



*The Porch Club of Riverton*

*The Garden District*

Oct./Nov. 2011

# Inside the Porch Door

## Calendar

*Tues., Oct. 4,*

Programs, Sarah Griffith, CEO of Gilda's Club

*Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 6-9 p.m.*

Greek Agora Festival, St. Thomas Church, Cherry Hill

*Mon., Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m.*

Stitchery meeting at the Porch Club

*Mon., Oct. 10, 7:00 p.m.*

Scribblers meeting

*Tues., Oct. 11, 2011, 10:00 a.m.*

Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus, Philadelphia Museum of Art. Meet at the Porch Club

*Fri.-Sat, Oct. 14-15,*

*Fri., 6:00-9:00 p.m.,*

*Sat. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon*

Fall Rummage Sale

*Mon., Oct. 17, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

Christmas Stockings

*Mon., Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m.*

Stitchery meeting at the Porch Club

*Mon., Oct. 24, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree

*Fri., Oct. 28, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

First fall Clean-Up of the Grounds

*Fri., Oct. 28, 1:00 p.m.*

Painting Pumpkins

*Tues., Nov. 1,*

Programs, Alisa Dupuy, professional storyteller and historical re-enactor

*Sat., Nov. 5, 4:00-8:00 p.m.*

Spaghetti Dinner

*Tues., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m.*

Holiday Wreath Demo

*Wed., Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m.*

Prospective Members Open House

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## *From Bobbie's Perspective:*

I am sitting trying to write this letter as I listen to the heartfelt words of many paying tribute to those who were killed during 9-11. I remember getting ready to drive to the shore when it all happened. When I found out exactly what was going on, I rushed to LBI. My friend, Linda, who I was meeting for lunch, was alone. Her husband had driven into NYC for meetings at the World Trade Center. I remember sitting with her, eyes glued to the TV, wondering if he made it out and where he was. Luckily, Stan made it, but we didn't know until that night. Later, we found out he had a 'guardian angel' who led him and several others out of the twin towers.

I feel very lucky to be able to sit here to write this letter and to give my time to the Porch Club and help others in so many ways. Many did not get the chance to live their lives. So, it is with joy that I see our members giving much of their time and energy to helping others. **Each day is a blessing, make the best of it.**

What a busy September it has been. We have been gearing up for a very full and exciting next few months. I'd like to thank Pat Bruncker, evening chair, for an incredible evening with Carol Erickson, Channel 3's weather person. Animals are Carol's friends and she does so much to make a better life for them. What a terrific evening! Again, our Garden Department, headed by June Emens and Rita Vittese, started our year off with a tour of Bartram Gardens. I've wanted to go to see these gardens for years. So, Rita and June, thanks for a delightful day and bringing one of my 'bucket list' items to fruition.

In October we have the Rummage Sale on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to call Mary Hannah and tell her you'll be willing to lend a hand. Working at this event is always a lot of fun, and you never know – you might find something that you can't live without! On October 22, our Porch Club will be the drop-off site for other Women's Clubs with donations for the Day of Service. Don't forget to continue to get items for the Veterans' Homes. If you have any questions, please see Marian Aditya, Public Issues Chair. The evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 'Pre-Holiday' Shopping Spree. Come out to see the many vendors that will be showing their wares that night. Our 'resident caterer', Johanna, will have soup, hot dogs and other tasty items to purchase. All profits go to Gilda's Club, the state special project.

Poinsettias can be ordered now. This year we have 2 sizes. So, be sure to get a form and send / give it to Karyn Gordon-Lunn. Profits, again, go to Gilda's Club.

Then Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> will be our Spaghetti Dinner. Start lining up your friends so that they will get their tickets in plenty of time.

Be sure and look at your calendar in the new directory / yearbook. The cover is purple because it is the color that designates the organizations against Domestic Violence and Abuse. Thanks, Kathy Simon, for a job well-done.

Smooth Sailing,

**Bobbie**

## Calendar Continued

*Fri., Nov. 11, 9:20 a.m.*

Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show. Meet at the Riverline platform

*Mon., Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.*

Stitchery meeting

*Mon., Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m.*

Scribblers meeting

*Tues., Nov. 15*

Trip to Chinatown is cancelled.

*Thurs., Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m.*

Entrepreneurial Women, Marketing Workshop

*Fri., Nov. 18*

Public Issues Meeting

*Mon., Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.*

Literature Meeting

*Mon., Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m.*

Stitchery Meeting

*Tues., Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m.*

Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire

*Wed., Nov. 30*

Decorate the Club for the Holidays

*Fri., Dec. 30*

Take Down Holiday Decorations

## Members On The Move

Since our directory was published there have been a few changes! We're an active group of amazing women so you can always expect the unexpected. Please note these member's recent changes:

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## International Outreach

Pat McDermott, [pmcdermott14@comcast.net](mailto:pmcdermott14@comcast.net)

**October is Trick or Treat Month for UNICEF.** The Porch Club women have been generous in their support of this annual campaign for worldwide children's initiatives. Look for the little orange boxes at our first meeting. During the 2010-2011 club year the Porch Club donated \$100 to UNICEF. Keep the little box handy for spare change. I will be collecting them from October through February.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF is the longest running youth philanthropic activity in the United States. The tradition began in Philadelphia in 1950 when a youth group collected \$17 in decorated milk cartons on Halloween to help children left vulnerable by WW II. Fifty-eight years later, Trick or Treat for UNICEF has evolved from door to door collection on Halloween into a month long national fundraising program that has inspired children to save the lives of their peers around the world by raising more than \$136 million.

### October 24 is United Nations Day.

Support for our **Child Fund International** child, Kimberley Jones is accomplished through your generous donations to the **Kimberley Basket** that is passed at each Members meeting. Kimberley will celebrate a special birthday in November when she will be 11 years old.

The famous **Greek Agora Festival** will be held again this year on Oct. 6-9 at St. Thomas Church and grounds on Mercer St. in Cherry Hill. Special senior lunches will be served on Oct. 6 and 7 starting at noon. Enjoy free parking and admission during the event. Fun, food and song are promised. Check out the website for a list of all activities: [www.greekagora.org](http://www.greekagora.org).

## Membership Department

JoAnn DiNoia, [jaydinoia@verizon.net](mailto:jaydinoia@verizon.net)

A warm welcome back to another Porch Club year. Thanks to all those who proposed a new member last year, we now have a total of 177 members strong. Our Open House for Prospective Members will be Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 P.M. Please let me know if there is someone you would like to invite I will be happy to send them an invitation. For all future proposals please send or e-mail me all letters a week before our meeting,

remember please try to keep the letters short and sweet. Since we had a little trouble in getting some Porch Club "Buddies" for our new members, I am going to ask that if you propose someone that you will be kind enough and take them under your wings until they get acclimated to the club.

*Thank you.*  
JoAnn

## Programs

Aggie Kennedy

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**Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

In October, our speaker will be Sarah Griffith, CEO of Gilda's Club at WAWA Center. Gilda's Club, our state project, is a free education and support community of children, adults, families, and friends who have been impacted by cancer. At Gilda's Club, people learn, share their experiences, and true to the Club's name-sake, Gilda Radner, have a few laughs along the way.

**Tuesday, November 1, 2011**

In November, Alisa Dupuy, professional storyteller and historical re-enactor, will present her program on "The

Roaring Twenties". Alisa will portray a social butterfly of the early 20th century (think Great Gatsby). All will appreciate Alisa's sense of humor and interesting facts. Feel yourself transported back to a different time and learn the secrets of those Roaring Twenties!

In the spirit of the era, feel free to wear any "flapper" items you might own.



# Palisades Cliffs Saved by NJSFWC

Catherine Shuart, State Historian

NJSFWC has been identified as a primary advocate in the fight to halt the destruction of the Palisades. As early as 1896, NJSFWC women marched on Tren-



A photo from atop the Palisades Sill looking east across the Hudson River.

## Evening Group

### Meetings

Pat Brunker,

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Monday, October 24, 2011 from 6:00 - 9:00

#### Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree

Once again, vendors will be displaying their hand crafted and artistic items for our Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree. There will be interesting, exciting products for upcoming holiday gift-giving and personal use presented by local artisans. This is a great opportunity to find that special gift. Food will also be available. Proceeds support Gilda's Club.

Tuesday, Nov 29, 2011 at 7:00

#### Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire

In the early 1900's, many women fought against getting the vote, but none with more charm, prettier clothes - and less logic - than the fictional speaker created by pro-suffragist Marie Jenney Howe. Dressed in period costume, professional actress Michele LaRue performs Howe's witty, insightful 1912 monologue, then puts the seemingly illogical, ludicrous and even elitist arguments of the anti-suffragists in their sociological, historical and political context. (NJ Council for the Humanities program.)

ton with such resolve that the legislators listened in spite of the fact that women did NOT have a vote.

Bills were introduced in 1900 in both legislatures in New Jersey and New York to form a Palisades Interstate Park Commission consisting of ten members, with five members appointed by the governor of each state. NJSFWC Forestry Department headed by Mrs. John Holland (Cecilia Gaines) and Mrs. Benjamin Wilkinson were appointed to the commission to form the Interstate Park Commission. Its purpose would be to acquire land and preserve the Palisades for recreational purposes. In Albany, the legislation passed easily; however, in Trenton lobbyists for the trap rock quarries worked

to defeat the bill. The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GRWC mounted a vigorous campaign and the legislation was passed. Fundraising was necessary to halt the destruction, and the State of New Jersey donated \$500,000, New York State donated \$400,000 and JP Morgan was convinced to donate \$122,500.

Credit was given to the NJSFWC and the Palisades League was formed to raise funds for a Memorial on a parcel of land offered by the Commission. A ribbon strip of land at the top of the cliffs near Alpine was designated. The Watch Tower was dedicated on April 30, 1929. Go to [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org) "About NJSFWC" section to see a photo of the Watch Tower.

## Garden Department Activities

Rita Vittese, ritavittese@gmail.com

#### October:

- First fall clean up for the grounds! Friday, October 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. We will blow leaves, cut back some plants, and pick up lawn debris. Wear garden gloves, bring clipper, maybe a rake if you can.

#### November:

- Tuesday, November 8, 7 p.m. Live Holiday Wreath Demo

- Wednesday, November 30. Decorate the Porch Club for the holidays!

#### December:

- Friday, December 30. Take down day for holiday decorations

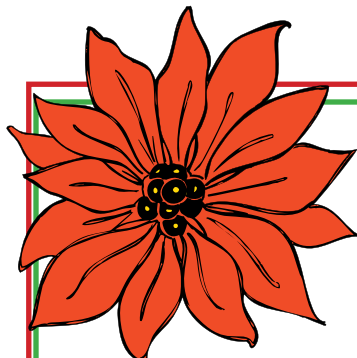
## House

Michelle Daniel, Chairperson,

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Another year begins at the Porch Club and I have the honor of serving as House Chairperson. My major goals for this year are to make the building

and restrooms handicap accessible; and to continue to focus on routine building maintenance. I am asking all members to support these initiatives



Pointsettia sale starts now!

All profits go to Gilda's Club!



# GARDEN DISTRICT FASHION SHOW

TICKETS: \$40

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19  
STARTS 11:30 AM

MASSO'S CATERING  
210 DELSEA DRIVE  
GLASSBORO, NJ

Call Bobbie Beck for your ticket.  
All proceeds will benefit our state project, Gilda's Club

## From The Treasurer: Sandy Gunn, [gunn829@earthlink.net](mailto:gunn829@earthlink.net)

Accountability is an increasing issue for all Non-profits. While accountability within our club membership has always been necessary, the Porch Club's accountability needs have increased substantially. Here are some of the reasons:

- Most of our fundraisers are "open to the public" (non members) and publicized

- Hold "Games of Chance" (bingos, raffles of various types) - these require Gaming Permits from the Municipality/State and have specific legal requirements

- Requirement of yearly Financial reporting to both the State and Federal Government

- Hosting other programs/activities (non-fundraising) that are "open to the public"

- Our Charitable Giving to specific Charities each year

- Ownership of property (our clubhouse) - rentals - insurance

Our Bylaws state "The Revenue of

the Porch Club of Riverton shall be derived from fees, dues, donations, fundraising, and such other sources as shall be approved by the Executive Board. All money raised by permission of, in the name of, and for the work of the Porch Club shall be cleared through the treasury, as shall funds for special work and projects".

With all of this in mind, as Treasurer, I want to emphasize what needs to be approved by the Executive Board.

- Yearly Operating Budget for all "ongoing" financial requirements. This budget is first created by the Finance Committee and then approved by the Executive Board.

- ALL income or expenses NOT included in the Yearly Operating Budget

- ALL fundraising

- ALL raffles and bingos (and other Games of Chance)

- ALL activities and programs "open to the public"

- ALL bus trips

All of this is necessary in order to protect our 501c3 Non-profit status, comply with all legal requirements, and to reduce our liability risks. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Pointsettia sale starts now

You may order two different sizes this year, 4.5" pot branched poinsettia in red or white for \$5.00 each

7" pot branched poinsettia in red, white, red & white, or shimmer for \$12.00 each

To order, please fill out a form and mail to Karyn Gordon-Lunn 2617 Barton Dr., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077. Forms may be picked up at the Porch Club

All proceeds benefit Gilda's Club

# Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

Co-Chairs Phyllis Rodgers 786-8422 & Donna Van Hoy 786-1622

Arts Creative has all kinds of neat things planned for this season.

October 11, 2011, Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus, Philadelphia Museum of Art. We'll meet at the Porch Club at 10:00 A.M. and car-pool to the museum. We'll see the show and have some lunch. Look for the sign up sheet.

October 17, 2011, Monday, 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. Porch Club, Christmas Stockings. Phyllis, Donna and helpers will be cutting out our felt Christmas stockings. The cut-outs will be distributed at the November meeting so that they can be taken home and decorated. They will be hung all around the Porch Club for the Christmas House Tour, December 3rd, and the Christmas Tea, December 6th. It's important that we have lots of participation to make the Porch Club look great for these two events. Lets create some fun stockings. Let us know how many stockings you want to make so we know how much felt to purchase. The cost will be around \$2.00 per stocking. Look for the sign up sheet.

October 28, 2011 Friday, 1:00 P.M. Porch Club, Painting Pumpkins. Bring your pumpkin and your idea. Donna will help you paint some crazy designs on your pumpkin. No Cost

November 11, 2011 Friday, 9:20 A.M. Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show. We'll meet at the Riverline platform at 9:20 A.M. and take the 9:40 train to Philadelphia to see the craft show and have some lunch. Wear your walking shoes. Lets NOT wear our "big" diamonds. Look for the sign up sheet.

November 15, 2011, Trip to Chinatown is cancelled.

The Stitchery Group has been very productive over the summer. The quilt squares our very talented ladies made last year were sewn together and the quilt is at the quilters now being quilted and we think you all will be amazed at how beautiful it will be when it is finished. We are hoping to have it back in time to present it at the first meeting.

The group is making quilted Christmas Balls which we will be selling at the Holiday Bazaar. Our goal is to have 100 to sell and we are more than half way there. Anyone interested in helping us make them (we will teach you) please

contact us for dates to get together. They make great Christmas gifts and once you learn how to make them you will be able to make some for your tree or give as gifts.

We would really like to thank Muriel Stoops, Geri Gilmore, and Karen Sulock for working all summer making these balls. Muriel even took a bunch on vacation with her and she and her granddaughter made them. Please e-mail MaryLou Schofield at mlscho@verizon.net or Jeanne Bianchini at jxstitch@gmail.com or call us 303-1877 or 786-8962 to let us know if you will be coming out to help us. Each ball takes about two hours to make so you can see we need some help and we'll have fun working together too.

The first stitchery meeting will be October 10th at the Porch Club at 9:30 am. Please bring any hand made item which you worked on over the summer to our first meeting to show everyone, also please bring whatever item you are working on or any kit you may have that you might need help getting started with. There are many of our members who know how to knit, crochet, and cross stitch so bring your questions and projects. For all you ladies who made a quilted square last year, wait until you see the finished quilt. It is gorgeous. Please mark your calendars for the Stitchery meetings, Oct. 10th at 9:30 am and October 17th at 7:00 pm at the Porch Club. Looking forward to stitching with you all.

## Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree

**Come see our exciting collection of hand-crafted and artistic items at our Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree.**

**Find interesting, exciting products for the upcoming holidays, gift-giving, or personal use.**

**Monday, October 24, 2011**

**6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**The Porch Club**

**4th and Howard Streets**

**Riverton, NJ**

**For more information contact:**

**Bobbie 609-877-8452 or JoAnn 856-829-7540**

The Porch Club is a certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to women's and children's causes in the community. Proceeds support Gilda's Club of New Jersey which creates welcoming communities of free support (networking groups, workshops, education, and social activities) for everyone living with cancer. Thank you for your help.



# MANGIA!

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, November 5**

**4:00 TO 7:00 p.m.**

**At the Porch Club**

**4th & Howard Streets, Riverton, NJ**



### MENU

Spaghetti with Meatballs

Italian Bread, Tossed Salad

Dessert

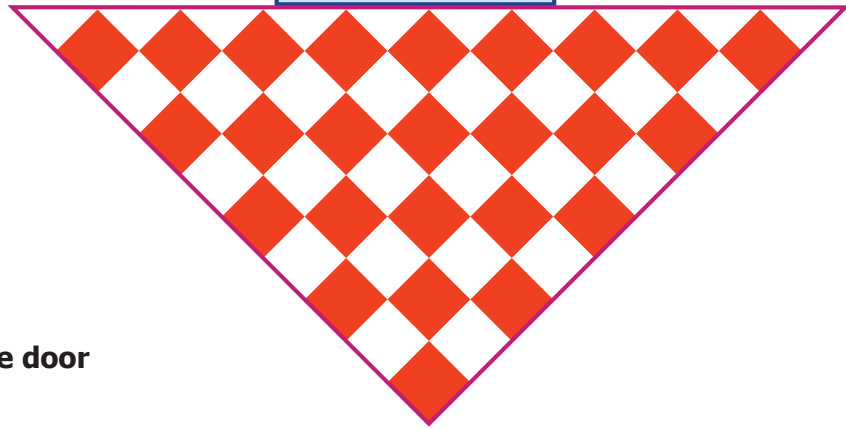
Coffee, Tea, B.Y.O.B.

**\$12.00/Adult, \$6.00/Child\*,  
Children under 6 FREE**

\*12 and under

**Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door**

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