



Belle Haven Women's Club

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## MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Dear Belle Haven Women's Club Members,

Spring is finally here in Belle Haven and the 2013 – 2014 Belle Haven Women's Club year has flown by! Help us celebrate the conclusion to a full and festive year by attending our upcoming Annual Dinner Event on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Belle Haven Country Club and the final Cookbook Tasting Event on June 8<sup>th</sup> celebrating the food of summer. We would love to see you all at both events to extend our thanks in person for your tremendous support over the past year. The Women's Club is one of the things that makes our neighborhood so special. Thanks so very much to each and every one of you for all that you do to help keep our organization vibrant and running smoothly!

Warm regards,

Lura Nell and Christine

### **BELLE HAVEN WOMEN'S CLUB OFFICERS**

**2013 – 2014**

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Communications Secretary  
Recording Secretary  
President Emeritus

Community Projects  
Garden Club

Cookbook  
Finance  
Historian  
Membership  
Parliamentarian  
Photographer  
Publicity  
Records and Archives  
Web Administrator

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Christine Washington  
Barbara McMurray  
Vicki Coward  
Kara Cosby  
Sally Murphy

### **Section Chairs**

Diane Brumbaugh and Barbara Quarmby  
Eleni Silverman

### **Committee Chairs**

Christine Corcoran Stark  
Elizabeth Wilmot Adler  
Susan Golightly  
Bethann Horey  
Barbara Quarmby  
Angela Anderson  
Diane Brumbaugh  
Barbara Hayes and Susan Golightly  
Eleni Silverman

## May 2014

**Thursday, May 1**  
7:00 p.m.

**Board Meeting**  
At the home of Bethann Horey  
6115 Vernon Terrace

**Thursday, May 8**

### **BHWC Annual Meeting and Dinner**

*Chaired by: Denise Constandy and Angie Harden*

#### **“Fashion for the Home - New Trends in Decorating”**

Noted Washington Area Decorator and Washington Design Center Hall of Fame Inductee, Kelley Proxmire, who has been designing spaces more than 20 years, will discuss current design trends. Kelley is known for creating tailored, traditional and colorful interiors. Her work has been featured in publications including Traditional Home, Southern Living, the Washingtonian, Home and Design, Luxe. Interiors + Design and Coastal Living.

**Dinner Reservations and Payment Required by May 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Payment Cannot Be Accepted at the Door!**

Location: Belle Haven Country Club

**Tuesday, May 13**  
Noon

**Community Projects Annual Potluck Picnic**  
At the home of Susan Golightly  
6020 Fort Hunt Road

**Cancelled**

**BHWC Garden Club  
Tour of Tudor Place Historic Home and Gardens in Georgetown**

## June 2014

**Thursday, June 5**  
7:00 p.m.

**Board Meeting** (Current and New Board Members)  
At the home of Lura Nell Mitchell  
2209 Belle Haven Road

**Sunday, June 8**  
7:00 p.m.

**Cookbook Committee**  
Meeting and Tasting  
Celebrate Summer  
At the home of Diane Mauk

**Tuesday, June 17**  
10:00 a.m.

**Garden Club Meeting**  
At the home of Martha Johnston  
6113 Edgewood Terrace

**BHWC ANNUAL DINNER AND PROGRAM  
FEATURING NOTED INTERIOR DESIGNER  
KELLEY PROXMIRE**

**RSVP and PAYMENT DUE SUNDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

*Door Prizes Courtesy of: Coco Blanca, Patina,  
and Melwood Horticulture Program*



The Belle Haven Women's Club  
2014 Annual Meeting and Dinner

"Fashion for the Home -  
New Trends in Decorating"

featuring  
Washington Design Center  
Hall of Fame Inductee  
Kelley Proxmire

Thursday, May 8th  
Belle Haven Country Club  
Cocktails 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner & Program 7:00 p.m.

RSVP & Advance Payment  
Due by May 4th

Kindly Respond and Remit Payment  
by May 4th to:

Angie Harden  
2220 Windsor Road

Checks Made Payable to BHWC

\$65 BHWC member  
\$75 guest

Attendees:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

There will be no designated seating.

We recommend that you arrive early if you would like to reserve seats.

ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED  
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT DOOR

# BHWC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

After 13 years of leadership, Community Projects Co-Chairs, Barbara Quarmby and Diane Brumbaugh, are stepping down after this year. Their many years of commitment to the BHWC Community Projects Section are greatly appreciated by all members. Susan Golightly and Fran Rice have agreed to serve as the new Co-Chairs beginning in July of 2014.

Please join Community Projects for the annual end of the year picnic, which will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at noon at the home of Susan Golightly, to help us honor and thank Barbara and Diane for their many years of service.



Spring has arrived and many homes in Belle Haven are For Sale. Many have recently sold. The BHWC coordinates with the Belle Haven Citizens Association to ensure that a BHCA welcome basket is delivered to any and all new residents. The BHWC follows up with a special communication and invitation to join the Belle Haven Women's Club.

Please help us in our effort to welcome new neighbors by emailing or calling Lura Nell Mitchell or Christine Washington when someone new moves in near you.

[lntmitchell@cox.net](mailto:lntmitchell@cox.net) or [jandchristinewashington@msn.com](mailto:jandchristinewashington@msn.com)

Also, please let us know when a new baby is born to Belle Haven residents, so we might coordinate with the BHCA to have the traditional new baby notice and pink or blue ribbon placed at the flagpole circle.

These are wonderful traditions that help distinguish our neighborhood as such a warm and welcoming place. Thank you for sharing any new information that you can; we rely on it to be able to continue to welcome our new neighbors and celebrate new babies. Thank you again!



## ***The April 2014 Spring Culinary Inspirations Program Has Been Rescheduled***

Charlene Henry's "**Spring Culinary Inspirations**" program has been rescheduled for next Spring. Look for the date and all details in the 2014 - 2015 BHWC Calendar of Events.



## BHWC COOKBOOK CORNER

### We are now focusing on Recipes for Spring!

The BHWC Cookbook Committee held its Spring Tasting Event on Sunday, April 27 in Peggy McLeland's beautiful garden, which was awash with blooming dogwoods.

Those in attendance enjoyed many tasty dishes including **grilled fresh vegetables and a lemon and arugula pasta salad (both seen above)**, Spring veal fricassee, chilled avocado soup, a Spring vegetable risotto, a simple coconut cake with Spring berries, and chocolate Easter egg nests.

#### **The Committee needs your SPRING recipes for the forthcoming BHWC seasonal cookbook.**

Please submit your family favorites that utilize spring ingredients — lamb, ham, veal, English peas, blood oranges, asparagus, strawberries, rhubarb, baby potatoes, artichokes, and all other of Mother Nature's Spring bounty. Our goal is to collect at least 60 Spring recipes (appetizers, side dishes, entrees, and desserts) to balance this section of the cookbook with the Fall and Winter sections. Your support in this effort will be most appreciated and your submissions will definitely contribute to the success of our forthcoming BHWC cookbook.

Do submit any and all of your recipes, so that you will be included in this important women's club effort, and mark your calendar for our final tasting event, **"Celebrate Summer"** on the evening of Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All BHWC members are invited to attend our tasting events.

Happy Spring,

Christine Corcoran Stark  
Cookbook Committee Chair

**While the date for submission of recipes for Fall, Winter/Holiday, and Brunch, Breakfast and Bread for All Seasons has passed and Summer has not yet arrived, please know that any seasonal recipes are most welcome and will be cheerfully accepted!**

## APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> SPRING FOOD TASTING EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Spring Veal Fricassee



Coconut Cake with Fresh Spring Berries



Alison Anderson, Elaine Kramer, Jane Andreae, Peggy McLeland enjoying cocktails on the terrace.



## Belle Haven Garden Club News

Our next meeting will be held June 17th, at Martha Johnston's home, 6113 Edgewood Terrace.

### Gardening Tips:

Our April showers have certainly brought May flowers and a much welcomed spring. Gardens are bursting with new green life. The following are some tips to make your May gardens and lawn shine:

**Bulbs:** The blooms of daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and other spring blooming bulbs have faded leaving behind their foliage. Don't be tempted to cut the foliage back-- this foliage is photosynthesizing to rejuvenate the bulbs for next year's bloom. Do fertilize with bone meal, or other flowering plant food like Plant Tone or Osmocote.

**Perennials:** Summer blooming perennials like sedum, rudbeckia, Joe Pye Weed, and chrysanthemums should be cut back once the foliage reaches 10-12 inches in height. This will encourage a bushy rather than lanky growth and will keep these plants from "falling over" when they reach maximum growth in the summer. Cut back in half from 5-6 inches.

**Roses:** Prune one-time bloomers when they finish blooming this month. Deadhead (remove spent blooms) hybrid tea roses and grandiflora roses regularly to encourage re-bloom and bushy plant growth. Feed roses every six weeks during the blooming season with a product like Rose Tone or compost.

**Shrubs:** If azaleas need pruning, do so within 6 weeks after they bloom. New blooms will be forming after that and you will lose next year's bloom. This does not apply to the new repeat blooming varieties. Prune old branches of forsythia to the ground

**Hanging Baskets:** Outdoor hanging baskets will benefit from regular watering and fertilizing. Bi-weekly fertilizing with a water soluble fertilizer will keep them blooming. Pinch off any spent blooms that have died.

**Houseplants/Tender Plants:** Give your houseplants like hibiscus, jasmine, mandevilla, begonias, coleus a vacation outdoors once the danger of frost has gone. The last frost date in our area was April 27th. Be sure to introduce them slowly to increased sunlight and colder temps--move plants slowly from the shelter of the house to their summer spot.

**Lawns:** Seed or oversow lawns this month. Aerate and de-thatch your lawn this month to allow healthy root growth. Mow often in the spring so that you never have to mow more than a third of the height of the grass each time. Fertilize now if you did the first fertilization in February.

And don't forget, you will find these and many other interesting garden ideas at the **Belle Haven Garden Club Website:** <http://bellehavengardenclub.com/>

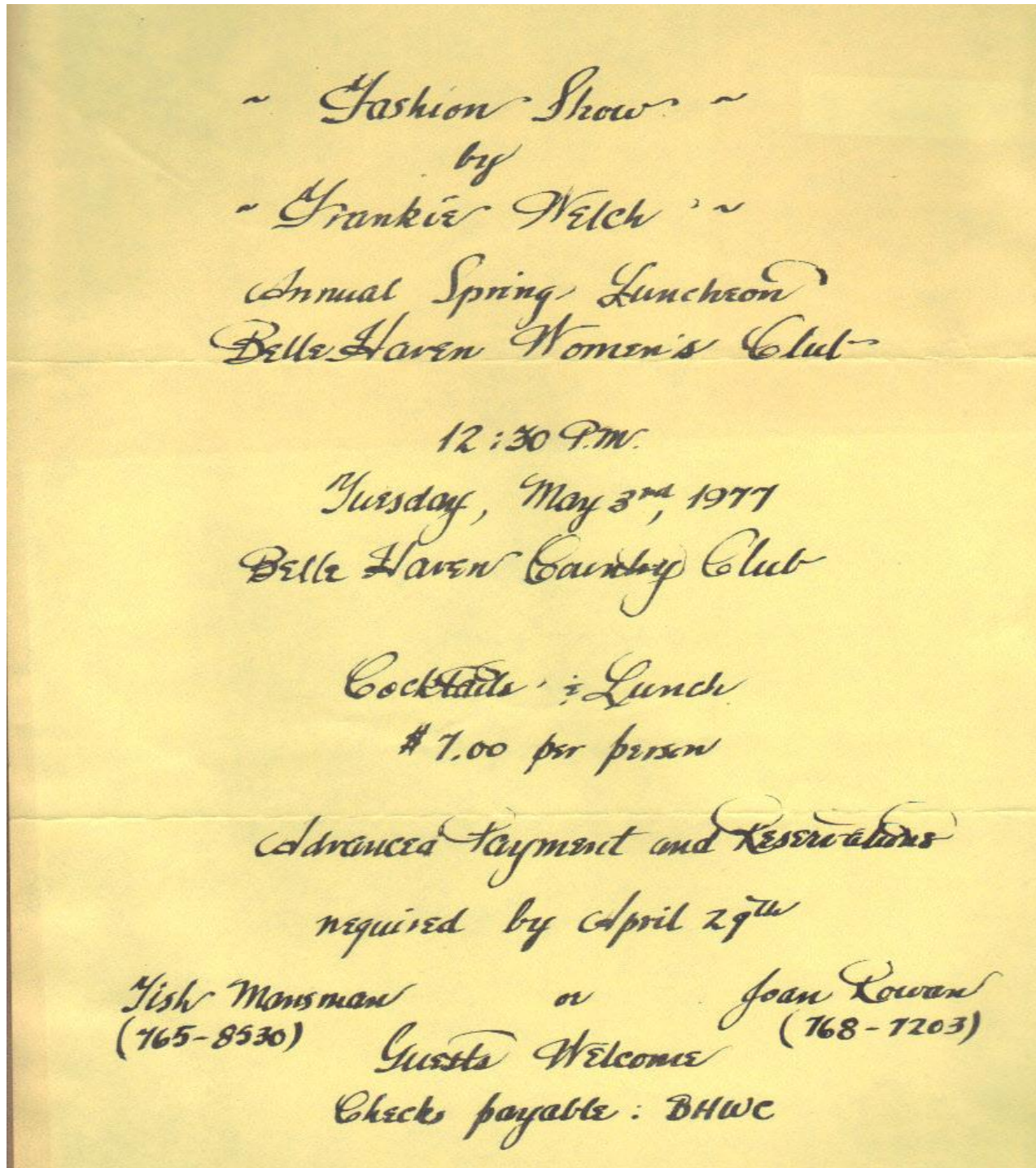
Eleni Silverman  
President, Belle Haven Garden Club

## HISTORIAN AND ARCHIVES NEWS

We continue to work with the older scrapbooks in an effort to organize sequentially and summarize where continuity and clarity is needed. A special thanks goes to the ladies who have recently submitted pictures, old cookbooks and other documentation! These items will help us fill in some of the gaps in our last two or three decades.

Susan Golightly, Historian and Archives Chair

### From the BHWC Archives: Invitation to the 1977 Annual BHWC May Event



### **Did You Know?**

The Belle Haven Women's Club has a terrific website. Find the **BHWC Membership Directory, Calendar for the Year, Photos, Membership Form, and More...**

**[www.bellehavenwc.com](http://www.bellehavenwc.com)**

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