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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first month of my term has been very busy with lots of projects to do and new things to learn. First, I want to especially thank Trina who has been a wonderful role model and left the presidency in excellent shape. I am so pleased she will be around to guide me and help with the funding resources.

The big news of the month, of course, has been Alyssa, our new administrative assistant. She started work as planned on May 17th. Many of you have been in, talked with her and given her projects to start her Handicraft Club career. I hope you have found her to be an enthusiastic professional and a quick learner. I certainly have and am thrilled to report she is as helpful as we thought she would be! If you haven't met Alyssa yet, please do introduce yourself the next time you are in the Club. She would love to meet you.

The Club has had a busy spring with the Preview Party and the Society Luncheon. Both were very successful. You will be able to read more about them later in the issue; however, I want to thank each and every one of you who have worked on the Handicraft Club events this year. Our success is directly related to your time, energy and ideas. I so appreciate that you say "yes" when asked to help, to bring an hor' d'oeuvre, dig in the garden, carry a loom up the stairs or write an article for the newsletter. Thank you.

Please remember to give Jen Auber, our new membership chair, any changes you may have for the membership book and if you have a budget for your committee, you need to submit it to Barbara Colt or Annie Richardson.

Have a great summer! Classes start Monday, September 12. See you then!

**Izzy Goff**  
President

## HOUSEKEEPING

### Summer Hours

Alyssa Holland Short, the Club's new administrative assistant, is now on board. Alyssa will be in the Club Tuesday-Thursday from 9AM-2:30PM. Studios will be open when she is at the Club. Questions? Alyssa can be reached at (401) 831-8339 or [handicraft42@gmail.com](mailto:handicraft42@gmail.com).



### Internet Access

The Club is now wireless! Members can access our wireless network with a laptop or tablet anywhere in the house, but please not in the studios. Our network name is handicraft club and the log in code is 4018318339 (office phone number).

### Suggestions

The Club always welcomes your suggestions! Leave a note in Alyssa's mailbox in the kitchen if you have an idea or a concern.

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## 2011 PREVIEW PARTY YIELDS RECORD PROFITS!

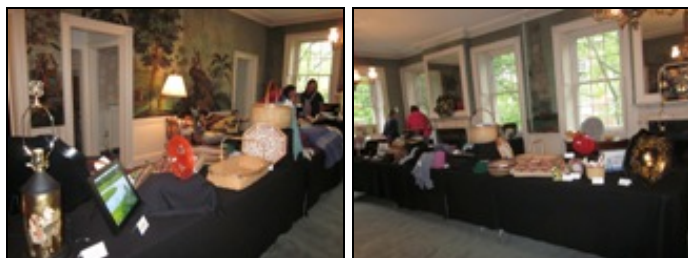
By **Margie Edwards**, First Vice President

A total profit of \$8,152.61 has been added to the Handicraft Club's House Renovations account as a result of the wonderful Preview Party held May 16th! One hundred-fifty nine (159) members, teachers and guests attended the party and enjoyed the exhibition of members' work, delicious homemade hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and our beautiful garden.

The raffle was particularly successful, netting \$4,560. The week at Izzy's Boca Grande home was won by Mary Ann Bryan. The beautiful chest in Decoupage that looks like an aquarium, created by Virginia Mead and the Decoupage Class, was won by Beverly Grieg! (Believe it or not, Beverly was a raffle winner last year, too. Her home on the Cape is now filled with Handicraft items.) And Libby Moore was thrilled to win the lovely one-of-a-kind necklace in gold, silver and semi-precious stones designed by Vivien Jones. We thank our donors very much for such fabulous items.

All of this success is due to a hard working, fun loving committee comprised of: Kay Lisle, Invitations; Nancy Moger, Hors d'oeuvres; Trish Sylvester, Hostesses; and Rhea Brooks, Exhibition.

So next year, when our new Second Vice President, Nancy Moger calls you to help with this party, do say yes. You won't regret it.



Loads of beautiful arts and crafts.

Members and guests galore!

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## GIVING SOCIETY LUNCHEON

By **Sharleen Bowen & Mary Gilbane**

Julia Lippitt Mauran Society & Truman Beckwith Circle Co-Chairs

The annual Giving Society Luncheon was held at the Club on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Lemonade, iced tea with mint and lemon, and white wine were served prior to the lunch. A buffet lunch was served from the dining room. Guests were seated in the living room at a long table covered with a peach colored cloth. Sweet small birdcages filled with begonias were the center pieces.

Our own Sally Whiten was the chef. She served a choice of poached salmon with a dill sauce or chicken with a light pesto sauce, a nutty grain salad,\* and green salad. Dessert was a choice of lemon bars or Prince William grooms' cake. Sally's daughter Sophie helped prepare and serve. Sally said, "Wasn't it nice to have the family to lunch?" And, it was. Thank you to all who came.

A moment of silence was given for Emily Cocroft who passed away last fall and whose estate gave a generous gift to the Club.

Izzy Goff, president, welcomed everyone, thanked Mary Gilbane and Sharleen Bowen for the planning of the event, also to Sally Whiten and Po Adams.

At dessert Po Adams shared a presentation about the Club's porcelain collection. It was particularly appropriate to host this event at the Club, to view the recent renovations of the interior and exterior of the club and to view the porcelain, which was the topic of Po's lecture.

We are grateful for the generosity of our Club members who are members of the Julia Lippitt Mauran Society and/or the Truman Beckwith Circle. *There is no stronger statement of appreciation that each of us can make to the Handicraft Club than to help ensure its future. Your legacy will allow you to play a vital and permanent role in the Club's future, while acknowledging an institution that has had a remarkable influence on our lives.*

If you are interested in one of these groups please contact Mary Gilbane or Sharleen Bowen.

\* For the grain salad recipe, please see page 5.



Pre-luncheon refreshments.



Sweet centerpieces.



Po's porcelain presentation.

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## DECORATIVE ARTS TEACHER WINS COVETED HSEAD CAREER AWARD

On May 14th at the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration (HSEAD) held in Albany New York, "OUR" Peggy Rodgers received the prestigious Career Award from HSEAD Trustee, Sandra Cohen, of the Old Colony Chapter, Hanover, MA. I quote Sandra's words:

"A member since 1996, she has served on the Exhibition Committee, was Editor of *The Decorator*, served as Publications' Chair, Trustee and Recording Secretary. She also served as Hospitality Chair for our 1996 Providence Meeting. She is an artist and dedicated teacher, served as the Teacher Accreditation Chair and teaches classes at our Working Seminar.

"She is loved by her students because of the relaxed and positive atmosphere in her class and workshops, and her 'You can do it attitude'. Painting with her is a joy! She is a very modest, no fuss lady, and she'll probably be a little embarrassed by all this praise. However, it is earned and well deserved.

"She is a friend to so many in the Society who know her for her easy and jovial way; there's always laughter in her voice, even when she shares concerns usually followed by suggestions. Her friends and all of us champion her loyalty and support. Peg Rodgers, we all thank you."

Sitting proudly in the audience were five of her students from the Club: Pat Ley, Susan Tash, Kathy Lang, Margie Edwards and Dottie Berube (former member).

**Margie Edwards**  
First Vice President



Peggy Rodgers receiving award.



The scaffolding goes up again!

## HOUSE RENOVATIONS SUMMER 2011

After the removal of the tree in the back last fall to install new catch basins it was discovered that the Ell Chimney's mortar joints had deteriorated so badly that the chimney is unstable. The chimney will be dismantled and the bricks cleaned inside and out for reuse, the chimney will be rebuilt to its original size and the original capstone will be cleaned and reused. New lead base flashing will be installed.

The Monitor Roof will be replaced. The Widow's Walk balustrade will be unfastened and raised from the roof and new brackets made that raise it higher to allow snow to pass through. The rotted wood roof hatch will be removed and replaced with a new Aluminum access hatch and new aluminum drip edge installed.

The Main House Roof will be replaced in the same manner as the Monitor. This will also include new aluminum gutters and downspouts. The Balustrade on the north side will have 5 sections rebuilt and the others repaired while it is suspended above the roof.

The remainder of the Basement Studio floor will be replaced and the table bases will be replaced.

**Kit Barnum**  
House Chairman

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## CLASSES: WHAT'S NEW THIS FALL?

We plan to offer more cooking classes with Mary Hughes who taught the highly lauded Tapas workshop. Also, John Orrin will be returning with flower arranging and will, hopefully, be able to lead a trip to Carbone's. We hope to offer calligraphy and jewelry classes. In addition, we are thrilled that paper artist, Ingrid Lavoie, will return to offer her paper cutting workshop. And after a couple of years of being unable to offer Bridge during the fall, we are happy to report that Walter Morgan will be offering Monday afternoon Bridge. Of course, all of our regular classes will be offered as well

### Call for New Teachers!

The Handicraft Club is seeking teachers in crocheting, calligraphy, and an evening knitting class. If you know of someone who might be a good fit for the Club, please email Bobbi Binder, Class Committee Co-Chair, at [binder555@aol.com](mailto:binder555@aol.com).

**Bobbie Binder & Pam Gardner**  
Class Co-Chairs

## SALLY WHITEN'S GRAIN SALAD

Use Kashi 7 whole grain pilaf (cereal aisle). Each package contains about 1 cup of grains, when cooked yields about 3 cups. Cook them to your own preference - add more water for softer consistency or leave the lid off for chewier grains.

1 bunch of mint (You could substitute cilantro or dill, use enough to flavor but not to overpower)

1 bunch of parsley  
1 bunch of scallions  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Salt and pepper

This is the basic recipe. You can add chick peas, feta cheese, or seasonal produce. You can also add raisins or seeds. Even some diced chicken, chorico, or shrimp might be good. Quantities and combinations are optional, but should complement the rest of your meal. Be creative!

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Summer is a perfect time to start talking up our wonderful club and all it has to offer. **Reach out to people personally!** Let them know what our club is about—your passion and energy can really show through and inspire them!

It's very easy to propose a new member, just fill out the application in the back of your Handicraft Handbook and mail it to Jennifer Auber, 39 Water Way, Barrington, RI 02806.

Members proposed in September should be able to participate in some of our fall workshops and able to sign up for winter session classes.

### Accepted New Members

Barbara Baldwin	Barbara Rosenbaum
Sally Ann Ledbetter	Mindy Sherwin
Sarah Powers	Leslie Tente
Mary Warlop	

### Reinstated

Marcia Holt

### Proposed

Jane Bromberg, by Marilyn Shealey  
Joan Osowa, by Marilyn Edwards  
Donna Simmons, by Cynthia Lafferty  
Barbara B. Welt, by Jane Parker  
Dolores Wilson, by Cynthia Wilson

**Jennifer Auber**  
Membership Chair

## NANCY MOGER'S SUMMER SALAD

2 avocados, cut into 1/2 inch chunks  
2 limes, juiced  
1/2 red onion, peeled and thinly sliced  
1-2 lbs watermelon, seeded & cut into 1 inch chunks  
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 bunch cilantro, finely chopped  
Kosher salt and pepper to taste

Toss all ingredients in a festive bowl and serve cold!