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*The Porch Club of Riverton*

The Garden District

Oct.-Nov. 2019

# Inside the Porch Door

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

## October

**Tues., Oct. 1, 12:30pm**

General Meeting

Opening luncheon

Host: Hospitality Committee

Collecting: Shoes & UNICEF

**Wed., Oct. 2, 7:00pm**

Stitchery

**Fri., Oct. 4, 9:15am departure**

Conservation Garden

Trip to Stoneleigh Gardens

**Mon., Oct. 7, 10:00am**

Stitchery

**Tues., Oct. 8, 11:00am**

Home Life

**Mon., Oct. 14, 10:00am**

Stitchery

**Wed., Oct. 16**

Arts Creative, Trip to Brandywine

Museum

**Mon., Oct. 21, 10:00am**

Stitchery

**Mon., Oct. 21, 11:00am**

Education Literature Meeting

**Tues., Oct. 22**

Arts Creative, Pumpkin Painting

**Tues., Oct. 22, 7:00pm**

Evening Meeting

**Mon., Oct. 28, 6:00pm**

Shopping Spree

**Tues., Oct. 29, 10:00am**

Board Meeting

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## The Porch Club of Riverton

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## From the Desk of the President,

Greetings Ladies,

I hope you had a restful summer because our 130th Porch Club celebratory year will be busy with exciting activities throughout that promise to enrich, enhance, and inspire our lives .

There is something for everyone this year and this Porch Door issue, under the direction of our editor Mindy Ryan, introduces us to just the beginning of an action packed year.

Thanks to the efforts of the Evening department, we kicked off this year with a very Happy Hour that gave us a warm, welcoming way to get reacquainted.

Our Department Chairs have been busy over the summer creating new, signature Porch Club projects for the benefit of women and children in need. We can't wait to share these innovative endeavors with the membership as everyone's help will be needed to get them up and running. Working together, we can make a great difference in our community.

To find out what is happening in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's clubs, go to [njsfwc.org](http://njsfwc.org) to read the online publication called the "Almanac".

Looking forward to a year filled with friendship and service.

With love to all,

*Phyllis*

## Of Note:

**Chairperson(s) needed:** We are in need of a Chairperson or persons for the Hospitality Department and a Chairperson or persons for the Ways and Means Department.

The **Hospitality Chair** would be responsible for coordinating 2 luncheons per year and assisting departments chairs with their assigned teas.

The **Ways and Means Chair** would be responsible for organizing fundraising for operational expenses and building maintenance.

These are both only 2-year commitments and it may be a great way for a new member to get involved and get to know others in the club. Helpful committee members are always eager to assist. Please consider stepping up and volunteering for one of these rewarding positions.

**Porch Club Directory Rental Rate Error and Correction:** There are 2 rental rate errors listed on page 3 of the directory. The correct fees are \$325 for non-profit organizations and \$300 for Porch Club members.

**Dues:** This is a gentle reminder, dues are due by October 31. \$60 is payable to the Porch Club. Please mail your check to P.O. Box 49, Riverton, NJ 08077.



JoAnn welcomes Patricia Parker

## Membership

**JoAnn DiNoia, Chair,**  
**jaydinoia2@gmail.com**

The Membership Department would like to welcome our newest member Patricia Parker.

Forms for name badges will be available at our October meeting. The price has increased. Magnetic backing is now \$15.00 and the pin backing is \$13.00.

## Calendar *Continued*

### November

**Mon., Nov. 4, 10:00am**

Stitchery

**Tues., Nov. 5, 12:30pm**

General Meeting / Tea

Host: Stitchery & Home Life Social Services

Collecting: Food Pantry Items

**Fri., Nov. 8, 6:00-9:00pm**

Rummage Sale

**Sat., Nov. 9, 8:00am-12:00pm**

Rummage Sale

**Mon., Nov. 11, 10:00am**

Stitchery

**Tues., Nov. 12, 7:00pm**

Evening Meeting,

Apple Dumpling Cook-off

**Mon., Nov. 18, 10:00am**

Stitchery

**Mon., Nov. 18, 11:00am**

Education & Literature

**Tues., Nov. 19, 10:00am**

Arts Creative

Cream Puff Workshop

**Mon., Nov. 25, 10:00am**

Stitchery

**Tues., Nov. 26, 10:00am**

Board Meeting

**Tues., Nov. 26, 12:30pm**

Decorate The Porch Club

## Home Life/ Social Services

**Rosanne Martin, Co-Chair, rlmprob@aol.com**

**Marge Hall, Co-Chair, mmhall1000@aol.com**

The first Home Life/ Social Services Meeting of the 2019/2020 Porch Club Year will be held at the Porch Club on October 8 at 11:00am. All are welcome. We will discuss plans for the upcoming year and will have Jennifer Giordano of Urban Promise speak to the group regarding what Urban Promise offers to the youth of Camden. Light refreshments will be served. Questions or comments can be directed to Rosanne Martin by phone or text at (856) 304-3841 or email rlmprob@aol.com.

## International Outreach

**Maggie Auer, Co-Chair, maggieamsw@gmail.com**

**Iris Gaughan, Co-Chair, iggaughan@gmail.com**

International Outreach will begin our fall program with the UNICEF Trick-or-Treat boxes. The boxes are distributed in area businesses with a label indicating it is a Porch Club sponsored project. Boxes are retrieved by committee members immediately after Halloween. Last year over \$500 was collected.

International ChildFund is a project that has been a Porch Club staple for over 50 years. This year we will continue to sponsor a young boy from Mexico, Kevin Zapote Mezquite.

Other continuing International Outreach projects include: Women for Women and Soles For Souls.

We are putting the Days For Girls project on hold for a bit so that we can focus our efforts on the recent hurricane devastation in the Bahamas.

All members are welcome to join our meetings whether you have signed up for the committee or not.

## Stitchery

**Karen Healey, Co-chair, healey322@msn.com,**

**Betsy Martone, Co-Chair, betsy.martone@gmail.com**

This fall, the Stitchery group's theme will be "Holiday Tablescapes" for the Pre-Holiday Sale. We'll have napkins, placemats, table runners, and decorations for sale.

Our department is excited about a signature Porch Club event that we initiated. We are partnering with the Virtua Samson Cancer Center in Moorestown to create and provide fashionable, comfortable hats for patients undergoing treatments.

There are other group projects planned for the year. The meetings are Monday morning at 10:00am, so come join us for more information. Aside from daytime gatherings, Evening stitchery meets on the first Wednesday of every month. All members are welcome, whether you have experience or would like to learn.



# Garden/Conservation Department

Pat Brunker, Co-Chair, patebrunk@

Debbie Patras, Co-Chair,

## Stoneleigh, A Natural Garden

You won't want to miss this chance to tour Philadelphia's newest garden Stoneleigh, in Villanova, PA, on Friday, October 4, from 10:00-11:30am. Stoneleigh has been many things to many people throughout the years: a working farm, a country retreat, a palatte for notable landscape architects, and a Tudor revival family home. Today, Stoneleigh is a place for visitors to enjoy its tranquil nature, delight in gardens that layer historical designs with contemporary native plant species, and be inspired by the beauty and benefits of gardening in concert with nature. We will also tour the house, which is generally closed to visitors. Stoneleigh is rich with native plants so that everyone may be inspired to think



*Aerial view of Stoneleigh Natural Gardens, Villanova, PA.*

in new ways about their own properties.

Cost is \$15 for the tour of the house and gardens. We will be leaving the Porch Club at 9:15am to carpool to Villanova, PA, a 36 minute ride. For more information, see <https://stoneleighgarden.org/garden/home/>.

We hope you will join us on this journey. RSVP to Pat or Deb by Tuesday, October 1 please.

Also, a live wreath-making event is planned for December. More details as we get closer.



*Sue Fay, Chair of Arts Performing, led the choir in a Christmas Medley last year.*

## Arts Performing

Mary Louise Bianco Smith, Co-Chair, mlgbs3@comcast.net

Charlene Thellman, Co-Chair, charleneactor@aol.com

Maryann Taft, Co-Chair, thetaftfamily@msn.com

Congratulations to the Porch Club's NJSFWC Creative Writing Contest winners. Pat McDermott won first place for her Haiku and Olga Voellinger won third place for her poem.

Contact Arts Performing Department if you would like to enter this years contest. Information and criteria is on the NJSFWC website and the deadline is February 1, 2020.

Arts Performing is looking for new members to join our fun and exciting

chorus. You do not need to sound like Barbara Streisand or Aretha Franklin to be in the chorus.

Arts Performing is currently getting ready for the upcoming Christmas Concert. We will be having our first choir practice on Monday, October 7, at 11:30am at the Porch Club.

If you are interested in joining our wonderful chorus and having fun please contact one of the depratment chairs.



*L-R: Nancy Hall, Maryann Taft, Naomi Horn – Pianist and former music director, and Sue Fay*

## Sunshine Committee

Mary Lou Schofield, Chair, [mlscho@verizon.net](mailto:mlscho@verizon.net)

This coming year brings a new committee to the Porch Club. Our Committee is asking for your help to make this a success. We are hoping to provide a container of homemade soup to our members who are experiencing illness or recovering from an operation. If you know of a member who could use a little help please let me or one of our committee members know.

We would also like to reach out to members who haven't been to a meeting in awhile. We are hoping to either arrange a ride for them or meet them at the club and have some of our members sit with them.

These are just some of the ideas we have. If you would like to make a suggestion for the Sunshine Committee please share your ideas.

## Evening Department

Lois Robinson, Chair, [lorobin99@aol.com](mailto:lorobin99@aol.com)

It was good to greet over 50 members and friends at our Evening Department 's "Happy Hour" on September 10, 2019.

As usual, we have a busy year ahead of us but are excited to hear about your ideas for programs and if you have any interest in being Co-Chair this year. I know that all the women who helped last year enjoyed co-chairing and some have offered to do it again this year!

FYI – Our "Apple Dumpling" Cook-off will be on November 12, and teams are forming now. More on this in the next few weeks. Kathy Remetta will be the Co-Chair for this event. Mark your calendar.

## Arts Creative

Donna VanHoy, Co-Chair, [artdvh@gmail.com](mailto:artdvh@gmail.com)

Carol Hoinsky, Co-Chair, [cihhun@aol.com](mailto:cihhun@aol.com)

We hope everyone had a nice summer and that you are ready for some fun art participation.

On Wednesday, October, 16 at 10:00am, the group will meet at the Porch Club and carpool to the Brandywine River Museum. We will see the museum, have lunch,

and tour Andrew Wyeth's studio.

On Tuesday, October 22, at 10:00am we will bring our pumpkins to the Porch Club and paint some spooky designs on them. There is no charge for this event. We will also be painting some small pumpkins and delivering them to the

## Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree

Bobbie Beck, Co-Chair,

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JoAnn DiNoia, Co-Chair,

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Shop, Shop, Shop 'Til You Drop! Along with Bobbie Beck and JoAnn DiNoia, Evening Programs is hosting this year's Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree.

Monday, October 28, 6:00-9:00pm. Artists, craftspeople, and merchandisers offer unique and special quality items for sale. It's a great chance to find the perfect gift for that special person on your list. Proceeds from table rental fees paid by the vendors go to support our State Special Project: Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey, whose mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect in all forms, for all New Jersey children. Come on out, bring your friends, and get in the holiday spirit while you help us support this worthy cause.

local nursing homes.

On Tuesday, November 19, we will meet at the Porch Club at 10:00am and have a Cream Puff Demonstration and Taste Testing.

Please look for the sign up sheets at the next meeting.

*Thanks to blooming enthusiasm from committee members, the garden redesign and planning began in February.*

*Our goal was to soften the foundation of the building with evergreens, incorporate our healthy plants, and create seasonal interest throughout the year.*

*Betsy Martone lent her thoughtful expertise to infuse complimentary color and specimens to best suit our grounds.*

*We look forward to completing the project with installation of new sod, a sprinkler system, and landscape lighting.*

