

## Weeders' Holiday Tour Decorating at Lemon Hill, November 27, 2012

One of the delights of the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season is the decorating of a Fairmount Park House prior to the tours of the historic Fairmount Park Houses that take place the week after Thanksgiving. And our garden club joins many others and has for over 15 years. This season we worked again at Lemon Hill, the 1799 mansion/country villa that is maintained by the Colonial Dames, Chapter II. Ellie Penniman, our past Weeders' president, is also the past chair of the Colonial Dames and has been very active in overseeing the renovations and work on the House.

Thanks to our decorating committee members: Linda Anderson, Kim Frisbie, Ellen Pemberton, Lynn Gibbons, Wendy Fritz Calhoun, Sandy Cadwalader, Reggie Thomas, Cheryl Cheston, Sally Wood, Marilyn Sprague, Ellie Penniman, Dixie Chapman, Sonya Driscoll and Isabel Wister. I hope that I haven't forgotten anyone.

We worked our magic in the Entrance Hall, the Parlor and ante room, as well as the outside entrance. There were about 10 Weeders who arrived at Lemon Hill, ready with clippers, wire and ribbon to decorate and hang wreaths, arrange freshly cut magnolia leaves from Sonya Driscoll and Lloyd Brown and holly and other greens from Reggie Thomas in the fireplaces and outside. We tied bows, filled glass cylinders with gold and white shimmering balls for the entrance hall table, and before long the rooms were festive and we all had a lovely introduction to the holiday season. We were delighted with our contribution! Lots of people took photos.

Members of the committee brought wonderful soup, tea sandwiches, cheeses and crackers, fruit, cookies and beverages to add to the congeniality and our energy levels!

Strawberry Mansion will be our destination for this year's holiday decorating.

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet other Weeders. And we all enjoy it very much!

Beth Bartle, chair