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The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

April/May 2014

Inside the Porch Door

Calendar

April

Tues. Apr. 1, 12:00pm

General Meeting Charter Luncheon, \$10 reservations required.

Mon., Apr. 7, 7:00pm

Evening Meeting, Easter Basket Extravaganza

Tues., Apr. 8, 10am

Arts Creative/Conservation
Make Fascinators

Tues., Apr. 8, 10:00am

Deliver Easter Baskets
to Emergency Services

Mon., Apr. 14, 9:30am

Stitchery

Tues. Apr. 15, 1:00pm

Arts Creative, Coconut Easter Eggs

Tues. Apr. 15, 7:00pm

Garden Tour meeting

Thurs. Apr. 17

Achievement Day

Fri., Apr. 25, 11:30am

Public Issues

Fri., Apr. 25, 9:30am

Arts Creative, Creating Art for
Garden Tour

Mon., Apr. 28, 11:30am

Literature

May

Tues., May 6, 12:30pm

General Meeting
Chorus performs

Wed., May 7, 7:00pm

Evening Meeting, America's Great
Seedhouses

Fri., May 9, 9:30am

Arts Creative, Academy
of Natural Sciences

Mon., May 12, 9:30am

Stitchery

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Letter from Your President

Dear Ladies,

Embrace the Season!

Now that we have put our winter gear away, let us open our windows and let the Spring Time in....

As I sit down to write this letter I ask myself where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday when I sent out my first newsletter to everyone and now, I am composing my last for our Porch Club year. Despite the harshness of Mother Nature, I would say that we have had a pretty successful year, with many accomplishments and more to come with Achievement Day right around the corner.

I am so proud of all the many things that our Porch Club members do. Our Board Members, Department Chairs, and Committee Chairs have out done themselves to make us all Porch Club Proud, not to mention our Quilting accomplishments and also our Flower Show Department for taking second prize at the Philadelphia Flower Show. I know I will be very proud to brag about our club this year as I give my annual report at our District meeting on Achievement Day.

Our final event of the year will be our 2014 Garden Tour which will be held on both Friday evening, May 16 and Saturday May 17.

We will also be saying goodbye to some of our Board members who will be stepping down, after several years of service: Terri Budroe, Nancy Anderson, Johanna Rooney, Donna Van Hoy and Marge Ziegler. Thank you for all that you have done. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you.

And last, but not forgotten, our dear Porch Club members Toby Hunn and Dottie Fresco who are sadly missed by all.

I hope that you have enjoyed me as your club President, and I look forward to many new adventures together in the coming year.

Warmly,

JoAnn

The Porch Club of Riverton

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Evening Meetings

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Thanks to all members and guests who came out to support the Evening Department programs this winter. January - "10 Keys to Healthy Eating" by Susie Procini. People said the program was terrific, it was an eye-opener, and they learned a lot; and in February - "Women's Issues and Opportunities" by Cathi Rendfrey, who discussed services offered to women in need, and Human Trafficking and Alimony Reform. People said she is a very good speaker and a proactive women's advocate, and although the topics were important, it was hard to hear about the Human Trafficking issues. Thanks also to all the volunteers who make these programs happen.

Calendar *Continued*

Thurs., May 15, 1:00pm
Decorate for Garden Tour

Fri., May 16, 4:00-8:00pm
Garden Tour

Sat., May 17, 10:00am-4:00pm
Garden Tour

Mon., May 19, 11:30am
Literature

Tues., May 20, 12:30pm
Annual Meeting

Fri., May 23, 11:30am
Public Issues Meeting

Fri., May 30, 9:30am
Arts Creative,
Brandywine River Museum

June

Mon., June 2, 7:00pm
Evening Dept Planning Meeting

Thurs., June 16, 7:00pm
Evening Department, Year End Social

Mon., June 9, noon
Conservation, Year End Garden Party

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Easter Basket Extravaganza Monday, April 7, 2014 – 7pm

We will do our annual whirl-wind making of Easter Baskets for families and children in need with help again from the Cadet Girl Scouts and Mothers from Palmyra Troop 23972. Please bring any of the following to the Porch Club to the April 1 General Meeting or drop off at other times:

- baskets with handles, grass, clear wrap, ribbon, pipe cleaners,
- candy, lollipops, gum, snacks – Gold Fish, Pringles chips, pretzels, chips, fruit snacks, snack drink boxes,
- games, cards, stickers, books, puzzles, sidewalk chalk, small stuffed animals, toy cars and dolls etc.

Please bring food items that are pre-packaged or individually wrapped. We cannot use bulk candy and snack items.

We will deliver the Easter Baskets the next day to Catholic Charities Emergency Services in Delanco on Tuesday, April 8 at 10am for distribution. We will need drivers and helpers to load and unload the vehicles in Delanco. Please let Kit know if you can drive or help.

Thanks in advance for your wonderful generosity and creativity. This event is a crowd favorite among the girl scouts and volunteers.

"The D. Landreth Seed Company and the Story of America's Great Seed Houses" by Barbara Plantholt Melera Wednesday, May 7, 2014 – 7pm

We are fortunate to have Barbara Melera, President and CEO of the D. Landreth Seed Company, the oldest seed house in America, take us on a journey of seed trade from 1784 to current day.

Did you know that in 1798 the first zinnia seeds were sold in America?; that the spinach you eat today was developed in 1826, and that the information contained in seed catalogs taught generations of Americans how to farm and live off the land?

In this slide program, Barb will trace the history of the seed trade in America from 1784 when the first seed house establishment was opened, through the 20th century. She will discuss the founding of the early seed



Barbara Melera

houses and some of the seed trade's greatest traditions, including the development of seed catalogs and why they were established.

Come hear her discuss the founding of Breck, Buist, Dreer, Ferry Morse, Burpee, Park, Henderson, C.H. Lippincott and Bodger as well as Landreth and how the men who lead this industry helped to build a nation.

David Landreth II and his father helped found the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in 1827. The PHS is the father of all horticultural societies in the United States and sponsor of the Philadelphia Flower Show, the oldest flower show in the country, an event that has continued in existence for 185 years.

Membership

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A very warm welcome to the following new members who were installed on March 4:

- Grace Edelstein
- Faith Endicott
- Sheila Hines
- Carol Hoinsky
- Susan Kolarovic
- Mary Sweeney

In addition to welcoming more new members in April and May, the Membership Department is planning a special recognition of members who have belonged to The Porch Club for 35 years and more for the May 20 meeting.

Garden/Conservation Department

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Our bi-annual Garden Tour 2014 will be held on Friday, May 16 from 4 to 8pm and Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10am to 4pm. On the tour are seven private gardens in Riverton and Cinnaminson in all their late-spring glory, plus the Riverton Library. On Saturday, we'll have shopping with garden-related vendors and plant and book sales, exhibitors, and plant and environmental experts. New this year is a Friday night reception from 6 to 9pm (refreshments, entertainment, drinks) for all ticket-holders (suggested donation at the door). Come and have some time together after touring on Friday evening. Also back by popular demand is the luncheon on Saturday from 11am to 2pm with a great menu prepared by our own ladies. The tour is \$15, tour plus Saturday lunch \$25. Tour tickets are good for both days. Purchase tickets on our website <http://theporchclub.org/>; in person at the Riverton Library, New Leaf Tea Room, Orange Blossom Cafe, or Beneficial Bank in Riverton; and at meetings. This is our big fundraiser for this year. Proceeds go to support the Porch Club's charitable initiatives.

As always, we need lots of help! If you can volunteer to be a hostess at a garden on Friday evening or Saturday (two shifts), please contact Jan DeVries or Kit Miller. If you would like to help with the reception or luncheon, selling tickets at the Porch Club, selling Porch Club items on Saturday, etc., please contact us. We have a job for everybody! We are also looking for garden items to sell at the tour. If you have any books, plants, or other garden items you can donate, please let us know or bring them to any meeting.

Also, come and help us make fascinators to sell and wear at the Garden Tour on Tuesday, April 8, at 10am. We have the supplies for you to use, but if you have any silk flowers, headbands, garden things you think would look cute on somebody's head, bring them along. Many hands make fun work.

Our next meeting is April 15 at 7:00pm at the Club. The garden owners will be joining us that evening.

Forms for Achievement Day are due by April 3 so we can get your plants and other decorative items entered in time for the competition on April 17.

Save the date! The end of year Gar-



This Porch Club entry at the Philadelphia Flower Show won 2nd place.

den Party will be on Monday, June 9, this year. This annual year-end celebration is a covered dish lunch at noon. More information to follow.

Conservation Chat:

In April we celebrate two conservation holidays: Earth Day, April 22 and Arbor Day, April 25.

The food we eat, the air we breathe and the water we drink all come from nature. Take a few minutes on Earth Day, April 22, to celebrate all that our good earth provides. Consider volunteering on Saturday, April 26, to help "Clean and Plant Riverton." See Pat McDermott for more info.

During that week we also commemorate Arbor Day on April 25. Trees clean the air, conserve topsoil and protect our

water supply. They slow climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide.

Plant a tree this spring and then register your tree online with PHS "Plant One Million Trees".

"I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree."

Joyce Kilmer

Arts Creative Activities

Donna Van Hoy 786-1622

April

- **Achievement Day**, April 3 - Pre-registration paperwork will be mailed for Achievement Day entries.
- **Fascinators**, April 8 - Tuesday 10:00am, Porch Club - Garden and Arts Creative Departments will work on Fascinators. They are little fancy head decorations to sell at the Garden Tour. We would LOVE to have your help.
- **Coconut Cream Easter Eggs**, April 15 - Tuesday 1:00pm, We will be making Coconut Cream Easter Eggs. We will dip them in nice chocolate and put candy flowers on top.
- **Achievement Day Luncheon**, April 17 - Thursday Spring Conference Achievement Day Luncheon.
- **Art for the Garden Tour**, April 25 - 9:30am - Creating Art for the Garden Tour. We will get together and trace flowers and butterflies. We will use watercolors or colored pencils. They will be hung around the Porch Club to decorate for the Garden Tour.

May

- **Achievement Day** entries delivery, May 5 - Arts Creative will deliver Achievement Day entries to NJSFWC State Convention.
- **Academy of Natural Sciences**, May 9 - Friday 9:30am, Carpool from the Porch Club to the Academy of Natural Sciences 19th and the Parkway. We will go to the live butterfly exhibit. We will then walk across the Parkway to 16th Street and have a little lunch at Capriccio at Cafe Cret. They have indoor and outdoor seating.
- **Decorate the Club**, May 15 - Thursday 1:00pm, We will decorate the Porch Club for the Garden Tour, clothesline exhibit bird houses etc.
- **Brandywine River Museum**, May 30 - Friday 9:30am at the Porch Club, We will meet at the Porch Club and carpool to the Brandywine River Museum. We will see the museum, have some lunch and maybe go the Andrew Wyeth's Studio.

Stitchery

Jeanne Bianchini, jxstitch@gmail.com

Stitchery has been busy getting ready for Achievement Day on April 17. We hope to have many entries, as our ladies are extremely talented. Entry categories, rules, and registrations forms can be found on the website in the Members Only section. We encourage all members to look at the categories and enter.

Betsy is being stitched every Monday and the look on the ladies' faces when they complete their square is amazing.

We also made tote/shopping bags. Karen Healey is teaching the ladies to knit. If you want to come out and join our group please do, the kettle is always on.



Vicky Basgil proudly displays the tote bag she made.



There are 61 completed squares. That leaves only 186 to go. We've been trying to stitch 30 squares per month, so we're a little behind. We had to cancel a few Mondays, and that stopped 6 women from stitching each week. Hopefully, when it's sunny, we'll add a few hours and be able to catch up. We already have the next few weeks scheduled with members ready to stitch and we'll be re-scheduling those who were canceled due to the weather. We'll also be stitching "Remembering Squares" for members no longer with us. Contact Marylou Schofield to make an appointment.

Rummage Sale

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The Spring Rummage Sale was held the weekend of March 14. I have said before that each sale has its own atmosphere and is different in its own way. This one was quiet and steady. We had a nice start of items and they kept coming. We try to price on Friday afternoon but it was difficult as items were still flowing in. It all worked out in the end as it always does. There was a full line waiting for the doors to open at 6:00 on Friday evening. Saturday mornings are usually very quiet but this one was exciting. Maybe some of you saw our Rummage Sale on the front of the B1 section of the Sunday Burlington County Times newspaper. The photographer came Saturday morning as a wonderful surprise. Every-

one left the sale seemingly happy that they had found a treasure for a bargain. This picture is an example of a very satisfied customer. I could go on and on about the committee members. These sales are a lot of hard work and the Porch Club members just pitch in and get it all done! We had new members and members with lengthy service years, all joining together, for a lot of fun in making another successful sale. This sale resulted in a total of \$1,240.85 all of which will go to women's and children's charities within Burlington County. Thank you sincerely to all who donated, all who worked to make the sale worthwhile and all who came to shop and show support. It could not be done without you!



A satisfied customer at the rummage sale.

Ways and Means

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Marge and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us during our commitment with Ways and Means.

From Casino Night to making meatballs & sauce, Bingo, Mothers Day brunch, corned beef and cabbage for St Patricks Day, Luau festivities, Oktoberfest and WAM Trivia!, we have had many fun times together and laughed a lot! Most of all we made the monies to keep the Porch Club alive so we in turn could help others. We are a wonderful group of Woman who can get the job done as a team! From younger women to older women, everyone pitched in and turned the wheel in motion to make it all happen! Everyone had their job and did it so well! I am so proud of all of our group and Thank you again for your help and support! Mother Nature had her say in a few of our events but that was out of our womanly control! Proud to be a member of the Porch Club of Riverton!

Literature / Education

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Six of our ladies gathered at the Porch Club for Read Across America in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. They hosted first and second graders from Riverton School and read Dr. Seuss books to an enthusiastic audience. Check out the pictures on the website.

The next Literature will be on Monday, April 28 at 11:30 am. Location to be announced at the April general meeting.

Art Performing/ Music/Drama

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The Porch Club Chorus looks forward to entertaining you on May 6 at the Porch Club Tea. We still have room for anyone who would like to sing with us - just show up at practice!

Practice Schedule is as follows: April 7, 21, 28 and May 5 at the Porch Club. Be ready to sing at 1:00 please.

Public Issues

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We are still collecting socks for soldiers. Please pick up a pair or two of white, stretch crew socks and drop them in our collection basket on the porch at our next general meeting. We will be collecting socks until September. It's a nice way to say thanks to our troops.

On March 21, Public Issues hosted a speaker from the Burlington County Sheriff's Department who discussed senior safety and security.

We hope to have a representative from PNC Bank at our Public Issues meeting on Friday, April 25 to discuss financial issues for women. They will discuss wills, trusts, estate planning, on line banking and any other question you might have. All members of the Porch Club are invited to attend this meeting, Just bring a light lunch and we'll provide the coffee and cookies. Please let me know if you are going to attend. My number is 856-829-0833.

☞ In Memoriam ☜

**Dottie Fresco
Jean Richman**

Stitchery Quilt Takes 3rd Place

The lovely quilt created by the Stitchery Committee for Paint the Porch Pink last year and was won, via raffle, by a breast cancer survivor, took Third Prize at the Wheaton Arts "A Garden of Quilts" show this year. Congratulations to all the women who worked so hard on it. Special thanks to MaryLou Schofield and Jeanne Bianchini for their leadership in the quilt's creation and for entering it in the show.



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