



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Dec. 2016/Jan. 2017

Inside the Porch Door

December

Mon., Dec. 5, 9:30am
Stitchery

Mon., Dec. 5, 11:30am-12:30pm
Chorus Rehearsal

Tues. Dec. 6, 12:30pm
Christmas Tea

Wed., Dec. 14, 7:00pm
Evening / Arts Creative Cookie Swap

January

Mon., Jan. 2, 11:30am
Undecorate the PC

Turs., Jan. 3, 12:00pm
International Luncheon

Mon., Jan. 9, 9:30am
Stitchery

Wed., Jan. 11, 7:00pm
Evening Meeting

Mon., Jan. 16, 9:30am
Stitchery

Mon., Jan. 16, 11:30am
Literature

Wed., Jan. 18, 11:30am
Home Life / Public Issues

Mon., Jan. 23, 9:30am
Stitchery

Mon., Jan. 30, 9:30am
Stitchery

Letter from our President

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

Dear Ladies,

Warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season!

It's amazing how time seems to fly by... Why just yesterday we were saying goodbye to summer, and now we are preparing for warm wishes and holiday dishes.

It is a time for food, family, and friends...all the things that we cherish and enjoy.

I hope that during this season of giving you will open your hearts to those less fortunate. Remember no small act of kindness ever goes unrewarded.

December starts us off with our annual Christmas tea. It is a special time and one of the traditions of our club.

Come and share the fun on Tuesday, December 6 at 12:30 pm

On Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm, we will spend an evening of fun with the Arts Creative Department and our Evening Committee with our Cookie Swap. Of course, food and fun are on the agenda!

Our first fundraiser of the 2017 will be held on Friday evening January 13 at the Double Nickel Brewery in Pennsauken. This event is being planned jointly by our Ways & Means Department and the Evening Committee.

On behalf of myself and the executive board, we wish you a holiday filled with peace, joy, love, and health in the New Year to come.

Warm regards,

JoAnn



Membership

Kit Stahler-Miller, membership@theporchclub.org

Eight new members have joined the Porch Club this fall – Nancy Hotz, Ruth Tatum, Pat Barnes, Susan Dechnik, Marilyn Entenmann, Michelle Arnold, Dolores Melnick, and Joy Wadleigh. We are delighted to welcome them.

Our Open House for prospective members on October 20 was a great success. Thanks for submitting names for invitations to be sent. Thanks to all who made The Porch Club look so

outstanding for the eight guests who enjoyed the many excellent displays, delicious food, and engaging conversations.

The Porch Club's Club Woman of the Year Award was established in 1987 to recognize one of our own outstanding women. The award is presented once a year. Nominations are to be based on the individual's volunteer service in Federated Women's Clubs at any level: federal, state or local, and to volunteer ac-

tivities which revolve around religious, political, educational, and other volunteer activities. The only requirement is that they be a volunteer.

Request a nomination form from Kit Stahler-Miller, Membership Chairperson, via email or pick one up at a meeting. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, March 7, 2017.



New members Joy Wadleigh, Dolores Melnick, Michelle Arnold with Kit Stahler Miller Membership Chair



Marilyn Entenmann, Susan Deshnik, Pat Barnes, Kit Stahler-Miller at the induction ceremony

The Porch Club Woman of the Year Nomination Form and Requirements

Club Woman of the Year Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Proposed by: _____

Qualifications: *(Club work at any level/other volunteer activities)*

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Please complete this nomination form and return it to the Membership Department no later than March 7, 2017.

Rummage Sale

Mary Hannah,
Riverton 914@aol.com

The Porch Club held its Fall Rummage Sale on October 14 and 15. I say that every sale has its own character and this one was a stand out! We had a very full club with many donations coming in from the very start of set up.

This sale had a first in that I had to ask to stop donations on Thursday evening as we honestly could not put another item on the tables. Our fall sales are usually bigger than the spring. I think folks have the clean out fever more in the

fall and they certainly cleaned out for this sale.

We had a "designer" table of women's clothing that went over very well. There were more big items at this sale, for instance, bikes and furniture. I am proud to say that we realized \$1,794 for Charitable Giving. This is the most ever in proceeds from a no-cost event of pure donations. Every item goes to use - treasures bought, Goodwill and Red Cross donations from leftovers, bags for

homeless children, and clothing for Syria. Nothing is wasted from our sales!

This was all accomplished with so much help from committee members, new club members, Interact kids from Palmyra High, 8th graders from Riverton School, and even our own family members. I cannot say thank you enough to our committee members. They are unbelievably hardworking, creative, and, most of all, so much fun to work with. See you in the Spring.

Evening Meetings

Pat Bruner, patebrun@comcast.net, Jan DeVries, janet.b.devries@comcast.net

Thank you to all the members who came out to support the Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree. The event raised \$688 for our State Special Project, Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey.

Our November program in conjunction with Sue Hadden and Barbara Pilborough, chairpersons of the Public Affairs Department, was a huge success with 53 members and friends attending to hear Tracy Carluccio, the Deputy Director of The Delaware Riverkeeper Network. She explained the many problems we face with keeping our water supply clean and ways that we can help.

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00pm
Cookie Exchange and Holiday Party

Shared Meeting with Arts Creative Department and chairpersons, Marylou Schofield and Donna VanHoy

Friday, January 13, 7:00pm
Craft Beer Night at Double Nickel Brewery

Shared Meeting with Ways and Means, Vicky Basgil

We will meet at the Double Nickel Brewery for a beer tasting and tour of the brewery. Two beers, snacks and tour of the brewery will be provided. Cost is \$20 per person. Come and taste some local craft beer and enjoy a great night with friends. The proceeds will support the Porch Club.



Members create Victorian cones for decorations for the Christmas Tea.

Ways and Means

Vicky Basgil,
vickybasgil@yahoo.com

Ways and Means would like to thank everyone who participated in the fall fundraiser: Boscov's Shopping Pass. Through your efforts we were able to raise a total of \$645.00.

Also, I would like to remind everyone of the joint fundraiser with the Evening Program at the Double Nickel Brewery in Pennsauken to be held Friday night, January 13. Ticket price is \$20 which includes a tour of the brewery, snacks, and two beers.

On a different note, you can now leave your plastic screw on caps on the bottles as the recycling plant is able to recycle them if left on the bottle. I will no longer be collecting assorted plastic caps. Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Holiday Wreath Workshop

Annual Holiday Wreath Making Workshop with The Burlington County Gardener's Association will be held at the Porch Club, Thursday, December 8, from 10:30 to 12:30. Cost is \$25.

All evergreen materials provided by BCGA are natural and they bring quite a variety. You can bring anything you want to embellish your wreath. This is a very popular workshop and the ladies really enjoy creating a lovely wreath for their door. If you haven't attended one of these workshops before, fear not, there will be experienced crafters on hand to help you. If you can't make the workshop, you can purchase a bag of materials to take home

to make your wreath when your schedule permits.

Please contact Carole Lange if you wish to participate.

Arts Performing

Sue Fay, suefay56@gmail.com

Many thanks to the Porch Club Choir who performed for the Christmas Tea and to Naomi Horn for her expert accompaniment. Our many rehearsals were fun and entertaining. The Christmas Tea is the annual highlight of Arts Performing Department.

Public Issues

Sue Hadden, hadalper@aol.com, Barbara Pilborough, pilchris5206@comcast.net

Public Issues wishes to thank everyone who supported our annual Riverview Tea held in October. Our presence was greatly appreciated by the residents.

We would like to alert you that the Food Pantry is in dire need of food and cash donations. Thanks for the donations left at the November General Meeting Tea. We will continue to take any donations through November and December.

Our presentation, in conjunction with the Evening Program, was the Riverkeeper Network Program. Tracy Carlucci enlightened us about the condition of our neighboring Delaware River. (Please see Evening Program highlights.)

Finally, our hand-knitted purple hats will be collected during the first week of January to be sent to Prevent Child Abuse/New Jersey (PCA/NJ). If you know of anyone who knits or crochets who is interested in making a hat or two, please contact us and we will supply you with yarn and a pattern.

If you have any question about any of our projects, please feel free to contact Sue Hadden or Barbara Pilborough



Sue Hadden and Barbara Pilborough flanking speaker Tracy Carlucci of Riverkeeper.

Evening, Arts Creative Host Holiday Party and Cookie Swap

Wednesday, December 14, 7 pm, at
The Porch Club

Our own beloved Naomi Horn will play the piano for caroling, and it is rumored that two special visitors from the North Pole will drop by.

Please wear your Christmas Sweaters (of the beautiful AND the ugly styles) if you have them, or your favorite holiday attire. There will be a prize for the "best" Christmas sweater.

Cookies, snacks, music, singing, drinks and general merriment. Tis the season to be jolly!

If you don't want to participate in the Swap, but do want to join the fun, please bring a savory or non-cookie treat to share with all. You won't have swapped cookies to take home, but you will have a good time.

If you are interested in participating in the Cookie Swap and have not already signed up, please contact MaryLou Schofield at mischo@verizon.net to let her know you want to take part.

We don't care if you've been naughty or nice---we just want to see you on December 14. Come on out and join the fun!

Cookie Swap Rules

1. All cookies should be homemade, baked, and main ingredients butter and flour.
2. No plain chocolate chip cookies, cookie mixes, meringues, or bars.
3. Please bring 6 dozen cookies *plus* 1 dozen on a tray for tasting.
4. Arrange cookies in clear, sealable bags. 6 to a bag.
5. Email MaryLou a copy of your recipe 2 weeks before so we don't have duplicates.
6. If you don't want to bake or your cookies are burnt but still want to participate in the swap, you must go to a real bakery and buy 6 dozen yummy cookies *plus* 1 dozen on a tray for tasting.
7. You will bring 6 dozen of the same cookie and leave with an assortment of 6 dozen cookies.





Johanna Rooney and Karen Htealey with their creations.



Mindy Ryan and Carol Sulock showing off their first ever quilts.



Jeanne Bianchini and Marilyn Entenmann with their quilt creations.

Stitchery

**Dottie Landolt, dclandolt@aol.com,
Mindy Ryan, mindymryan@yahoo.com,
Karen Sulock, kmsulock@aol.com**

Stitchery has been busy this fall with individual projects and a few group ones, too.

Many of us are knitting or crocheting the little PURPLE hats for Public Issues and Prevent Child Abuse/New Jersey (PCA/NJ).

In November, we had a special evening meeting where we held a class to create a no-sew, cloth Christmas tree ornament that was finished in one meeting.

A few of us took a beginner's quilting class at The Little Shop in Haddonfield, NJ. We learned how to sew a quilt and a few tips and tricks that we can use in other projects, too. We all used the same pattern but chose our own fabrics. We had such different results. In 6 weeks we completed a crib size quilt! We plan on going on and taking the advanced beginner course in the new year.

The committee meets most every Monday morning at 9:30 am. We share ideas, patterns, knit, crochet, needlepoint, and talk about all kinds of handwork as well as just socialize.

We want to emphasize that all are welcome who are interested in handwork of any kind. Please feel free to join us Monday mornings just to socialize. You do not have to have any skill in handwork. We learn from one another.



Karen Sulock holds her fabric tree ornament.

Arts Creative, Stitchery, and Crafts

MaryLou Schofield, mlscho@verizon.net,
Donna VanHoy, artdvh@gmail.com

Arts Creative's favorite and busiest time of the year is autumn and the holidays. We painted pumpkins in one workshop just before Halloween using traced patterns and freehand. In November, with the Thanksgiving table in mind, we had a demonstration - and plenty of sampling of an impressive but simple pumpkin trifle and as well as a killer recipe for almond-cherry biscotti.

So busy in November, Arts Creative provided the food and lush autumn decorations for the November General Meeting and Tea. We had so much food that we ran out of space on the table. Thank you everyone who contributed. For the Christmas holidays, we held a Victorian Christmas paper cone workshop in mid-November decorating the hanging cones with lace, ribbon, vintage photos. The cones can be used on the tree or on door handles.

Arts Creative also decorates the club for the holidays our date to get things ready - November 29, 12:00pm. Since

this newsletter may come out after we are finished, we hope you are delighted by our efforts. (We will "undecorate" Monday, January 2 at 11:30 AM. Please come!)

We not only decorated the Porch Club, once again members of Arts Creative and Garden/Conservation have been invited to help decorate Cedar Grove and Strawberry Mansion for the annual Christmas in Fairmont Park event. Cedar Grove's theme: "A Very Philly Christmas." Strawberry Mansion's Foyer will be turned into a display of German holiday traditions.

Our Christmas cookie swap and party is on December 14 at 7:00pm in conjunction with the Evening Programs. (Please see specific details of the event in the write up by the Evening Department.)

We thank you all for your support and for making this a fun season.

This fall we did some fabulous craft



and cooking projects – wreaths made of books taught by Joann DiNoia. A yummy cheesecake perfect for the holidays was demonstrated by Donna VanHoy – and a pumpkin painting class as well. Some of our committee also coordinated with Garden/Conservation on their Fairmount Park House Decorating. Hope you all enjoy the the Victorian Christmas decorations for the club's holiday season. It was a joint endeavor of Arts Creative and Garden Conservation.

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