

The Royal-tea Club

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Aren't you glad it's spring? Of course, it has been teasing us for several weeks now. It's here, it's not, it's back. Perhaps it will stick around now.

After a couple cancellations, we now have five seats available for our Scotland trip and there may be a couple more. If you want to know why we chose to go during high season, check out the following youtube video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-Ljrz8-ASU>, to see the Opening Ceremony from last year. Just thinking about seeing the multiple pipe and drum bands marching on the grounds with Edinburgh Castle in the background gives me goose bumps! Some bands will be from New Zealand, Norway and Jordan for 2016. Plus, there will be some events honoring Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday this year.

Won't you join us?

Teafullly yours,

Sharon

CLUB CONTACTS

For Reservations for RTC events, the Niagara/Toronto Trip or the Green Spring Gardens Trip: Contact **Donna Lerew** at 717-741-2684 or email her at donnalerew@gmail.com.

For Tea Club Payments, except ads: Send checks made out to 'The Royal-tea Club' to **Carol Lee Bettendorf**, 115 Highland Avenue, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9562. Should you need to contact her, call 717-259-5577.

For New Membership Applications or Renewal of Dues: Contact **Betsy Green**, 410-259-1853 or email her at anbgreenacres@gmail.com. Mail should be sent to The Royal-tea Club, c/o **Betsy Green**, 1233 Old Fridinger Mill Road, Westminster, MD 21157-3365.

For the Newsletter, Ads, or the Scotland Trip: Contact **Sharon Hart** at 717-332-5851.

2016 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. (Refunds are only sent after the last tea event of the year.)
- ❖ Do not send money without confirming you have a reservation.
- ❖ Make checks payable to: The Royal-tea Club!
- ❖ Send payment to **Carol Lee Bettendorf**, 115 Highland Avenue, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9562 within 10 days of reservation.

Reservations are now being taken for the following events:

Thursday, April 28th and Saturday, April 30th, 1:30 PM each day – It has been quite a while since we visited **TranquilaTEA**. In the meantime, ownership has changed hands to Nancy Browning and Laura Watkins, a mother/daughter team.
Members Price: \$30.00. (Non-members price: \$32.50.)
Address: 117 W. Main Street, Waynesboro, PA. 17268.
Telephone number: 717-765-8327. *Cutoff date:* April 18th. Maximum seating is 30 each day.

Wednesday, May 11th and Thursday, May 12th, 1:00 PM each day – We recently learned a well-known restaurant, has started to serve teas. Of course, we jumped right on it for you and reserved two dates. Please join us at **Fitzgerald's Shamrock Restaurant**.

Members Price: \$33.25. (Non-members price: \$35.75.)
Address: 7701 Fitzgerald Road, Thurmont, MD. 21788.
Telephone number: 301-271-2912. *Cutoff date:* May 1st. Maximum seating is 30 each day.

Saturday, May 21st and Thursday, May 26th, 12 noon -
Sweet Remembrances is a favorite tea room for many so we must go there again for some of her delightful tea food.
Members Price: \$28.00. (Non-members price: \$30.50.)
Address: 118 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055. *Telephone number:* 717-697-5785. *Cutoff date:* May 11th. Maximum seating is 30 each day.

Saturday, June 11th – SPECIAL EVENT – Join us for a one day bus trip to visit **Green Springs Gardens** in Alexandria, for a light tea, a special presentation, and a guided tour of the gardens. There will also be time in Old Town Alexandria for whatever is your pleasure.

A waiting list is being taken for this event.

See Travel News for more specific information.

Saturday, June 18th and Thursday, June 23rd, 12:00 Noon each day – We will be visiting owner, Bonnie Helm, at **The Front Porch**. This is always a nice place to visit, BUT there may be something special, no promises. *Tea Time* magazine will be doing a story on Bonnie's tea room sometime in June. She is going to ask them to come while we are there. Will a picture of you be in a future edition of *Tea Time* magazine?
Members Price: \$30.25. (Non-members price: \$32.75.)
Address: 25 W. Market Street, Hallam, PA. 17406.
Telephone number: 717-755-7510. *Cutoff date:* June 8th. Maximum seating is 40 each day.

Saturday, July 16th at 12:00 Noon – Please join us for our **Annual Club Luncheon**. Bring a hot or cold dish to share. Some have asked for more tea type food, but there are no requirements. Give your friends your best dish!

Clean out your closets and bring gently used items for the Silent Auction and Book Table. Please, no junk.

Our special entertainment this year will be Alisa Dupuy portraying Catherine the Great.

Members Price: \$5.00. (Non-members price: \$7.50.)
Address: 1873 New Fairview Church Road, York, PA. 17403 (very near RT 83). Day of event *telephone number:* 717-885-3560. *Cutoff date:* July 6th. Maximum seating is 100.

August 31st, 12:00 Noon – Our Christmas Tea was so nice here, we decided to check it out in warmer weather. Our event will again be at **Antrim 1844 Country House Hotel**. The tea will be held in the summer Garden Room. Then tour the gardens and the house after the tea. They employ three gardeners, one for the roses, one for the lawns, and one for the other flowers. Everything should be spectacular!
Members Price: \$40.00. (Non-members price: \$42.50.)
Address: 30 Trevanion Road, Taneytown, MD 21787.
Telephone number: 410-756-6812. *Cutoff date:* August 22nd. Maximum seating is 100.

September 10th, 1:00 PM – Travel to the wonderful town of Lititz, voted ‘America’s Coolest Small Town’ in 2013 by Budget Travel. Along with the many interesting and varied shops, you will also find Wilbur’s Chocolates, Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, and the Moravian Church. While in Lititz, we will have tea at **The Tea Affair**, also home to a lovely gift shop and they have a large selection of loose teas to purchase.

*Members Price: \$31.00. (Non-members price: \$33.50.)
Address: 8 Sturgis Lane, Lititz, PA 17543. Telephone number: 717-627-1776. Cutoff date: September 1st.
Maximum seating is 40.*

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All trip flyers are located on the club’s web site. Go to <http://www.theroyal-teaclub.org/pages/teatrips.htm> for complete trip information and itineraries.

Springtime in Niagara Falls & Toronto, ON

May 16 – 20, 2016



To make reservations or for more information, contact Donna Lerew at 717-741-2684.

Green Spring Gardens Day Trip

Saturday, June 11th

Cost of \$100 includes cost of transportation, driver’s gratuity, tour of gardens, lecture, and tea!

Any Virginia residents interested in meeting at the gardens should contact Donna Lerew for special pricing.

Itinerary

08:00 am – depart from Frank Theater parking lot of Springwood Rd, Queengate Shopping Center, York, PA.

09:00 am – depart Deerco Park and Ride off Padonia exit of I-83 in Timonium MD.

10:30 am – arrive at Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA.

10:45 – 11:45 am – take a docent lead tour of 22 themed gardens ending at the 1784 historic house.

12:00 – 01:00 pm – afternoon tea of scones, tea sandwiches, and dessert.

01:30 pm – slide show and special lecture

02:30 pm – depart for Old Town Alexandria

02:45 pm approximately – arrive at King St. by City Hall with plenty of time to explore historic areas, shop, or relax at a sidewalk café. A beautifully-preserved historic district on the Potomac River, **Old Town Alexandria** is the heart of the city George Washington called home.

05:30 pm – depart Alexandria

06:30 pm – approximate return to Deerco Park and Ride

07:30 pm – approximate return to Frank Theater parking lot

NOTE: There will be no dinner stop on the return trip.

SCOTLAND

August 7th – August 20th, 2016



Come see lochs and glens, thistle and heather, Kilts and bagpipes, and land of 'OUTLANDER!'

LAST CHANCE!

Join us on our Scottish adventure.

Contact Sharon Hart at 717-332-5851 for reservations or more information about this trip.

NEW TRIP!

Christmas in Historic Bethlehem

December 1 – 2, 2016

Although this trip is new to the newsletter, it was actually announced via e-mail a few weeks ago because we needed 35 people to sign up by May 1st. The hotel would only guarantee our rooms if we committed by that date.

We currently have 32 signed up and we are trusting we will get more to join us. Maybe one will be you!

Bethlehem, known as the Christmas City, was originally settled by the Moravians, the oldest Protestant denomination in the world. The city got its name on Christmas Eve in 1741, when Count Zinzendorf of Saxony visited a two-room log house that housed both people and animals. Today, a huge electrical star shines nightly from the peak of South Mountain.

Here are the planned activities:

Visit - Christkindlmarkt

See - Christmas Show with Tony Orlando

Dine – Dinner at Prime Steakhouse

Rest – At the Historic Bethlehem Hotel

Tea – At the Historic Bethlehem Hotel

Learn – Take a costume-guided tour of Bethlehem

Bethlehem's Christkindlmarkt is an open-air market recognized by Travel and Leisure magazine as one of the top holiday markets *in the world*. Christkindlmarkt features more than 100 artisans and everything from pottery to holiday crafts and more. It is open from mid-November until the weekend before Christmas.



See the full trip brochure on the club's web site.

To make reservations or for more information, contact Donna Lerew at 717-741-2684.