

Garden Club to Host 56th Annual Holiday House Tour and Tea in Langhorne

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Langhorne, PA, September 8, 2015 – Four Lanes End Garden Club will proudly host its 56th annual Holiday House Tour and Tea on **Thursday, November 19th** from 11 am to 8:30 pm. Two newer and two historic homes in Langhorne – 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. The houses are as follows:

- A large townhouse built in 2007 on land originally owned by the Newbold family. The home has an open space design with a living room, dining room, kitchen and family room on the first floor. With the theme "Reflections of Christmas," the floral arrangements and Christmas décor created by Garden Club members will enhance the home's unique color scheme of turquoise walls and bright white trim.
- A 2002 brick center-hall Colonial on a quaint cul-de-sac with theme "A Traditional Christmas."
- An 1891 Victorian on N. Bellevue Ave. with the theme "A Wish Come True at Christmas." It is believed that the home was owned by *Langhorne Standard* editors/publishers and brothers George and Charles Fetterolf.
- A circa-1858 home on W. Maple Ave., with original Second Empire-style slate mansard roof. Recognized by its purple shutters and trim, the home was the town's first drugstore, and later hosted the International Order of Odd Fellows (1876), a service fraternity started in England to help the less fortunate (considered odd at the time – hence the name). Original to the home are three fireplaces -- one with Mercer tiles; a water closet in the cellar (unusual at this time); and pumpkin pine floors. The house's theme is "Memories of a White Christmas."

The tour ticket includes formal Tea at the Middletown Country Club, whose theme is "Heartfelt Holiday." 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.

The Four Lanes End Garden Club, organized in 1957, is a vital organization. Meetings, held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, expand members' interests and knowledge with a variety of programs. The club's website is: 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. 18th) from any Garden Club member, or at the following participating Langhorne vendors: St. Mary's Community Thrift; Judy's Corner; Langhorne Coffee House; and Dance Ten. Tickets will be sold on the day of the tour for \$25 at Richardson House, and at Middletown Country Club.

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