



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Oct./Nov. 2014

Inside the Porch Door

Calendar

October

- Mon. Oct. 6, 9:30am**
Stitchery / Crafts
- Tues. Oct. 7, Noon**
General Meeting /
Opening Luncheon
Cost \$12.00, Reservations required
- Thurs. Oct. 9, 10:00am**
Membership Committee
- Mon. Oct. 13, 7:00pm**
Stitchery / Crafts
- Mon. Oct. 20, 9:30am**
Arts Creative
- Mon. Oct. 20, 11:30am**
Literature
- Fri. Oct. 24, 11:30am**
Public Issues
- Mon. Oct. 27, 9:30am**
Arts Creative
- Mon. Oct. 27, 7:00pm**
Evening Meeting
- Tues. Oct. 28, 9:30am**
Board Meeting

November

- Mon. Nov. 3, 6:00pm – 9:00pm**
Shopping Spree
- Tues. Nov. 4, 12:30pm**
General Meeting
- Mon. Nov. 10, 1:00pm**
Chorus
- Mon. Nov. 10, 7:00pm**
Stitchery / Crafts
- Thurs. Nov. 13, 7:00pm**
Open House
- Thurs. Nov. 13, 1:00pm**
Chorus
- Fri. Nov. 14, 2:00pm**
Public Issues

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Letter from Your President

Dear Ladies,

Welcome once again to the start of our brand new Porch Club year. This year we will be celebrating our 125th birthday... don't we look great! Stay tuned for special commemorative events scheduled throughout the year.

With fall quickly approaching, meetings, lunches, and activities will soon be filling be our calendars. Many of you that I ran into during the summer said you were eagerly awaiting the start of our year, well I say, "Let the fun begin!"

October starts us off with our Opening Luncheon where we will be greeting old friends and exchanging stories and memories of our summer months. Thank you to all for making this such a special day.

This year we welcome 20 new members. I am sure that we set a new Porch Club record. Thank you, Jan, for beautifully orchestrating it all.

As I anticipate our opening meeting I would like to pass on these words that I saw on the cover of a journal, so beautifully stated:

"When words are both true and kind they can change the WORLD."

So let us challenge ourselves this year to try something new. You may surprised by your hidden talents. As always, remember that all of our events, meetings, and activities are open to all of our members even those who did not sign up. All of our committee and department chairs have a lot to share with you in our newsletter, so sit back, have a cup of tea and "read on."

Warmly,

JoAnn



Programs

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What do an award winning journalist, the 16th President of the United States, and an Asian fusion chef have in common? They will all be guest speakers right here at the Porch Club of Riverton during our 125th year.

Our November 4 meeting will welcome journalist Sally Friedman as she presents "Lifesounds: An Affectionate Look At Ordinary Life". Sally has been

Membership

Jan DeVries, membership@theporchclub.org

Mark this date on your calendar!
OPEN HOUSE

FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

November 13, Thursday, 7:00 pm

Please come and bring a friend(s!) to this informal open house to introduce them to The Porch Club. The Membership Department is always eager to welcome women who are interested in joining the Club and in supporting our many activities.

If you have questions, or if you'd like an application form now for a friend, please contact Jan DeVries at 856-816-4986 or membership@theporchclub.org

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Chorus Practice

Yearbook Corrections

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a longtime contributor to the *New York Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Family Circle*, and *SJ Magazine*. Her work has appeared in *The Huffington Post* as well as 38 volumes of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and she is the recipient of numerous prestigious journalism awards.

"Lifesounds" is for anyone of any age who ever felt vulnerable, disappointed, jubilant, proud, or in need of a hug. It is like a terrific conversation with a good friend. Be sure to attend the November meeting.

Stay tuned for more to come on other guest speakers, Abraham Lincoln and Chef Joe Poon.



Sally Friedman

Communications

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Yearbooks have been mailed. Please check your contact information and notify me of any changes.

The password for the website has changed. Log in information is on the first page of your yearbook. Our website (www.theporchclub.org) continues to be the best place for getting up to date information. We strive to keep the calendar accurate so that you always know when meetings/activities are taking place.

With that in mind, please notify me of any changes/additions that should be on the calendar. You can also find information on departments/committees, membership, charities supported, and everyone's favorite - photos!

Like us on FaceBook to get updates on what is happening in your newsfeed. Just click on the link on the website home page.

International Outreach

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The focus international project this year will be supporting girls' education. This project will be under the umbrella of the Half the Sky Movement. Every day around the world, girls are in danger simply because of their desire to get an education. Educating girls is the key to building stable, egalitarian communities.

The International Outreach Committee will continue to sponsor Kimberly Jones through ChildFund International. Kimberly is now 13 years old. In the beginning of the summer the Porch Club sent her a summer surprise (\$100.00 gift card to Walmart). A very nice thank note was sent in which Kimberly said she would be able to buy summer clothes with the gift money. The gifts and sponsorship are a direct result of the continuous and gracious generosity of Porch Club members.

This October we will once again be collecting Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Boxes will be placed in local businesses. If you have a child or grandchild who might want to collect for UNICEF, I will have Trick or Treat boxes available at the October meeting.



Evening Meetings

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Welcome back after a long summer of vacations and activities. The Evening Department is launching it's 8th year of programming with international flare from Italy and France including delightful food and chocolate tastings respectively. The "Made in America" Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree to benefit The National Alliance on Mental Illness will give you a jumpstart on your holiday shopping.

Monday, October 27, 2014, 7:00 pm

Eat! Eat! Mangia! Mangia!

Easy answers to the eternal question: What's to Eat?

Kathy Simon of Cherry Grove Farm and Fabio Auguadro of A Taste of Olive will demonstrate some simple, delicious dishes for your sampling delight. Who needs the Food Network when we have these wonderful cooks so close to home? Don't miss the fun and the wonderful food.

Kathy Simon is Director of Retail Sales and Marketing at Cherry Grove Farm, a historic, sustainable, organically

certified 400-acre farm set in the heart of Lawrenceville, NJ. Cherry Grove Farm's award-winning farmstead cheeses are "made in cooperation with happy cows." In addition to cheese, the on-site farm store offers whey-fed pork, grass-fed lambs, pasture-raised eggs and many locally sourced delicacies. Kathy is a member of the Porch Club and her extensive culinary expertise is well-known to many who have enjoyed her feasts.

Fabio Auguadro is Director of the Specialty Gourmet & Import Division of A Taste of Olive Stores, and manager of the Haddonfield store. Born and raised in the Umbria region of Italy, Fabio combines a vast knowledge of fine ingredients with a love of cooking that will captivate you. A Taste of Olive brings its customers the freshest and highest quality Extra Virgin Olive Oils and Balsamic Vinegars from around the world and encourages customers to incorporate a more flavorful, healthy cuisine into their lives.

Admission \$5 for guests and non-members.

Monday, November 3, 6:00-9:00 pm

Pre-Holiday "Made in America"

Shopping Spree

Once again, local artisans will display their hand-crafted and artistic items during our Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree. Vendors will feature interesting, exciting products for upcoming holiday gift-giving and personal use. This is a great opportunity to find that special gift and support "Made in America" artisans. Food and drinks will be available for sale. Proceeds will support the NJSFWC state project, The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Monday, November 17, 7:00 pm

Michel Cluizel Chocolaterie Presents

"Beans to Bars"

with Chocolate Tastings

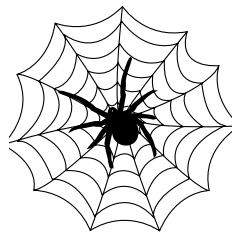
Come and enjoy a presentation about chocolate by Jacques Dahan, President of Michel Cluizel, a family-owned company from Normandy. This "bean-to-bar" company established close relations with five renowned planters to ensure the finest quality of beans. All products have the highest quality ingredients possible to create exceptional chocolate. You will learn how to differentiate chocolates while enjoying the excellence of Michel Cluizel chocolate on your palate. Admission \$5 for guests and non-members.

Please RSVP to Kit Miller by Wednesday, November 5 to assure there will be enough "chocolate tastings" for you and your guests.

Fall Rummage Sale Recap

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The Fall Rummage Sale went off like a summer sale. The weather was warm, sunny and beautiful and our line out front Friday evening started at 5:15! We had some interesting items for this sale: old silver, cross stitch pictures and a huge giraffe that sailed out the door almost immediately. I love to hear some of the stories about where our items are going. We supplied some welcome baby parties, bridal teas, and a bridal shower, set up a new apartment with dishes and decorated a few kitchens with some "retro" items. A nice group of blankets went to warm a family who just took in four little children. All of our efforts generated \$1,425.00 which will all be donated to various charities, mainly for women and children of Burlington County. The committee was once again, "Outstanding". I cannot say enough about all the hours and hard work that these ladies give to make this sale the best it can be. I would be also remiss to note that there would be no sale if not for the generous donations from the members, friends and neighbors of the Porch Club. Thank you all and we'll do it all over again in March!



Kathy McEntee and Susan Kolarovic

Garden/Conservation Department

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Welcome back Gardeners! Hard to believe summer is over! I am honored to co-chair this committee this year for the first time. I know that our success is only possible because of the amazing women who make up this group. The Committee held a very successful Garden Tour in May. Kudos to all those who helped make it such a success. Co-chairs Pat Bruncker and Pat McDermott did a phenomenal job!

Art Performing/ Music/Drama

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Please come and sing with the Porch Club Chorus!

You do not have to be a diva or even know how to read music, as long as you love to sing. Practices for the Christmas Tea concert are as follows - all practices start promptly at 1:00 at the Porch Club:

November 10
November 13
November 24
December 1
December 8
Concert: December 9

Literature / Education

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The Literature Department met in September for lunch and enjoyed discussing the books they read over the summer. We will meet on October 20th at 11:30 at the home of Sandi Scheer in Riverside. In November we will meet at Muriel Stoop's new home in Marlton. Addresses are in the directory. As usual bring a light lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. All are welcome.

We held our first meeting of the year on September 9. Thanks to all who attended. A fall clean up day was held during the last week of September. Members helped weed and clean up the Porch Club grounds.

On October 4, 2014 we will be taking the Bartram Gardens Boat Tour up the Schuykill River to tour Bartram Gardens. The cost is \$27 which includes a 10% discount offered by Patriot Harbor Cruise Lines.

In collaboration with the Arts Creative Department we will once again decorate the Porch Club for the holidays. Since the Wreath Making Workshop was such a success last year, we will have the Burlington County Garden Association facilitate again on December 10 at 10 am. Cost will be \$25 per wreath.

House

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The House Committee has been busy getting our building in shape for our 2014-15 season. Our floors have had a new coating put on to preserve them. This should be done each year, so we have added a line item in our budget to cover that expense.

We, also, have had the outlets along the back of the main room replaced and a new outlet put in our foyer. Our lights on our old porch ceiling have been replaced with more lights that are brighter for evening events and our stitchers. A light has been put in the back hallway behind the new bathroom to allow for easier and brighter access to the stage. The outlet in the kitchen has been fixed (that one that always pulled out of the wall behind the microwave). A different phone answering system has been put in to record messages. And, last but not least, the big closet containing our tablecloths, etc. has been cleaned and straightened.

We look forward to a great year.

Home/Life

Social Services

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Our first project will be for Cathedral Kitchen: Wednesday October 15, 10:00 am at the Porch Club

Please come and be part of our assembly line making sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. These sandwiches go to help the hungry, less fortunate people. Look for a sign up sheet at the Opening Luncheon.

Throughout the year, we will be collecting one piece (onesies), premature, new born, 3-6 month and 6-9 month clothes for the Ronald McDonald House in Camden. A basket for onesies will be placed at the Porch Club.

Rentals

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Our clubhouse is very much desired and appreciated as a place for private parties and special events. This is good because rentals provide a large source of income for the Porch Club. The dates that the porch club are rented are posted on the website calendar. Additions to the rental calendar occur almost every day and they do involve weekdays, evenings and weekends. So please check the calendar before planning an activity at the Porch Club. Club activities are given priority over rentals, but only if they are already on the calendar before the rental deposit and fees are paid. So to get a club activity posted on the calendar contact Amanda Boulton, our First Vice President, right away please.

The rental fees and rules are established by the Executive Board of the club. A copy will be posted on the website after Executive Board review. You may request a copy from me at rentals@theporchclub.org.

The Executive Board approved the 2014 rental deposit and fees specified in your directory and on the website. I will be happy to answer your questions and listen to your suggestions. It is an honor to serve as your Rentals Department Chairperson.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

For the next two years, we, along with all the other NJSFWC member clubs, will be supporting NAMI New Jersey (www.naminj.org) through fundraising and awareness programs.

From NJSFWC

NAMI New Jersey (NAMI NJ) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. Through education, support, advocacy and public awareness programs NAMI NJ fosters understanding about mental illness, confronts stigma often associated with mental disorders, advocates for public policies that benefit those affected by mental illness, and promotes research into the caus-

es, treatment and recovery of mental health disorders.

NAMI NJ was founded in 1985 by a group of concerned New Jersey family members who had loved ones with mental illness. At a time following the years of, "deinstitutionalization" when care for persons affected by mental illness was severely fragmented, this group of family volunteers came together for mutual support, education and empowerment. They advocated for improved treatment and living conditions, not only for their own ill family member, but for all people affected by mental illness. From these modest formative years has steadily grown our present organization, composed of dedicated volunteers in our 21 local County Affiliates.



Looking Back

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

In 2015, the Porch Club will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding. The gem of an idea that became our Porch Club first began in 1890. The charter members: Mrs. Edwin C. (Mary) Grice, Mrs. Edwin Stevens, Mrs. John T. (Isabel Earnshaw) Murdock, Miss Amelia Coale, Mrs. Horace G. (Elizabeth Coale) Phillips, Miss Helen Lippincott, Miss Catherine Cowten, and Miss Cecilia Leavitt formed reading circles that met on the front porches of their Riverton homes. They had a mutual interest in improving the lives of children, especially through education. The eight women felt a calling to organize themselves more formally, and in October 1895, the first Annual Meeting of the Porch Club was held. Membership was initially limited to 25. Through their diligent work and passion, the women of the Porch Club helped to establish the first kindergarten class in Burlington County and influenced the forming of a "New Jersey Congress of Mothers," which became known as the New Jersey PTA. Mary Grice served as the New Jersey organizer for the National Congress of Mothers and was also the first President of the Porch Club. On September 28, 1900, Mrs. Grice and the "Mothers' Council" of the Porch Club put out a Call for Organization of State Congress which appealed to "All men and women interested in the work of the Congress (which should reach every home in the land), members of child study clubs, or section in other clubs, mothers, teachers and educators are cordially invited to attend." The meeting of the New Jersey Congress of Mothers was held on Saturday, October 20, in Calvary Presbyterian Church's Sunday School room.

In Mary Grice's own words, "The very most important event in the life of an organization, as in that of an individual, is the event of 'being born'." As we step into our 125th year, future articles will recognize and celebrate the lives of those women who answered the calling to grow and sustain the purpose of our dear Porch Club.

Public Issues

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Socks for Soldiers

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Socks for Soldiers drive. If anyone purchased socks during the summer, please get them to me before October 15th as I will be shipping them to the collection center the following week. The socks will be part of a Christmas package for soldiers.

Palmyra Cove Tour

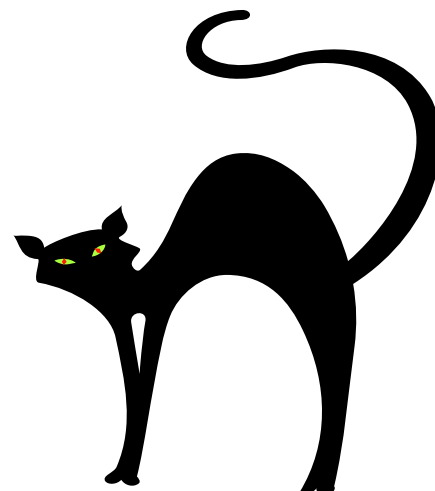
Our first meeting on September 26 was a walking tour of Palmyra Cove. Hidden by Route 73 south, the Cove is an education center for the Delaware river watershed and a sanctuary for many species of birds and animals in our area. After our tour of the cove there was a planning luncheon at Due Amici.

Mental Health Awareness

Public Issues will host a speaker from the National Alliance for Mental Illness in October. Ruth Stotsenburg is the President of the Burlington County chapter of NAMI and has graciously agreed to speak to us about this vital issue. The meeting will be at 11:30am on Friday, October 24 and everyone is invited to attend. You may bring a light lunch and there will be coffee and dessert after the meeting.

Tea at Riverview

On Friday, November 14 at 2:00pm, Public Issues will meet with our friends at Riverview Estates for tea. This will be our third year of enjoying an afternoon of fun and lively conversation. If anyone wishes to join us, please let me know..



Arts Creative

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Betsy the Flag is well on her way to being finished. If you haven't stitched her and would like to, please contact Judy Zapisek to set up an appointed time. Everyone who has stitched her has been moved by the experience. We want to be finished with the stitching part by November so she can go to the framer.

Arts Creative wants to welcome everyone who signed up for Arts Creative, Crafts, and Stitchery. We will be meeting on Mondays at 9:30 am and one evening meeting a month so our working ladies can enjoy what we will be offering. Since we will be doing crafts, cooking, art, and stitchery we want you to participate in all of these scheduled events, but if a particular one doesn't interest you then bring whatever you are working on to our meetings. We will be sending emails to everyone who signed up letting you know in advance what we will be offering that particular week.

September started with our first meeting of the year on September 15. Carole Martucci, Jeanne, Karen Sulock, and MaryLou took a class in Haddonfield to learn how to make pinecone ornaments out of styrofoam eggs and fabric. We will be teaching our stitchery/craft ladies how to make these beautiful ornaments. They will make a great addition to your tree or holiday giving.

October is a beautiful introduction to Fall. We will be making fruit tarts and pumpkin painting. Karen Healey will be teaching knitting to all who want to learn. She is a beautiful knitter and Stitchery is so very lucky to have her talents. Her



knitting project for us is "A Journey to a Perfect Afghan".

A beginning needlepoint class is also in our plans. We want to start with a small project that will teach you all the basic stitches to get you on your way to becoming an accomplished needlepointer.

November 10 is our evening meeting. The 17th has us making Thanksgiving fudge (Arts Creative) at 9:30 am. Also worth mentioning is the Philadelphia Craft Show on November 6-9.

Briefly in December we have a Cookie Swap and a Christmas craft project planned.

We also want to mention that we hope everyone is thinking about what they want to make for Achievement Day. It's never too early to get started and we will help you.

Finally, our group has grown every year along with the friendships we have made. We put the kettle on the stove and one of our talented ladies usually brings some goodies to eat. We celebrate birthdays, new grandkids and life's ups and downs. We always have room for one more so please join us. We guarantee you will leave with a smile on your face.

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