



*The Porch Club of Riverton*

*The Garden District*

Feb./March 2016

# Inside the Porch Door

## February

**Mon., Feb. 1, 9:30am**  
Stitchery

**Tues., Feb. 2, 12:30pm**  
General Meeting / Tea

**Mon., Feb. 8, 9:30am**  
Stitchery

**Wed., Feb. 10, 10:00am**  
Membership Meeting

**Wed., Feb. 10, 7:00pm**  
Flower Show Meeting

**Mon., Feb. 15, 9:30am**  
Pressed Flowers / Arts Creative

**Mon., Feb. 15, 11:30am**  
Literature

**Wed., Feb. 17, 7:00pm**  
Garden Tour Planning Meeting

**Thurs., Feb. 18, 7:00pm**  
Evening Meeting:  
Trivia Game Night

**Mon., Feb. 22, 9:30am**  
Stitchery

**Tues., Feb. 23, 9:30am**  
Board Meeting

**Mon., Feb. 29, 9:30am**  
Stitchery

## March

**Tues., Mar. 1, 12:30pm**  
General Meeting / Tea

**Mon., Mar. 7, 9:30am**  
Stitchery

**Wed., Mar. 9**  
Flower Show Entry  
in Phila Flower Show

**Wed., Mar. 9, 3:00-6:00pm**  
Rummage Sale Set Up

**Thurs., Mar. 10, 1:00-7:00pm**  
Rummage Sale Set Up

**Fri., Mar. 11, 6:00-9:00pm**  
Rummage Sale

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## Loving words from your President

*Many people will walk in and out of your life,  
But only a true friend will leave footprints on your heart.*

What lovely words for a month dedicated to love. Love of family, friends, and one another. What roles we play in our daily lives as wives, mothers, confidants, and friends! We do it all so lovingly. No questions ever asked.

Yes, we manage to do it all. So during this month I encourage you all to take time for yourself, have fun, do something you truly love, and enjoy it with someone you hold dear to your heart.

Speaking of something fun, February holds a bunch of heart-warming happenings at our club. Our February general meeting finds us being entertained by Maggie Worsdale, a jazz singer and historical interpreter, who will take us through the life and legacy of Frank Sinatra. This promises to be an entertaining event.

Our other departments are also buzzing with many interesting things as well. Arts Creative will be working on a pressed flower project, while Stitchery is knitting socks and working other projects to warm the heart. Our Evening Department will be testing your knowledge with Trivia Night. This is always a fun time.

Even though our gardens are asleep, our Garden/Conservation department certainly isn't. This creative group is working on their entry for the Philadelphia International Flower Show and will also be gearing up for our biennial Garden Tour in May.

Our Rummage Sale is also right around the corner, so now is the perfect time to do some decluttering. So check your Porch Club directory and the column at the left so you can mark down the dates. You won't want to miss out on a single event.

Sending you all warm wishes,

**JoAnn**



From left: Riverview Estates guests at Christmas Tea: Helen Slota, Francis Riley, Anna (last name not available). Standing is JoAnn DiNoia, Porch Club president.

## Ways and Means

Vicky Basgil,  
vickybasgil@yahoo.com

Ways and Means would like to thank you all for a successful bus trip to Fairmount Park in December to see the beautiful holiday decorations. Through your efforts, we able to raise over \$1,000 to benefit our clubhouse.

Please save the date for our next fundraiser which will be held Sunday, April 3rd, at the Porch Club. A designer bag bingo with lots of fun and beautiful prizes to be won! I hope to see you all there. More information will follow so keep your eyes and ears peeled. Thanks again, Vicky

## Rummage Sale

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Are you about to do some spring cleaning? Don't forget to set aside some of those dearly loved but no longer used items for the rummage sale. Mark March 11 from 6-9 and March 12 from 8:00am to 12:00 noon on your calendar.

Drop off dates: March 9, 3:00-6:00pm; March 10, 1:00-7:00pm.

## Calendar *Continued*

Sat., Mar. 12, 8:00am-12:00 noon  
Rummage Sale

Mon., Mar. 14, 9:30am  
Stitchery

Tues., Mar. 15, 7:00pm  
Evening Meeting:  
Easter Basket Extravaganza

Fri., Mar. 18, 11:30am  
Public Issues

Mon., Mar. 21, 9:30am  
Easter Eggs/ Arts Creative

Mon., Mar. 21, 11:30am  
Literature

Mon., Mar. 28, 9:30am  
Stitchery

Tues., Mar. 29, 9:30am  
Board Meeting

## Membership

Kit Stahler-Miller, Kitsmiller200@comcast.net

I'm very pleased to report that two new members were initiated at the January 5 International Program and Luncheon meeting: Carole Graham and Shelley Tippenhauer.

We also introduced ten prospective members with their first readings and have a queue of prospective members eager to join the Porch Club.

We anticipate installing two more members at our January 21 Evening Meeting featuring our International Neighbors, and presenting more prospective members with their first readings at the February General Meeting and Tea.

We are receiving increasing numbers of applications via website inquiries, indicating that people are seeking us out due to our growing reputation. Membership appreciates all of the current members reaching out to friends and neighbors and inviting them to be part of the Porch Club. You are the 'life force' of the Porch Club. Keep up the great work!

We are delighted to receive our new and prospective members and look forward to helping them find their 'perfect places and activities' with us. Please greet them and welcome them at meetings and into our activities.



Carole Graham and Shelley Tippenhauer with Kit at their initiation.

## Public Issues

Elizabeth "Betty" Dunn, ecarrolldunn@gmail.com

We have had another successful food drive for the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

Your generous donations amounted to about \$300 worth of groceries and a check for \$150.

On January 13, members of the Public Issues and Home Life committees met for lunch at Due Amici's and after that we delivered all of the groceries to the Pantry.

I recently had a chance to speak to a new Porch Club member who is also a volunteer at the Food Pantry.

She said that donations are very light after the holidays, so your generosity will go a long way in providing much needed food to neighbors in our community.

There will be no meeting in February for Public Issues.

On Thursday, March 17, at 12:00pm, Public Issues will host a speaker, Donna Scillieri. She is an advocate for those suffering from domestic abuse.

This meeting will be at the Porch Club and everyone is welcome to attend. Please let me know if you are coming.



# Evening Meetings

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## Trivia Game Night

Thursday, February 18, 7:00pm

On Thursday, February 18, at 7:00pm, we will have the return of Trivia Game Night. This popular event is always hotly contested. Gather your team (of no more than eight) together now and plan to come out for an evening of fun facts and laughs. Don't forget to name your team. The trivia will test your knowledge of unimportant stuff (our specialty) and give you the opportunity to learn some interesting facts too! Snacks, drinks and dessert will be provided.



## Easter Basket Extravaganza

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00pm

We will do our annual whirlwind making of Easter Baskets for families and children in need with help again from the Girl Scouts and their mothers from Palmyra. Please bring items to fill the baskets with you to the Porch Club. Please see the list for great ideas of items to donate.

We will deliver the Easter Baskets to Catholic Charities Emergency Services in Delanco on Wednesday, March 16 at 10:00am. We will need drivers and helpers to load and unload the vehicles.

As always, thanks for your generosity and creativity. This event is a fun favorite year after year.

- ♥ baskets with handles
- ♥ grass
- ♥ clear wrap
- ♥ ribbon
- ♥ pipe cleaners
- ♥ candy
- ♥ lollipops
- ♥ gum
- ♥ snacks
- ♥ games
- ♥ cards
- ♥ stickers
- ♥ books
- ♥ puzzles
- ♥ sidewalk chalk
- ♥ small stuffed animals
- ♥ toy cars
- ♥ dolls

# Garden/Conservation Department

Carole Lange, Carole.Lange@gmail.com, Sandy Scheer, sscheer506@verizon.net

Happy New Year Garden/Conservation Members!

Hard to believe it is 2016 already but our poor outdoor plants are finding the weather very hard to believe! They aren't sure what they're supposed to be doing with this crazy weather we've had the past couple of months. I had petunias blooming at Christmas.

Well those plants may not know what season it is, but members of this department know. We're ramping up for the Phila-

delphia Flower Show, March 5 – 13, and the Garden Tour, May 20 and 21. Garden Tour Meetings are scheduled every month now (check the Porch Club website calendar for dates and times). Please come out and support an event that benefits your Porch Club. It's a great way to get to know other members of our wonderful organization. It's for a very good cause. AND, it's a lot of fun!

# Arts Creative, Stitchery, and Crafts

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

Thank you to everyone who helped us decorate and undecorate for the holidays. The Porch Club looked beautiful.

We will be making pressed flowers on February 15 at 9:30am. Last year we had quite a few winners at Achievement Day in this entry, so it will be a good time to come on out and

make a beautiful flower picture. Please let either Donna or MaryLou know if you are interested.

The Easter Egg event for Arts Creative is on March 21 at 9:30am.

## Stitchery

Jeanne Bianchini, jxstitch@gmail.com

Stitchery women are either busy working on their Achievement Day entries for this year, or knitting warm winter socks with the assistance of Meg Grimes.

On March 7, prior to the Porch Club Rummage Sale, we'll be having a sale/give away of our own. Stitchers are busy cleaning out those forgotten projects and never used supplies. We'll be offering them first to each other, and then leaving the remainder to be offered at a Stitching/Craft table at the Porch Club Rummage Sale later that week.

If you have an item, un-started and in new/good condition, please get it to us. Someone may be looking to fill their

hours with something you just don't have the time for or use of. Items would relate to knitting & crocheting, cross-stitch & needlepoint, embroidery, and quilting, pattern books and charts, and any basic supplies. If you're looking for something to busy yourself with, be sure to come out and take a peek.

Lastly, and most importantly, the Betsy Journal is slowing being filled. The heartfelt, written entries are as beautiful as the Betsy square each page represents. If you haven't included your thoughts, please find the time to contact Dottie Landolt so you can spend the time needed for your entry or entries.





## Valentine Card Workshop

Maureen Murray facilitated her Rubber Stamp Valentine Card workshop on January 18.

The event is always well attended and we have such a great time!

We thank Maureen for sharing her talents with us again this year.



Top left: Meg Grimes stamping away.



Center: A dynamic trio, Johanna Rooney, Maureen Murray, and Jeannie Bianchini survey the samples Maureen brought to inspire us.

Right: Cheryl Smeckal and Jan DeVries with their final creations



Left: Sheryl Snow making her card, Center: Jeanne Oczkowski, Lorraine Cunningham, and MaryLou Schofield finalizing their creations.



Right: Jennie Comerford and Rosanne Martin bringing it all together.

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