

The Royal-tea Club

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the 12th year of The Royal-tea Club.

This edition of the newsletter is coming out a bit later than normal. Easter is in late March this year and that is normally when we have our first event. 2016's first event for us will be mid-April.

The club's committee members met in December and we think we have come up with some interesting events and trips for 2016. Some are new and some are tried and true.

If you signed up or are interested in the Niagara trip, please make sure to see the new departure time and location for Pennsylvania.

As we have always said, this is your club. Please feel free to make suggestions for events and trips. That's one way we find out about many of these places.

I hope to see you at an event real soon!

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:

Tuesday, April 12th, 11:30 AM - Last October we visited Infusions, a restaurant run by high school students of the Lancaster Culinary Arts. It was one of their first teas of the school year. If you missed that event, you missed something very special. The food was fabulous and the students, who were also the servers, were a touch nervous. We would like to visit them once again to see how far they have progressed.

Members Price: \$18.00. (Non-members price: \$20.50.) Address: 432 Old Market Street, Mt. Joy, PA., 17552 Telephone number: 717-653-3000, ext. 3082 Cutoff date: April 2nd. Maximum seating is 60.

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.

See Travel News for more specific information.

SAVE the DATE!

Although it is too early for reservations, we wanted to let you know the club's covered dish luncheon will be on **Saturday, July 16th**. Our special entertainment will be Alisa Dupuy portraying Catherine the Great.

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Springtime in Niagara Falls & Toronto, ON

May 16 – 20, 2016



Join us as we head north to visit Niagara Falls, Toronto, and Niagara-on-the-Lake. You will even be able to enjoy the magnificent falls from your hotel on the Canadian side. We will visit them and all they have to offer. Then visit the 98 room mansion, Casa Loma, in downtown Toronto. Discover secret nooks and stroll the 'secret' tunnel from the basement to the stables. Experience tea in Canada at Pillar & Post in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada's first capital.

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

Only 10 seats still available!

**NEW times for PA travelers
for this trip!**

Pick-up is 9:00 AM Gateway Theater, 20 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA

Drop off is approximately 5:00 PM, same location



SCOTLAND

August 7th – August 20th, 2016

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.



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

Only two seats remain!

Join us on our Scottish adventure.

The basic land trip price is \$3499 and the airfare, when booked through CIE, is \$1570. (Please disregard the total price shown on the flyer.)

Keep in mind we will be traveling to Scotland at the height of high season in order to see the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Why? That is the only way to see it at the Edinburgh Castle. And yes, that show is included in your trip price.

You may make your own air arrangement, if you would like. Just indicate it on your reservation form. Please also indicate if you have any special needs. There is no space on the form. And trip insurance **MUST** be paid at time of reservation, if you select it.

Please join us!

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