

The Royal-tea Club Newsletter, Spring, 2018



Where have all the flowers gone?
Still sleeping in the earth! Waiting for warmth!

RECENT EVENTS

La Petite Patisserie

We started our 14th year of The Royal-tea Club with a tea in Lancaster at La Petite Patisserie. Imagine a Confectioner's shop with royal frosting in shades of pink—that is how to describe being inside this small (petite) tea room. While small, it is comfortable, the tea maid is sociable and smiling, and the food is tasty.

Each person ordered their own pot of tea from a list of teas. I had a black tea called Mixed Berry and a blueberry rooibos. A three-tier server had scones, sandwiches and sweets. On the menu - cream scones with lemon curd and clotted cream; Herb cheddar quiche, chicken salad on roll and open-face cucumber sandwich. Dessert was an almond raspberry petit four and Creme Brulee. The Creme Brulee was served on a teaspoon and placed on a layer of sugar in the dish. The owner said the sugar was used to prevent the spoons from sliding around in the dish. Those attending had a very enjoyable afternoon in downtown Lancaster. (*Donna Lerew*)

Infusions

On a cold blustery day, Tuesday, April 17 (complete with snow flurries--in April!), the club had their second tea at Infusions in Mt. Joy. This is the student-run restaurant for the Lancaster County Technology School. The students were very attentive and anxious to serve our tea. We had a choice of English Breakfast tea or Very Berry tea. The tea started with a bowl of Chicken Orzo soup followed by Zucchini, Tomato and Parmesan Quiche and a Salad of Spring Mix Greens with Egg, Bacon, Tomato and Onion with Red Russian Dressing.

A three tier tray followed with scones, sandwiches and dessert. The top tier: Cinnamon Chip Scone, Clotted Cream, Lemon Curd and Berry Jam. The middle tier: Shrimp Salad Wrap with Avocado and Apple, Italian Salami, Provolone, Lettuce, Tomato and Banana Peppers on Sour Dough Bread. The third tier: Chocolate Ginger Cake, Spritz Cookies, Eclairs and Fresh Fruit Tarts. Tea club members were impressed with the amount and quality of food. There were many requests for a repeat performance at this venue. (*Donna Lerew*)

HOUSEKEEPING:

1) Often parking space is 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.

2) *How do I make a reservation for tea?*

First, contact Donna Lerew either by email at donnalerew@gmail.com OR phone her at 717-741-2684. When your reservation is confirmed, mail a check, payable to The Royal-tea Club, to Donna Lerew, 110 Reynolds Mill Road, York, PA 17403. Payment is due within 10 days of your reservation. (NOTE - this is a change from 2017. Checks are to be sent to Treasurer Donna.)

NOTE: Reservations for tea close 2 weeks prior to the event. If you need to cancel after reservations have closed, contact Donna. If there is a waiting list she will try to fill your seat. Cancellations cannot be accepted after reservations close unless we can fill your seat.



*Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers,
plant your own garden and
decorate your own soul. –Luther Burbank*

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUS TRIPS

Saturday, May 12, 2018 St. Michael's Bus trip (See details on the web site or refer to the October newsletter) 38 have signed up for the trip - 7 seats available.

Tuesday, June 26, 2018—Hillwood Estate Bus trip (See Jan. newsletter for itinerary) Surely there will be flowers blooming. This extraordinary estate has a gorgeous garden. There will be time to stroll through garden. There are 28 signed up - with 17 seats available.

September 24-28, Corning, NY and the Finger Lakes region Bus trip. (*Go to website, look under bus trips for more information on both Hillwood and Corning, NY trips.*)

DRINK YOUR TEA SLOWLY AND REVERENTLY, AS IF IT IS THE AXIS ON WHICH THE WORLD REVOLVES—SLOWLY, EVENLY WITHOUT RUSHING TOWARD THE FUTURE.

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Quoted in Dollies Tearoom newsletter, Spring, 2018

TEAS

Saturday, May 19 & Thursday, May 24, 2018 Tea at Granite Rose Tea Parlour –

NOTE: both dates are filled and a waiting list is being taken.

Thursday, June 14 & Saturday, June 16, 2018-- 12 noon , Tea at Tillie Pierce House Inn,

301 Baltimore St. Gettysburg, PA 717-398 2847

cost \$42.00 inclusive for members, \$47.00 for guests

Maximum – 20, Reservation deadline May 31

This is a new venue suggested by one of our members. It is always a challenge finding tea rooms in Gettysburg. The Inn is a B&B and serves tea. Come check out this Inn, once the home of Matilda Pierce (*Tillie*) and her family. Tillie was fifteen when battles were raging in and around Gettysburg. She wrote a book about her experiences helping to care for the wounded.

DIRECTIONS TO the Tillie Pierce Inn—use website at www.tilliepierceinn.com

Or place the Inn's address into your phone's directions app or into your GPS.

The Inn's address is [301 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325](http://www.tilliepierceinn.com).

PARKING FOR Tillie Pierce Inn:

Once you get to the Inn or near it, look for Lefever Street, then turn left and follow the road around to the next left, turn into the parking lot for the Middle School. Once in that parking lot, park as close to Mr. G's ice cream shop and gift shop. Then walk up to the Inn at the corner of Breckinridge Street and Baltimore Street.

Saturday, July 21, 2018--12 noon, Annual Club Luncheon (covered dish)

New Fairview Church of the Brethren, New Fairview Church Road, York, Pa 17403

ph. 717-741-2684 Cost \$10.00 members, \$15.00 guests

This church is the same venue we have used for the past several years and provides plenty of space for our luncheon. Bring a covered dish to share.

Following lunch, Todd Frey will demonstrate a typical Japanese Tea Ceremony. We will have a chance to taste the macha tea that is used for such ceremonies. (Don't worry, we will remain seated - we do not need to kneel on the floor).

Please bring your white elephant items for the silent auction. (Note ---we are not accepting books this year - please donate them to your local library or thrift store).

Saturday, August 11, 2018--1 pm Sweet Remembrances Tearoom *Meet the Authors!*

118 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 ph. 717-697-5785

Cost \$35.00 inclusive for members, \$40.00 guests.

Maximum – 35, Reservation deadline July 28

The Tea Room owner Nancy Reppert has been a club member since 2005 when the club began. Nancy makes all her food and serves a delightful tea. Tea will be followed by a thirty minute talk by three authors: Heather Heyford, Heidi Hormel and Geri Krotow (NOTE: INTRODUCTION BELOW). Attendees may stay to ask questions of the authors, leave and head for home or stop by The Rosemary House Shop next door. You will find a variety of herbs and gifts. Shop owner, Susanna Reppert-Brill is also a member of our club and very knowledgeable about herbs and

their uses. Pick up a calendar of events booklet which lists all the events for the tearoom and the herb shop.

Introducing the authors

Heather Heyford—writes contemporary romance novels set in the wine country. Her latest mass market paperback, *First Comes Love*, launched in May. Visit Heather at www.heatherheyford.com.

Heidi Hormel—has always been a writer. She has published five books with Harlequin in her Angel Crossing, Arizona series. Visit her at www.HeidiHormel.net for more about her.

Geri Krotow—is the best selling author of the Silver Valley, PD for Harlequin Romantic Suspense. Geri is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and former Naval Intelligence Officer. Visit Geri at www.gerikrotow.com, where you may sign up for her newsletter.

Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 1 pm. Blooming Hill Lavender Farm
19929 Telegraph Springs Rd., Purcellville, VA 20132, ph. 703-431-0779
maximum seating 40 -- \$35 inclusive for members, \$40 for guests
Reservation deadline--August 12.

Since we have about 30 members from Virginia, we schedule one tea a year in their state. This venue was suggested by one of our new members. The lavender farm has 98 varieties of lavender and uses lavender in cooking. We will have lavender ice cream for dessert! The tea is outside under cover so dress appropriately. After the tea, Cyndie, the owner will give a talk on the history and use of lavender. There is also a gift shop with lavender products made with lavender from the farm. You may tour the lavender gardens after the tea. The lavender farm is 2 hours from York. If anyone would like assistance with car pooling, call or email Donna.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, 11:30 am or 2 pm. Hollabaugh Bros. Fruit Farm and Market
545 Carlisle Rd. Biglerville, PA 17307, ph. 717-677-9494
\$32 inclusive for members, \$37 for guests. Reservation deadline-- August 22

This is our second visit to Hollabaugh's. The tea is served in a classroom next to the market. An easy craft will be done following the tea. This will be apple season so plan to stock up on apples for eating, cooking and canning. The group enjoyed shopping in the fruit market last year. Choose either seating for the tea.

Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 from 9 am. to 4 pm.

The second annual PA Tea Festival will be held at The Rosemary House and Sweet Remembrances Tea Room. 118-120 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Visit www.TeaFestPA.com for a detailed schedule of events. The Festival will feature a variety of merchants and vendors, a range of teas, tea tastings, informative programs and musical entertainment. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 day of event. The club will be selling tickets for \$12. If you buy thru the club, the club will get \$2.00 per ticket. Contact Donna at donnalerew@gmail.com or call 717-741-2684 for tickets.

Spring Colonial Fashion Show Tea
Saturday, May 19, 1:00PM
Red Men's Hall, W. King St., East Berlin, PA

The East Berlin Historical Preservation Society will host this Spring Colonial Fashion Show Tea at Society headquarters, Red Men's Hall, 332 W. King St., East Berlin, PA. Society members will model Society collection clothing spanning the 18th and 19th centuries. Live keyboard music will feature period harpsichord music. Price \$35. For reservations contact Sharon O'Connell 717-870-1634. Cutoff date May 11. Number of seats: 30.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

WALES/IRELAND TRIP UPDATE

Thirty-nine travelers from GA, MD, NJ, NY and PA are getting ready to pack their bags for our journey overseas leaving June 4th. We can't wait!

CHRISTMAS MARKETS in GERMANY & AUSTIA TRIP UPDATE

This trip was released with the January newsletter. Our original 20 seats filled quickly and another 11 seats were obtained. The travel company told me if we had 30 travelers, we could have a trip exclusive to our group.

I am happy to report we now have 32 people signed up and one seat remains.

If you would like to go, please call me at 717-332-5851 or e-mail me at shalee2@aol.com. I may be able to get more seats. The land price would not change, but the air fare may change for anyone over the 33rd seat. As always, you may arrange your own air transportation.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO NEXT?

I would like your input as to where we should go next. I have put together a small list of places either I would like to go to or someone has suggested to me. One is a repeat several have requested. All trips shown are between \$2500 to \$4000 (current pricing) and most include air fare.

If you are seriously interested in traveling with us, please vote for any or all of the following trips by rating them 1 (favorite) to 5 (least favorite) and send them to me by following the instructions after the list.

_____ **Russian River Cruise** - We would be traveling from St. Petersburg to Moscow

on a 12 day trip. Some sights we will see are the Kremlin and St. Basil's in Moscow and Peterhof Palace, Pushkin Palace (with it's Amber Room) and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. Most tours are included and there are two optional tours you may also choose. (Travel supplier is Gate 1)

_____ **Holland & Belgium in Spring Time** - This is a 12 day river cruise starting in Brussels and ending in Amsterdam. Probably the most famous sites we will see are the Kinderdijk Windmills and the world renown Keukenhof Gardens. There are two optional tours. Pre and Post tour extensions are available. (Travel supplier is Grand Circle Travel)

_____ **Croatia & Slovenia with 7 day Adriatic Cruise** - Our 12 day land and cruise trip cover one of the most beautiful coastlines in Europe. We will travel between Dubrovnik and Venice. Visit Bled, Plitvice Lakes (one of Europe's greatest natural treasures), Split, Hvar Island, and Dubrovnik and many places in between. (Travel supplier is Gate 1)

_____ **British Isles Cruise** - This is a 12 day round trip cruise from London. On our cruise we will be stopping at 9 ports in Guernsey; Ireland; Northern Ireland; Scotland; Kirkwall, Orkney Islands; and France. (Travel supplier is Princess Cruises)

_____ **Southern Italy** - This itinerary has not been determined yet but would include sights from Rome to Sicily. As well as sights in Rome, you would see Naples, Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast, Capri, Pompeii, Palermo, Taormina, amongst others. I have connections with both an Italian travel agent and a tour guide who was born in England and emigrated to Italy in her 20's. In 2015 they put together a fabulous tour from Venice south for me and 34 others. The prices were extremely reasonable. Let's try the road less taken. (Travel supplier - Sharon Hart and Lexa Viaggi)

TO RESPOND (give trip name and your number choice)

1 - By email - Send to shalee2@aol.com

2 - By snail mail - Send your selections to:
Sharon Hart
105 Frog Pond Hollow
Abbottstown PA 17301

3 - By phone - call 717-332-5851.