

## Langhorne Garden Club to Host Holiday House Tour and Tea

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Langhorne, PA, September 22, 2016 – Four Lanes End Garden Club will proudly host its 57<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday House Tour and Tea on **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** from 11 am to 8:30 pm. Two houses in Langhorne Borough and two in Langhorne Manor – four in all – will be open for tour guests, and will be decorated for the season by Garden Club members.

As always, each home on the self-guided tour has a distinctive theme, based on the house's style, history, etc. This year's tour includes:

\* A Craftsman-style circa 1925 house recently renovated to reflect the open concept living popular in today's homes. However, the homeowners also retained the house's charming features: heart-of-pine floors, brick fireplace, and original moldings and built-ins. With a theme of "Silver Threads Among the Gold," the garden club's decorations will highlight the modern yet warm feel of this unique home.

\* A 1788 Colonial built on land purchased from William Penn in 1781. The original house had two rooms downstairs and two rooms up, connected by a curved staircase behind a living room door. These rooms still have the original pumpkin pine floors, hand-hewn beams, and fireplaces. Over the years, a more modern kitchen and breakfast nook, family room and powder room, as well as outdoor patio and decking, were added. This home's theme, "Starry, Starry Night," was inspired by the homeowners' collection of antique and decorative stars and will showcase a variety of handmade stars on the tree and throughout the home in floral decorations, greenery, and window displays.

\* An 1883 Victorian/Dutch Colonial in Langhorne Manor built by Benjamin Taylor for wealthy Philadelphians seeking summer residences outside the city. The original home built on this lot was lost in a fire but its carriage house survived and remains today, along with the house rebuilt in 1883. This house's theme is "From Ashes to Elegance."

\* A circa-1963 home in Langhorne Manor whose renovations were inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright. Exceptionally clean-lined architecture and custom woodwork throughout enhance this home's one-floor living. For the first time ever, with this home the FLEGC Holiday House Tour will include a fully decorated master bedroom suite with bathroom, which features floors embedded with Delaware River stone. The theme, "Peaceful and Tranquil Christmas," reflects the serenity felt inside this elegant home.

The tour ticket includes formal Tea at the Middletown Country Club, whose theme is "Snowy Woodland." The Christmas tree will be adorned with snow-dipped branches, glittery gold pinecones, white snowbirds and snowy owls, and the room will be transformed to reflect the woods after a freshly fallen snow. Guests can take a break from the tour, relax, and enjoy delicious homemade cookies and treats -- all baked by Club members -- with a hot cup of tea or coffee. Also, many gift baskets will be available for raffle chances. Guests also are invited to the Country Store at Richardson House (corner of Maple and Bellevue Aves.), where they can shop for various handmade holiday items, decorations and gifts.

The Holiday House Tour and Tea is Four Lanes End Garden Club's largest fundraiser. Tour proceeds go toward ongoing maintenance of the grounds at historic Richardson House (the Club's meeting place), community beautification projects, two student scholarships, and various local charities. Four Lanes End Garden Club, organized in 1957, is a vital organization. Meetings, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (from Sept. to May), expand members' interests and knowledge with a variety of programs. Its website is [www.langhornegardenclub.com](http://www.langhornegardenclub.com). There also is a Facebook page.

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 in advance (by 5:00 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>) from any Garden Club member, or at the following participating Langhorne vendors: St. Mary's Community Thrift; Judy's Corner; and Dance Ten. Tickets will be sold on the day of the tour for \$25 at Richardson House, and at Middletown Country Club.

For tickets and information, contact Darlene Helicke at 215-757-8931. For media inquiries, contact Jennifer Garfield at 215-322-9668 or 267-307-2212 (cell).

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