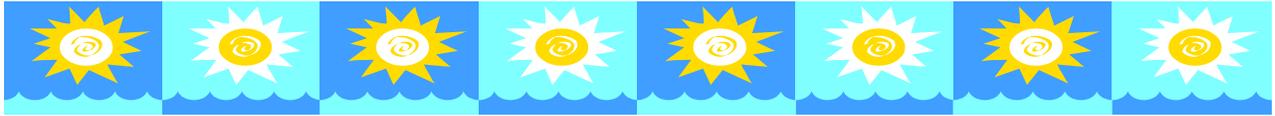


## NEWSLETTER, July 2019 --- *The Royal-tea Club*



**The summer heat is not my friend. I tend to hibernate in the comfort of air conditioning. Seeking to be positive, I found these words written many, many years ago. I like the image of a garden setting, flowers, a breeze and a glass of iced TEA! As you read this newsletter, may you feel refreshed.**

### *Summer in the South*

*The oriole sings in the greening grove  
As if he were half-way waiting,  
The rosebuds peep from their hoods of green,  
Timid, and hesitating.*

*The rain comes down in a torrent sweep  
And the nights smell warm and piney,  
The garden thrives, but the tender shoots  
Are yellow-green and tiny.*

*Then a flash of sun on a waiting hill,  
Streams laugh that erst were quiet,  
The sky smiles down with a dazzling blue  
And the woods run mad with riot.*

*Paul Laurence Dunbar*



# INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROYAL-TEA CLUB

## How do I make a reservation for a tea?

1. Contact Donna Lerew by email at [donnalerew@gmail.com](mailto:donnalerew@gmail.com) OR call her at 717-741-2684
2. When your reservation is confirmed, write a check payable to The Royal-tea Club and mail to:  
Donna Lerew  
110 Reynolds Mill Rd.  
York, PA 17403
3. Payment is due within 10 days of your reservation.

## How do I cancel a tea reservation?

1. If you are cancelling the reservation BEFORE the cutoff date, contact Donna by email [donnalerew@gmail.com](mailto:donnalerew@gmail.com) OR call her at 717-741-2684. You will receive a credit for the tea to be used at a future event.
2. If you are cancelling AFTER the cutoff date and there is a waiting list, Donna will try to find a replacement for your seat. If there is not a waiting list, you can ask a friend to take your place. If no one can fill your seat, you forfeit your payment.

**PLEASE NOTE--** Parking space is often limited or the tea room is a distance away. Car pooling is a smart option to consider. Anyone interested in car pooling, contact Donna Lerew and she will assist in finding other attendees in your area.

*Donna Lerew*



## CLUB DUES



We will start taking dues for 2020 at the July luncheon. **Renewals are \$10 for email and \$15 for mail.** Renewal forms will be available at the luncheon. Everyone **MUST** complete a form to renew their dues.

**When I travel I often want to try a local tearoom but it is sometimes difficult to locate one.**

There are web sites that list tearooms. This is one with a Royal-tea Club connection. One of our newer members, Angela Renals from Georgia manages the site. The web site is [destinationtea.com](http://destinationtea.com). It lists tearooms by state.

How do you find info on tearooms?

Send me your tips on tearooms at [donnairew@gmail.com](mailto:donnairew@gmail.com) and I will share the info with club members.

## **TEA EVENTS**

**Piccadilly Tea Room      This Tea is now full; with 3 on waiting list.**

483 Royer Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601    717-984-6425  
**Saturday, August 3, 2019** at 2:00 pm    COST- \$31.50, Guests \$36.50, inclusive

Piccadilly tea room is in a new development with shops on the first floor and loft apartments above the shops. Piccadilly's is located three miles from Route 30 on Oregon Pike, north of the city. **Enter Piccadilly Tea Room from parking lot.**

**Camilla's Sin Tea Room    Two seats are available, as of July 11, 2019.**

36 West Pomfret Street, Carlisle, PA 17013    717-243-6292  
**Friday, August 23, 2019**, at 1:00pm    COST- \$33.00, Guests - \$38.00, inclusive.  
Maximum 44; **Cut-off date**—August 9, 2019 to reserve a seat.

This is the Tea room that was being sold last year and the event was cancelled. The tea room reopened with the same owner. This is the only tea room in Carlisle. There is a lovely gift shop in the tea room. Also, before or after Tea plan to explore the nearby stores.

*Each cup of tea represents an imaginary voyage.*  
*Catherine Douzel*

**Granite Rose Tea Parlor**    **As of July 11, five seats available for each date.**

1081 Davis Avenue, Granite, MD 21163    410-465-9116

**TWO DATES: Friday, September 6 and Thursday, September 12, 2019,**  
at 1:00 pm    COST--\$27.50 for members; \$32.50 for guests, inclusive.  
Maximum 32—for each tea; **Cut-off date**—August 23, 2019 to reserve a seat.

The Royal-tea Club has visited this tea room for several years. The village of Granite is charming. It is a lovely drive through the countryside. The owners extend a gracious welcome to their home for a delightful tea. Choose either date when you reserve a seat for the tea. Note - Granite is across the water from Woodstock, MD. Many GPS systems list the address as Woodstock and not Granite. (Parking is available in church lot next door.)

## **NEW TEA EVENTS**

**Pennsylvania Tea Festival** -- The Rosemary House and Sweet  
Remembrances, Mechanicsburg, PA

**Friday, September 27 and Saturday 28, 2019 at 9 am - 4 pm, both days.** This two day annual specialty tea event will be held in the fragrant herb gardens of The Rosemary House and Sweet Remembrances. It will feature:

- Informative Programs
- A variety of merchants and vendors
- A range of teas and herbal tisanes
- Tea tasting and tea culture
- Musical entertainment

Visit the website for a detailed updated schedule of events:

[www.TeaFestPA.com](http://www.TeaFestPA.com)

Tickets \$12 in advance (\$15d day of event)

If you purchase tickets by contacting Donna at [donnalerew@gmail.com](mailto:donnalerew@gmail.com) or call 717-741-2684, the club will get a portion from sale of the tickets.

*Come and share a pot of tea,*

*My home is warm and my friendship's free.    Emílie Barnes*

## **Blooming Hill Lavender Farm**

19929 Telegraph Spring Road, Purcellville, VA 20132 703-431-0779

**Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 1:00 pm**

COST: \$35.50 for members, \$40.50 for guests, inclusive  
Maximum – 25, **Cut-off date--** September 21, 2019

For our annual trek to the state of Virginia, we will be returning to the Blooming Hill Lavender Farm. Join us for a lavender tea on the porch and weather permitting on the lawn. There is a gift shop on the grounds. We had a lovely tea here last year. October will be a lovely time to take a drive down to Virginia. It is about a two hour drive from York, PA.

## **Oxford Hall Celtic Shop and Café**

233 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070 717-774-8789

**Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**NOTE TIME--** 2:30 PM, both days, The time was omitted from printed version mailed to members. Please share with friends who receive printed version.

COST: \$25.50 for members, \$30.50 for guests  
Maximum –24 each day, **Cut-off date--**October 10, 2019

This café is located in an historic Civil War building with an Irish/UK import shop. Come experience an Irish/British theme tea. While there shop for jewelry, gifts, food and clothing imported from Ireland and the United Kingdom. The shop is open until 5pm, so you will have plenty of time to browse and buy. Perhaps you will find your family's tartan.



## **Common Grounds Café**

Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 109 East Main Street,  
Dallastown, PA 17313 717-244-5127

**Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 1:00 pm**

COST--\$23 per member, \$28 per guest (includes soup and salad, scone,  
tea sandwiches and desserts)

Maximum –75 **Cut-off Date--** November 2, 2019

Parking options - street parking at 10 cents per hour;

Parking lot in rear of church - come in the green door and take the stairs to the second floor or use the elevator. Handicapped parking in front of the church.

This cafe is an outreach for the church and serves lunch (no reservations required) but also serves tea in the fellowship hall with stained glass windows. The chef was employed at the Joy Garden Tea Room several years ago.

If you want to do some early Christmas shopping, visit Grandma's Holiday Craft Show at 101 S. Franklin St. in Red Lion at the Red Lion Bed and Breakfast (owner Dani who also owns the Red Brick Bakery and Tearoom). The B&B is filled from top to bottom with vendors selling crafts and gifts. Open 10 am to 6 pm. It is worth a visit and only two miles from the Common Grounds Cafe. **Directions** – route 74 East (also Main St. in Dallastown) entering Red Lion. Turn right onto Franklin St. The B&B is located in 2 blocks on the corner. Street parking available.

## **Bus Trip to Lewisburg - Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

Dine at Country Cupboard buffet, listen to a reading of *A Christmas Carol*, by Gerald Dickens (great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens), enjoy shopping in the immense gift shop. See flyer about this trip on The Royal-tea Club website.

## **The Royal-tea Club committee members and their role:**

Betsy Green - Membership Chair, [anbgreenacres@gmail.com](mailto:anbgreenacres@gmail.com)

Sharon Hart - Facilitates Foreign Trips, [shalee2@aol.com](mailto:shalee2@aol.com)

Nancy Jones - Newsletter Editor, [revnmj@aol.com](mailto:revnmj@aol.com)

Suzanne Krause – Web Master, [samford@foedinfo.com](mailto:samford@foedinfo.com)

Donna Lerew - Events Coordinator, [donnalerew@gmail.com](mailto:donnalerew@gmail.com) 717-741-2684



## *Hats On Autumn Tea*

Saturday, October 19, 1:00 PM

Red Men's Hall, W. King St., East Berlin, PA

The East Berlin Historical Preservation Society will host “Hats On Autumn Tea” at Society headquarters, Red Men's Hall, 332 W. King Street, East Berlin, PA. Guests are encouraged to wear a special hat – a good story hat, an outrageous hat, a fascinating hat, or an original hat. Our Society pianist will play background music throughout the event. Price \$35. For reservations contact Sharon O'Connell 717-870-1634. Cut-off date October 12. Number of seats: 30.

**FROM Sharon Hart**



**”I am so excited to finally share our trip to my favorite country, Italy!”**

My Italian travel agent contact has put together a fabulous Sicily and Southern Italy trip with a multitude of experiences. Just a few are a cooking class, lunch in a fish shop, an overnight ferry, an Eno-gastronomic tour, and riding on tuk-tuks. We'll see lots of sites in Sicily, many revealing the strong Greek, Roman, Arab, and Norman history. Then we transfer to Naples on the mainland. There, we will visit sites such as Pompeii, Capri/Anacapri, the Amalfi Coast, and the little islands of Ischia and Procida. The trip includes most meals: all breakfasts, 4 lunches and all but two dinners.

Please see the trip flyer included with this newsletter for the details.  
As always, please feel to contact me with any questions  
Sharon (717-332-5851) [shalee2@aol.com](mailto:shalee2@aol.com)

# **SICILY**

## **and SOUTHERN ITALY**

**May 3 – 15, 2020**  
**or**  
**October 19 – 31, 2020**

Travel with us to Sicily, with its idyllic climate, dramatic vistas, and hearty cuisine that embodies all things Italian. Sicily is also rich with its own culture that is distinct from that of mainland Italy. We'll explore some of Sicily's most enticing regions. Discover the cliffside resort town of Taormina, where you'll marvel at sweeping ocean and mountain views, presided over by mighty Mount Etna. Immerse yourself in the long, rich history of Siracusa, once a dominating player in the ancient Mediterranean world. Explore Agrigento, where you'll discover the Valley of the Temples, one of the world's largest and best-preserved sites of Greek ruins, and visit the vibrant capital city of Palermo, where you'll uncover Sicily's Arab, Norman, and Roman heritage amid a rich tapestry of Mediterranean cultures. But that's not all! There is an overnight ferry ride to Naples on the mainland. Some of our mainland travels include touring the old town of Naples, visiting Capri/Anacapri, enjoying the Amalfi Coast, exploring Pompeii, and the San Severo Museum in Naples. We will spend three nights on Ischia, and we will also visit the little island of Procida.

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 1 – Depart USA for Catania, Sicily.  
Day 2 – Arrive in Catania and transfer to our hotel where we will have dinner. (D)  
Day 3 – We will have a full day excursion to Mount Etna and Taormina, including the Greek Theater. Afterwards, we will have a typical Sicilian dinner in Taormina. We then return to our hotel for the evening. (B, D)  
Day 4 – Today we will tour Catania in the morning. Then there will be a cooking class and lunch. Overnight in our Catania hotel. (B, L)

Day 5 – We leave Catania and journey to Siracusa to explore its history. We will then transfer to Agrigento to our hotel where we will have dinner. (B, D)

Day 6 – We leave our hotel to travel to Agrigento where we will visit the Valley of the Temples. In the afternoon we will transfer to our Palermo hotel where we will have dinner. (B, D)

Day 7 – Today we will explore Palermo and Monreale where one of our stops will be the Monreale Cathedral. Lunch will be in a typical fish shop. We will then transfer to the port and board a ferry. Our dinner and on-board accommodations are included. (B, L, D)

Day 8 – We arrive in Naples in the early morning and visit the old town, including breakfast. We will transfer to Sorrento to enjoy an Eno-gastronomic tour and check in to our hotel. (B, L)

Day 9 – This morning we will take the ferry from Sorrento for a full day tour of Capri/Anacapri. One stop will be Augusto's Gardens. We will have dinner at our hotel in Sorrento. (B, D)

Day 10 – Today we will enjoy the glorious Amalfi Coast and visit the excavations of Pompeii. Afterwards we will return to our Sorrento hotel for dinner. (B, D)

Day 11 – After checking out of our Sorrento hotel, we will travel to Naples to visit the San Severo Museum which houses the artifacts found in Pompeii. We will then board a ferry to Ischia and check into our hotel. Dinner will be at our hotel in Ischia. (B, D)

Day 12 – We will spend today touring the island of Ischia. Dinner will be at our hotel in Ischia. (B, D)

Day 13 – After breakfast we will ferry to the little Island of Procida where we will tour while riding in private tuk-tuks. Our lunch will be in a trattoria there before we return to Ischia for some free time. In the evening we will celebrate our successful trip with a grand Farewell dinner with live music and drinks included. (B, L, D)

Day 14 – After checking out, we will ferry to Naples and transfer to the airport for our flight back to the USA.

### **PRICES**

Spring price is \$2595 based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$550. Flights additional.

Fall price is \$2495 based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$500. Flights additional.

Minimum deposit amount is \$500 per person. (\$250 non-refundable if reservation is cancelled.) Send reservation form and check payable to Sharon Hart, 105 Frog Pond Hollow, Abbottstown, PA 17301; 717-332-5851; email: [shalee2@aol.com](mailto:shalee2@aol.com)

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- \*No credit cards may be used. Checks payable to Sharon Hart only. (Our Italian travel agent does not accept credit cards.)
- \*Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Consider Travel Guard.
- \*All hotels are 4-star.
- \*Flight days will be long with delays between flights.
- \*Price subject to adjustment if there is a significant change in Euro vs. USD.
- \*Arrangements have been made by Alex of LexaViaggi Travel Agency in Sorrento

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

All transportation while in Italy  
 Eleven nights in hotels  
 One night in cabin on-board ferry  
 All entrance fees  
 One breakfast in Naples; all others in hotels  
 Seven hotel dinners  
 One cooking class with lunch  
 One lunch in fish shop  
 One Eno-gastronomic tour  
 One lunch in trattoria  
 One 3-course dinner in Taormina  
 One dinner on ferry  
 One 4-course Farewell restaurant dinner with live music and included drinks  
 Ten authorized tour guides for Mount Etna/Taormina, Catania, Siracusa, Agrigento, Palermo/Monreale, Naples, Capri/Anacapri, Amalfi/Pompeii, San Severo Museum, and Ischia  
 Portorage for all hotels (not the overnight ferry)  
 Services of our English- speaking guide, Denise Bird, each day  
 Tourist tax

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Gratuities  
 Drinks with most meals  
 Travel insurance  
 Flights (to be arranged)

**PLEASE CIRCLE WHEN YOU WANT TO GO:      Spring      Fall      Either**

**Lead Passenger Information (Please complete ALL information)**

Full name (must match passport) \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth (MMDDYY)----- Room type (please circle one) Twin Double Single

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Deposit Included \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like to be paired with a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

**Companion Passenger Information (Please complete ALL information)**

Full name (must match passport) \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (MMDDYY)-----  
Room type (please circle one) Twin Double Single  
Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Deposit Included \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any Special Requirements you may have, including but not limited to: special dietary requests like food allergies and dietary restrictions (i.e., vegetarian, kosher, vegan), medical, other medical considerations (limited mobility, disabilities, persons with serious medical conditions or requiring specific assistances such as oxygen, dialysis, special medications (such as insulin).

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