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The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Oct./Nov.2017

Inside the Porch Door

Dates and meetings are subject to change. Please visit our website for updates.

October

Mon., Oct. 23, 9:30am

Stitchery

Tues., Oct. 24, 10:00am

Arts Creative – Pumpkin Painting

Thurs., Oct. 26, 10:00am

Garden/Conservation –Laurel Hill Cemetery Tour

Mon., Oct. 30, 9:30am

Stitchery

November

Mon. Nov. 6, 9:30am

Stitchery

Mon. Nov. 6, 11:30am

Chorus Rehearsal

Mon. Nov. 6, 6:00-9:00pm

Shopping Spree

Tues., Nov. 7, 12:30pm

General Meeting/Tea

Fri., Nov. 10, 9:30am

Arts Creative - Philadelphia Craft Show

Mon., Nov. 13, 9:30am

Stitchery

Mon., Nov. 13, 11:30am

Chorus Rehearsal

Tues., Nov. 14, 10:00am

Arts Creative Pumpkin Bread Demo

Thurs., Nov. 16, 1:00pm

Garden/Conservation

Mon., Nov. 20, 9:30am

Stitchery

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The Porch Club of Riverton

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Letter from the President

Greetings Ladies,

Our 128th Porch Club season certainly got off to an interesting start. One that only proved to me how supportive, helpful, cooperative and flexible Porch Club members can be. It seems that a few critters enjoyed our building as much as we do forcing us to convene elsewhere for the first month. Although the Calvary Presbyterian Church was lovely and most hospitable, it was not home. With conscientious teamwork and patience, the critters were evicted and we once again find our building shiny clean and welcoming. "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home!"

When the cornerstone of our building was laid in 1909, the acting president is quoted loosely as saying that it was the hope that the members of the Porch Club may find within its walls, not only comfort and enjoyment, but above all the inspiration to pursue their literary, their social, their civic, and their charitable work. Thereby making the Club House a center not only of mental improvement but of moral and social uplift. Personally, I have always found those things along with great comfort within the walls of this building. Enjoying it throughout the years since childhood, it brings back many great memories from the Girl Scouts, dances, parties and concerts to plays and weddings and as a 35 year member of the club. May this "Home" bring to you much comfort, joy and peace.

A big thank you goes to our hard working Department and Committee Chairs. They have put together another wonderful year of activities to help enrich our lives so that we may enrich the lives of others. As we are welcomed back into our Home, let us remember all of our fellow Americans who so tragically lost their homes this past summer due to the hurricanes. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Please take the time to make a special effort to reach out to our new members. They are ready, willing and able to pitch in and become involved. Just show them the way and make them feel welcome. We are truly an "organized center of thought and action" for not only Riverton but for many of the surrounding towns

Wishing you all the very best,

Phyllis

Membership

Kit Stahler-Miller, membership@theporchclub.org

Welcome back! The Porch Club is starting its 128th year over 200 members strong!

Our membership is impressive, considering that membership was capped at 25 members from 1890-1895! Clearly, this is a testament of The Porch Club's robust and growing reputation and to your in-

fluence in the community at large. I believe the founding and early members of The Porch Club are looking down on us, smiling with approval and appreciation, and cheering us on!

Special thanks to all members who have proposed and endorsed members and acted as buddies and mentors to

welcome and ease the transition of new members into The Porch Club.

Please note: this year's Open House for Prospective Members was cancelled.

Membership application forms can be found on the Porch Club's website, or if you would like an application for a friend, please contact me.

International Outreach

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Iris Gaughan, iggaughan@gmail.com

International Outreach has begun our annual Trick or Treat for UNICEF Drive. The orange "boxes" are now in local businesses. If you see the box, please support our efforts and thank the shop keeper for displaying the box.

For the 2017-18 club year our Child Fund International child is 13 year old

Kevin Zapote Mezquite from Mexico.

The International Luncheon will be held on January 9, 2018. The focus this year is the organization, Women for Women. In countries affected by conflict and war, Women for Women International supports the most marginalized women to earn and save money, im-

prove health and well-being, influence decisions in their home and community, and connect to networks for support. By utilizing skills, knowledge, and resources, women are able to create sustainable change for themselves, their family, and their community.

Paint the Porch Pink

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Pat Brunker, patebrunk@comcast.net

On Wednesday, September 20, Pat Brunker and Carol McCarthy travelled to Manhattan to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation to present the check from this year's Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk. The over-sized presentation check was printed before the additional \$100 was added. The actual check that was delivered was for \$23,134.63. To date, the Porch Club of Riverton's Paint the Porch Pink event has raised \$78,000 for breast cancer research since the first Walk in 2011.



Pictured from L. to R. Carol Edwards, Senior Manager, Gift Administration and Independent Events, Breast Cancer Research Foundation; Carol McCarthy, Chairperson, Myra Biblowitz, President, Breast Cancer Research Foundation; Pat Evans Brunker, Co-Chairperson.

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Mon., Nov. 20, 11:30am

Literature

Mon., Nov. 20, 11:30am

Chorus Rehearsal

Mon., Nov. 27, 9:30am

Stitchery

Mon., Nov. 27, 11:30am

Chorus Rehearsal

Tues., Nov. 28, 1:00pm

Decorate the Porch Club

Thurs., Nov. 30, TBD

Home/Life Public Issues Time



Opening Pot Luck Picnic

Our first event of the year was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 6:30pm.

The Picnic was hosted by our Evening Department. Due to critter issues at our club, the event was held at the Riverton Cal-

vary Presbyterian Church. The event was well attended. As is always the case at a Porch Club event, the ladies outdid themselves with their food offerings. Attire was casual, business was conducted, and new members were installed.



Fabulous food was offered at the Opening Pot Luck Picnic.

Garden/Conservation

Marilyn Entenmann,
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Hi! Greetings from the Garden/Conservation Department. We are looking forward to an exciting year. You do not have to be a master gardener or even have a green thumb to join our group. We plan on having a lot of fun.

We jump started our year with a trip to the historic Laurel Hill Cemetery on October 26. Long before Longwood Gardens came into existence, the Victorians would enjoy a stroll and picnic on the cemetery grounds. Richard Dilks did a special presentation on Edgar Allen Poe in the Gatehouse. We then joined our guide for a tour of the grounds.

This is a Garden Tour year; this year's event is scheduled for June 1 and 2, 2018. Our theme is "Fairie Gardens." This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make new friends. All monies raised benefit your club.

Our once a month meetings will include a simple garden related craft. Looking forward to having you joining us!!

Home Life / Public Issues

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In September we hit the ground running with our enthusiastic committee members. Our annual "Bread Of Life" Food Drive was a huge success; our Porch Club ladies are so generous.

On Thursday afternoon, November 30, we will be going to the Ronald McDonald House in Camden to prepare supper for the families staying there while their loved ones are patients at local hospitals. Not only is this a worthy cause, it is also a fun activity.

We are looking forward to our Riverview Estates Tea on Friday, December 15, at 2:00pm. We hope to bring holiday cheer to all the folks at the Nursing Home.

Shopping to Benefit the Club

From our Treasurer, Pat Brunker:



Do you enjoy shopping online? Do you enjoy supporting The Porch Club of Riverton? Now you can do both with Amazon Smile.

1. Make sure you have a regular Amazon account.
2. Go to smile.amazon.com
3. Follow the instructions. In the search bar, type in "The Porch Club of Riverton." Then select New Jersey State Federation Of Women's Clubs
Location: Riverton, NJ from the list.
4. Do your regular shopping from smile.amazon.com.
5. Smile, you've helped your favorite charity just by doing your regular shopping!

Literature

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Annamarie May, peony1940@icloud.com

Once again this year, the Literature/Education Department will hold its' Book Group meetings on the third Monday of each month. The September meeting was a pot luck luncheon with lots of time to "catch up" after the summer and discuss many of the books we each had read.

As Halloween approaches, what better time to thrill to the mystery and macabre of Edgar Allan Poe whose works we have been reading in anticipation of our October meeting. Richard Dilks, who studied literature in college and has an in-depth familiarity with Poe, will be presenting interesting facts about Poe along with doing readings from his poetry and novels. To support the dark and mysterious themes of Poe, the presentation will take place in the colonial basement of a house built in 1753 and owned by our hostess, Marilyn Entenmann.

Throughout the year we will be doing projects in support of the education and the local schools.



Edgar Allan Poe

Arts Performing

Sue Fay, suefay56@gmail.com

Naomi Horn

Chorus will start rehearsals for the Christmas Tea Concert to be held on December 5 (I know it is hard to think about Christmas when it is 80 degrees outside!) on November 6 at 11:30am.

Naomi and I can't wait to see you all again and start singing! All are welcome in Chorus even if you didn't sign up for it in May, or if you are a new member. Just contact Sue Fay at suefay56@gmail.com or 609-932-1699.

Ways and Means

Vicky Basgil, vickybasgil@yahoo.com

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Boscov's passes for Ways and Means. We made the same amount of money as last year - \$630. All that money will benefit our beautiful building. This was our first fund raiser of the year. We are hopeful that we will be able to raise more money to keep our building safe and in good working order.

On February 10, 2018, we will partner with the Evening Department for a fund raising event. Mark your calendars!

Arts Creative, Stitchery, and Crafts

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Carol Hoinsky, cihhun@aol.com

Hello Fall! Arts Creative loves this time of the year. We would like to invite all of our members to participate in our workshops even if you haven't signed up for Arts Creative. This is a great department for new members to get to know everyone. All meetings are held at The Porch Club unless otherwise noted.

November 10 we will be car pooling from the Porch Club at 9:45 am to attend the Philadelphia Craft Show. There will be walking involved.

November 14 at 10:00 am we will be demonstrating and tasting Pumpkin

Bread with Mango Butter and No Bake Pilgrim Hat Cookies for your Thanksgiving baking.

November 28 at 11:30 am we will be decorating The Porch Club for the upcoming holiday season and could use help from as many of you as possible. It doesn't take long if we have a lot of elves.

December 12 at 10:00 Carole Hoinsky will be teaching us how to make a Christmas Card Basket using old or new Christmas Cards. If you would like to make a basket, please gather your cards now. We will have one to show you at the No-

vember luncheon. You may also make a basket using cards other than Christmas.

December 13 at 7:00 Arts Creative will share with the Evening Department our annual Christmas Party and Cookie Swap. Santa makes a stop and we will have food, wine, and cheer. Our Ugly Holiday Sweater contest brings out our competitive side, so please join us. The Evening Department plans to play an Ornament Game as well.

We would encourage you and thank you for supporting our department.

Stitchery

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The ladies of Stitchery met over the summer to create beautiful needlepoint bookmarks and cloth Christmas tree decorations in the shape of trees. Fortunately many of our stitchers are also beaders so

we have a wonderful variety of beautiful beads to decorate our items.

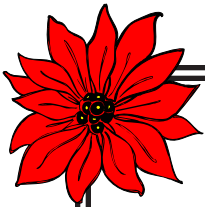
We will be selling our bookmarks and trees at the Porch Club's annual Shopping Spree on November 6 from

6:00-9:00pm. Come, bring your friends and family and see our creations. Buy a few. Proceeds benefit one of the many charities the Porch Club supports.



Left: Tree ornaments stitched and embellished with beads, sequins, and bows.

Above: A sampling of some of the unique stitched book marks we will be selling.



Come out and start your holiday shopping at

The Porch Club's Annual Holiday Shopping Spree

Monday, November 6, 2017

6:00-9:00pm

25 vendors

Handmade items

Jewelry

Soaps

Ceramics

And much more!

Food and refreshments available for purchase

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