale efforts. The members ranged from new members one year or less to executive board members - wonderful for all to engage and work with one another for a great cause. The Porch Club spirit is alive during these sales.

Thank you all so very sincerely for all of your donations, hard work, efforts, and being such wonderful, fun, and energetic people to pull this off. You are all amazing!

Home/Life Social Services

Dottie Fresco, 856-786-0789

Our Committee is "springing" to life.

On the evening of April 17 at the Porch Club, we will be making sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.

I will be asking for more volunteers to meet the challenge of making 250 sandwiches in the shortest time possible!

We will also be making our awesome chili dinner at the Ronald MacDonald house on Wednesday, May 2. Interacting with the families has always been an incredibly inspiring experience.

On Saturday, May 19, the Committee will be working at the "T shirt" stand for Autism Speaks Walk. We are looking for more

volunteers to help give out t-shirts. It's being held at Bishop's Walk Industrial Park in Mt. Laurel, NJ. Please call Dottie or sign up at the April 3 Charter Luncheon. Remember, two years ago we were told that the women of the Porch club "revolutionized" the event!

Thank you for all of the contributions placed in our basket, particularly the very cute and needed baby clothes.

Next year we will be placing greater emphasis on the Box Tops for Education for Palmyra School District. Each Box top is worth \$.10 which is a very good return.

Thank you again for all you do and all of our contributions. We are revolutionary!

International Outreach

Pat McDermott, pmcdermott14@comcast.net

"Water Changes Everything" was the theme of the International Covered Dish Luncheon held in February. Over 60 members and guests came together for good food and the 4-star international charity, charitywater.org.

We don't spend too much time thinking about water -- it's everywhere we go. When we're thirsty, we flip a handle or push a button. When we're dirty, we twist a shower knob. When our garden needs watering, when our pasta needs to be boiled, when we use the bathroom -- water is just there for the taking.

But for almost a billion people on the planet, it's not. Millions of women and children have to walk hours each day to get water from muddy ponds and rivers. And much of that water is infested with bacteria, parasites or leeches.

One hundred percent of our donation of \$400 to charitywater.org will help fund a water project in the field. Even better, when the projects are complete, they'll show us just where our money went. That's right -- we'll be able to see the GPS coordinates, photos and other details about the community we've impacted. I'll keep you updated!

Together, we can make a dent in the global water crisis. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this cause.

Membership Department

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Installed on March 6th. we welcomed the following:

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The Luau!

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
4-8 PM

Buffet Style: Pulled pork
and chicken, salad, and other
tasty foods, and desserts

BYOB, Ice will be provided
as will set ups for tropical
drinks and margaritas



Looking Back

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

April 1913 - the Club distributed 2,000 packets of seeds to school children for planting.

April 21, 1925 - having made the last payment, the Club burned the Mortgage at the Charter Luncheon.

Spring 1960 - the Club started a wildflower trail and planted 4 dogwood trees in Riverton Park.

May 22, 1983 - the Mayor of Riverton declared this date as "Porch Club Day in Riverton" in honor of the Club's 93rd birthday, and to help promote the first Porch-Party fundraiser.

Education Committee

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A big thank you to Marian Aditya, Bobbie Beck, Jan DeVries, Gerri Dietrich, Dottie Fresco, Iris Gaughan and Pat McDermott for representing The Porch Club in Read-Across-America's 2012 Celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday. We had a wonderful, rewarding time reading with the children at Charles Street School, Palmyra and at Riverton School. We loved them—and they loved us back! And special thanks to everyone who contributed to the Teacher's Wish List Project. We expect to deliver all the items to the teachers of Riverton and Charles Street Schools in the next two weeks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Literature Department

Cora Lee Page, crpage1@comcast.net

The April 16th meeting will be held at Marilyn Thrush's home. We are working on choosing an author (or possibly 2) for our author's luncheon, which will be on October 19 at the Riverton Country Club. Anyone having suggestions for an author, please email me at crpage1@comcast.net or give it to me in writing at the April meeting.

Programs

Aggie Kennedy
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What's It Worth? (China and Glassware)

In May, Maria Chiaccio will help us find out "What's It Worth? Maria will conduct informal appraisals for us on antique and vintage china and glassware.

Maria has worked at S&S Auctions in Ramapo, NJ for the past 20 years. Maria also owned Maria's Gift Shop in Palmyra for several years. Maria is trained in the restoration and repair of antiques, and has incorporated those skills in to the many items she created for the shop.

Maria's areas of expertise include:

China and pottery

- * Limoges
- * Meissen
- * Nippon
- * Sevres
- * Rosenthal
- * Royal Daulton
- * Lenox
- * Wedgewood
- * Roseville
- * Satsuma
- * Steins (German or Matlack)

Glassware

- * Lustre
- * Westmorland
- * Fostoria
- * Hobnail
- * Opalescent
- * Cobalt

Maria will bring some samples from her own collection to help educate us. So take your old china and glassware off the shelf and find out "What's It Worth?"

Domestic Abuse

Barbara Toritto,
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Hello Ladies, I want to share with you what a success the "Super Bowl/Super You" event turned out to be. I had a lovely phone conversation with a Rachael Johnston from Providence House. She informed me that they have never received donations of such a personal nature and that the ladies loved the spa baskets. We also received two letters of appreciation which will be turned in to Bobbie Beck. I am sure that they will be shared with the club. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Evening Meetings

Pat Brunker,
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Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:00
Porch Club "Project Runway"

Everyone will split into teams and we'll have the most outrageous clothing and accessories we can find (from the Rummage Sale or our own closets) to pick from to create your outfits. Select a model from your team and dress her for the competition. We'll have three "heats", playing tennis, garden party, and fancy dress ball, with prizes for the best in category and the funniest, prettiest, and most outrageous outfits overall as determined by guest judges with lots of opinions.

Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00

Simply Healthy: Delicious Food Demo

The ladies of "Forking Delicious" (members Kathy Simon, Donna Russell-Kane, et al) and Fabio from "A Taste of Olive" will teach us about the easy way to cook simple and delicious meals that are good for us! The talk will include the Mediterranean Diet, becoming a "locavore" (or something like it!), reading labels, and adding flavor without chemicals. They will do a few cooking demonstrations of simple options to help you eat heartily and healthily.

Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00

Road Rally III

Back by popular demand, we'll head out from the Porch Club on the "Tour de Riverton". Carpools of 4 to a car, a driver, a map reader, a direction finder and a scavenger. Bring back all the required items to the final surprise location for the end-of-year party.

Garden Department Activities

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Congratulations to the Flower Show Committee for another fine year of representing the Porch Club at the renowned Philadelphia Flower Show! The coveted Second Place Ribbon in the 2012 Hawaii-themed show went to our Window Box and Hanging Basket entitled, "Gifts for Lono, the Provider." This fabulous entry scored a phenomenal 97 out of 100 points!

Congratulations and thanks to Kathy Simon, Carol Crawford, Jan DeVries, Maureen Murray, Pat Brunker, and Pat McDermott for their special achievement.

Save the date!

Saturday, June 2, 2012, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -The Porch Club's Biennial Garden Tour

We have a number of beautiful gardens lined up in Riverton and Cinnaminson to inspire you! The dedicated Garden Tour Committee has been hard at work since November making sure that this much anticipated event is a special one.

This year we have the added bonus of displaying and raffling off our beloved flowered quilt hand-applied by the women in our Stitchery Committee. This beautiful quilt inspired our theme. We will have quilts and flowers displayed throughout the tour. The proceeds of the entire event will go to the Porch Club Building Fund.

Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

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

If you have entered something for the Achievement Day Contest, your paperwork has been pre-registered. We will be in touch to get the entries for the District judging.

Thursday, April 12

Achievement Day Luncheon.

Tickets are \$36.00. Call Bobbie Beck to purchase yours.

Friday, April 13

"Van Gogh Up Close"

The show is at the Philadelphia Museum

of Art. We'll meet at the Porch Club at 10:00 a.m. and carpool to the museum. We'll get some lunch at the museum. Look for the sign up sheet at the April meeting.

Mid-May is time for "Philadelphia's Magic Gardens" (Beyond Amazing). We would like to get a group together and carpool to the gardens. Parking is convenient. We'll get some lunch while we are there. Look for the sign up sheet at our May meeting.



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