

The Royal-tea Club

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EDITOR'S NOTE

After a much needed break from club business, I'm back with my batteries recharged and ready to go again! I want to thank **Donna Lerew** and **Shirley Smith** for carrying the batons of club business while I was away. I also want to thank you, the membership, for your patience and understanding while we worked out all the details. Things worked out so well, **Donna** and **Shirley** have agreed to continue with some of their duties. I so gratefully appreciate it. Please see 'Changes' below.

Donna has arranged some very interesting and unique events for this year. I can't wait to attend, to meet so many new members, and to visit with old friends. I hope to see you at an event soon!

Teafully yours,

Sharon

CHANGES

For Reservations: Contact **Donna Lerew** at 717-741-2684 or email her at the club's email address, theroyalteaclub@aol.com.

For Tea Club Payments: Send checks made out to 'The Royal-tea Club' to **Shirley Smith**, 19811 Gore Mill Road, Freeland, MD 21053-9402.

For New Membership Applications, Renewal of Dues, or other club business: Contact **Sharon Hart**, 717-332-5851 or email her at the club's email address, theroyalteaclub@aol.com. Mail should be sent to 105 Frog Pond Hollow, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9073.

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2013 UPCOMING ROYAL-TEA CLUB EVENTS

Please read the following instructions:

- * Telephone number for each establishment is provided should you need directions.
- * Reservations may ONLY be made through the Tea Club by contacting **Donna Lerew**, 717-741-2684, or by email.
- * Prices always include tax and tip.
- * The cutoff date for each tea is the last date reservations may be canceled and still get a refund or credit.
- * Do not send money without confirming you have a reservation.
- * **Make checks payable to The Royal-tea Club!**
- * Send payment to Shirley Smith, 19811 Gore Mill Road, Freeland, MD 21053-9402.

Reservations are now being taken for the following events:

SPECIAL EVENT



Thursday, May 2nd, 12:00 Noon, and Saturday, May 4th, 12:00 Noon -
The original date of May 4th filled very quickly, so we arranged a second performance. There are still a few seats available for the new date, May 2nd. What a special treat we have in store for those who attend this event! Cindy Wittenberg and Tracy Dietrich make up ***Silver, Wood, and Ivory***, a professional piano and flute duo. (www.silverwoodandivory.com). There are several sites to see and hear them perform. One is at YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x816ubMjSD8&feature=youtu.be>. Be sure to check them out! You will have a catered tea luncheon in Cindy's home, enjoy a performance by these very talented ladies, **AND** you will take home a CD of your choice to always remember this wonderful event.
Member Price: \$54.00. (*Price for non-members: \$56.50.*) *Address:* 510 South Walnut Street, Lititz, PA. 17543. *Telephone Number:* 717-626-7409. *Cutoff date:* April 24th. *Number of seats:* 32 each date. *Number of seats available:* Thursday - 12; Saturday - 0. A waiting list is being taken.

SPECIAL EVENT



Wednesday, June 19th - Last August **Donna, Sharon**, and a number of other friends participated in a Boardinghouse luncheon at Willow Pond Farm.

(willowpondherbs.com) We had such a lovely time, we asked owner Madeline Wajda (she pronounces it Vyda) if she would have a luncheon for our club. First, there will be a tour at 11:00 AM of the gardens where many of the lavenders will be in bloom. At Noon you will enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared by Madeline and her staff using many of the herbs grown on the farm. Afterwards, Madeline will give a presentation.

Member Price: \$30.00. (*Price for non-members: \$32.50.*) *Address:* 145 Tract Road, Fairfield, PA. 17320. *Telephone Number:* 717-642-6387. *Cutoff date:* June 9th. *Number of seats:* 50. *Number of seats available:* 1.

Saturday, July 27th, 12:00 Noon - Please join us for the **Annual Tea Club Luncheon**. The food will once again be catered. At the time of your reservation, please select Chicken salad on fancy greens or Spinach salad with fresh strawberries, bacon, egg, and nuts. Hot water and a selection of teas will be available or you may bring your own. Arrangements for a speaker are still pending. This will be the final year for the Silent Auction. Bring your new or gently used items to benefit the club and help keep dues low. **Member Price:** \$18.00. (*Price for non-members: \$20.50.*) *Address:* New Fairview Church of the Brethren, 1873 New Fairview Church Road, York, PA. 17403. *Telephone Number:* 717-741-2684. *Cutoff date:* July 19th. *Number of seats:* 80. *Number of seats available:* 80.

Saturday, August 17th, 1:00 PM - We will travel to club member **Nancy Reppert's Sweet Remembrances Tea Room** this date to once again enjoy her wonderful hospitality. **Member Price:** \$25.00. (*Price for non-members: \$27.50.*) *Address:* 118 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055. *Telephone Number:* 717-697-5785. *Cutoff date:* August 7th. *Number of seats:* 40. *Number of seats available:* 40.

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2013 UPCOMING ROYAL-TEA CLUB EVENTS (continued)

Saturday, August 24th, 1:00 PM - We will be traveling to a new Virginian tea room, Coach and Horses, in Winchester, VA. It is located in a circa 1790's log home and is listed on the National Historic Register. **Member Price:** \$28.00. (*Price for non-members: \$30.50.*) *Address: 949 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester, VA. 22601. Telephone Number: 540-323-7390. Cutoff date: August 14th. Number of seats: 40. Number of seats available: 40.*

September's tea event will be posted in the Summer newsletter to be released mid-July.

SPECIAL EVENT



Saturday, October 19th, 12:00 Noon - In honor of the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, we will be having tea at the Gettysburg National Visitor Center, including a program with a special living historian speaker. If you choose, you may also purchase tickets to tour the special exhibits and the cyclorama at the center for a special group price of \$8.00. Please indicate at the time of your reservation if you want these optional tickets, and if so, would you like to tour before or after the tea. The tickets must be ordered through the club. The center is open from 8:00 am to 6:00 PM. There is already lots of interest in this special event, so make your reservation right away! **Member Price:** \$33.00. (*Price for non-members:*

\$35.50.) *Address:* 1195 Baltimore Pike (Rt. 97), Gettysburg, PA. 17325. *Telephone Number:* 717-334-1124. *Cutoff date:* October 9th. *Number of seats:* 96. *Number of seats available:* 96.

TRAVEL NEWS



CUMBERLAND TRIP

Our latest motor coach trip was released with the January newsletter. In September we will explore the area around Cumberland, MD., including its' Victorian connections. Come meet our Indiana member, **Sara (the Younger) Secrest**, and one of our Georgia members, **Diane Hughes**. They will be joining us for this adventure. This trip was highly recommended to us by one of our Virginia members, **Linda Lau**. Some of their Victorian Society members visited there a couple of years ago and greatly enjoyed it. In order to make sure everyone sees the trip information, it is being re-released with this newsletter. If you have your newsletter mailed, but also have e-mail, you will not be getting another paper copy. You and those with electronic membership should see the trip flyer on the club web site, www.theroyal-teaclub.org. Then go to the Tea Trips page to see the itinerary. Please contact Sharon at 717-332-5851 if you are interested in going. If you would like trip insurance, the payment must be included with your registration so request an insurance form when you call to reserve your seat.



ENGLAND 2014

Yes, we'll be heading to England on May 10, 2014 for a 10 night tour of Northern England. What better way to start off the tour than with a special visit and tea on May 11th to Woburn Abbey where the tea tradition was started. This also happens to be Mother's Day and could be a very special way for you to celebrate it with your mother or children. Bring them along. Several unique stops are part of this tour, including a visit to Sandringham, one of the homes of Queen Elizabeth. And we'll fully explore one of the most beautiful areas of England, the Lake District. Home to Beatrix Potter and Wordsworth, we'll have a unique look at their lives. And, yes, there will be tea! This is just a sampling of the kinds of things that are being finalized for this tour. You'll be returning home on May 20th.

So stay tuned. The brochure will be ready in just a couple of weeks. We'll email it out and send by USPS to those who don't have email. The tour will be limited to 20 participants and is already generating lots of interest. Make your reservations early. If you have any questions, contact Patty Suchy at Novel Explorations at novelexp@comcast.net.

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