

WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

We've had a very busy fall!

On Sunday, September 11th, we welcomed our newest members to The Belle Haven Women's Club at Catie Meyer's spectacular home. We had beautiful weather and over 125 members enjoyed a wonderful array of wines and cheeses and welcomed the opportunity to meet new members and catch up with old friends after a long hot summer. A very special thank you to Catie Meyer for opening up her home and to Landon Holden for Chairing this event! Thank you also to Landon's committee which included: Mary Ann Conant, Denise Constandy, Vicki Coward, Carolyn Fuller, Emily Goetzman, Elaine Kramer, Kathy Mulcahy, Fran Rice and Diane Thomas who assisted Landon in making this event such a great success!

The Community Outreach section of the women's club met on September 13th. They welcomed three new members and planned their yearly activities. Guest speaker and neighbor, Kelly Rupp, discussed the Veteran's Hospital and the areas of need and support. Community Outreach plans on participating in a donation drive to provide toiletries for "comfort kits" for our wounded soldiers. More information and specifics will be coming soon in an email from the BHWC. At their October 11th meeting, Community Outreach collected stuffed bears and sewed badges on each one for the Penn Daw Fire Department. These bears will be presented to the Penn Daw Fire Department at the Halloween Parade and Pizza party. The Fire Department will distribute the bears to children who have been displaced by a fire in their home.

The Garden Club hosted a wonderfully informative meeting for 20 ladies at the home of Betty Demarest on Tuesday, September 20th. After enjoying a glass of wine (or two!!) and some tasty hors d'ouvres, members enjoyed a slide presentation by Anne Alexander of various plants for shade gardens. Anne provided each member with a list of all the shade plants in her presentation so members could take notes. Thank you to Betty Demarest for opening up your lovely home for this event. Thank you also to Eleni Silverman for organizing this meeting and to Lauren St. John and Barbara Hayes for arranging for the guest speaker.

On October 18, the Garden Club culminated their year with a final meeting of coffee and klatch at the home of Eleni Silverman. Eleni was re-elected as President and Janet Forsgren will be serving as her Vice-President.

One of our goals this year is to bring back some cultural events. At one point, the BHWC arranged for various cultural events around the Washington Metropolitan Area. Isin Ludlow arranged for a truly spectacular private tour of the Washington National Opera's Costume

Warehouse in Takoma, DC. We enjoyed an upfront and personal experience of all that is involved in outfitting each cast member of an opera. We were shown concept drawings of all the costumes for the major cast members of *The Marriage of Figaro*. We were given exclusive access to workrooms of the seamstresses, cast members' fitting rooms and storage rooms of all costumes being produced. Following the tour, The Washington Opera hosted a buffet lunch for the BHWC members. Many thanks to Isin Ludlow for making the arrangements! Be sure to take advantage of more cultural events coming your way this year! Our next cultural outing will be to see the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, November 5th at 8:00 p.m. at Schlesinger Hall at the Northern Virginia Community College's Alexandria Campus. The ASO has offered the BHWC members discounted tickets to this performance. These are premium seats that go for \$60.00. We have a block of them for \$45.00 a piece. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please submit a check payable to: The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Please put in Alison Christmas' mailbox at 6212 Foxcroft Road. Your tickets will be confirmed once payment has been received.

For more information about this performance, and their female guest conductor AND guest soloist, please click on link below.

<http://www.alexsym.org/?performance=vivaldi-four-seasons>

If you have any ideas for cultural events and are able to make the arrangements, please contact Alison Christmas at: alisonchristmas@icloud.com. These are truly a treat!

We hope you will take some time to look at all the great photos of our events on our website! Logging in is super easy!

Here is how to log in:

WEBSITE: www.bellehavenwc.com

USER NAME: bhwcmember

PASSWORD: bhwc22307

For easy access, bookmark the website and check "remember me" at the log-in prompt. In addition to photos of our previous events, we have our current calendar, membership directory and important information about our Garden Club and Community Outreach events and so much more!

Please see calendar of events for all the exciting holiday events we have planned!

Alison Christmas
President

Amy Alberson
Vice-President

Calendar of Events

November

Saturday, November 5: Discounted Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Tickets
8:00 p.m. Schlesinger Hall

Monday, November 7: BHWC Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Home of Kristyn Burnett

December

Friday, December 2: Greens Workshop
9:30 a.m. Belle Haven Country Club; Ballroom



BHWC 2016 Holiday Greens Workshop

Friday, December 2, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Belle Haven Country Club, Ballroom

Join BHWC members for light fare and a chance to design your own Christmas wreath!

Supplies will be provided. Please bring your own bow, garden gloves and clippers.

Space is limited, so RSVP immediately to:

Jan Routh at jangrouth@gmail.com

Cost: \$35

Checks should be made payable to: "BHWC" and should be delivered to

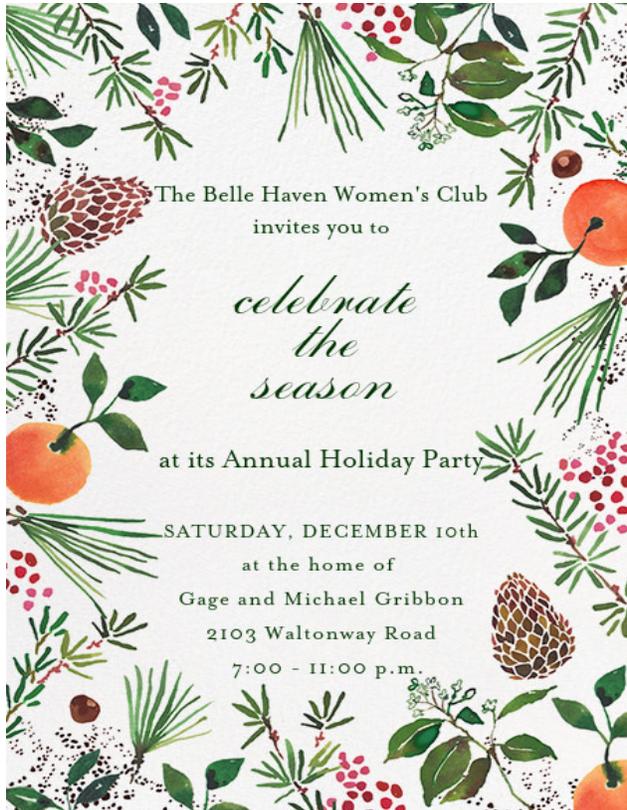
Jan Routh, 6229 Radcliff Road

Reservations and Advance Payment Required by November 22

December (Continued)

Monday, December 5: BHWC Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Home of Fran Rice

December 10 Holiday Cocktail Party
7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Home of Gage and Michael Gribbon



Please RSVP and Submit payment
by December 3rd

Payment cannot be accepted at the
door

Kindly send your check
made payable to BHWC to:

Tucker Taylor
6212 Randall Court

BHWC Member:
\$100 per couple or \$50 per person

BH Resident/Non-BHWC Member:
\$150 per couple or \$75 per person

December 13: Community Outreach Holiday Luncheon
12:00 noon Location: TBD

Please Welcome Our New Neighbors

Michael Tapen
6208 Foxcroft Road

Chase and Melissa Eatherly
2312 Windsor Road

Garden Club

The next garden club meeting will be on March 21st, hosted by Susan Golightly. Field Trips are being arranged for April and May. There will also be one evening meeting with a speaker scheduled for September. Stay tuned for more details.

Wishing you all a wonderful Fall in your Gardens. Although we will not meet as a Garden Club until March, fall and winter events at the Smithsonian, U.S. Botanical Gardens, Green Spring Garden Park, etc. can always be found on our BHGC website: [Belle Haven Garden Club](#).

If you'd like to be included in our Garden Club list serve, please email Eleni Silverman at elenisilverman@gmail.com. You can always go to the Belle Haven Garden Club website for information on upcoming events and general gardening material. Just click on this link (no passcodes or user names necessary):

<https://bellehavengardenclub.com>

Community Outreach

Our committee plans to continue activities that support the animal shelter, UCM, Campagna Center, homeless shelter and Fire Department. Weekday and weekend help are both options! We will meet the second Tuesday of each month through May. These gatherings include breakfast and great camaraderie. Join us!

Fran Rice and Susan Golightly



Spotlight on History

Christmas in Olde Belle Haven

The Belle Haven Women's Club sponsored a very simple Christmas celebration when it began in 1936. A Christmas tree was decorated and lighted at Ft. Willard Circle. Neighborhood residents came and sang carols. Toys, food, and money were collected and donated to charity. The holiday gathering at the Circle helped build community spirit and remains part of our tradition today.

Neighborhood Christmas activities became more elaborate in 1941 when the Garden Section initiated an annual Christmas tour of Belle Haven homes. That first year, eight homes were featured each displaying holiday door, mantel, and table decorations. Ribbons were awarded for the best arrangements. The tour included an afternoon "Silver Tea." Soon after a wassail ball reception was added in the evening (which evolved into a dinner buffet in 1951). This combination of Christmas customs continued for thirty years.

Betty Demarest

BHWC Seasonal Cookbook Corner

The Behind These Doors - Season by Season cookbook is still going strong. If you don't yet have your copy, they make great hostess gifts, teacher appreciation gifts, holiday gifts, and any other occasion where you wish to share a taste of our neighborhood with friends and family. At only \$20, the cookbook has more than 400 pages of great recipes, beautiful color photos, and an entire chapter on growing herbs for the kitchen.

Happy cooking...Christine Corcoran Stark, Cookbook Chair
Christine Corcoran Stark, 2221 Windsor Road

For questions regarding the cookbook or how to purchase one, please contact Christine at:
christine.l.corcoran@icloud.com, (703) 960-9990 (h), (703) 577-5517 (c)