



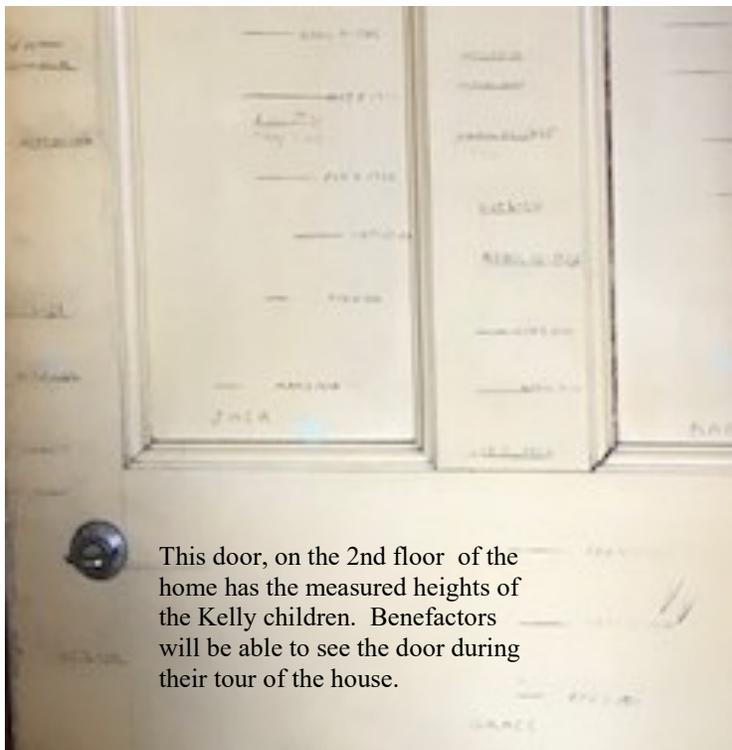
ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

We are excited to have our Annual Garden Party celebrating the Queen’s Birthday on Sunday June 2 at the childhood home of Princess Grace of Monaco in East Falls, PA. The Colonial-style home which was built by Jack Kelly Sr. in the late 1920’s was purchased by Princess Grace’s son, Prince Albert II and restored back to its 1950’s glamour.

The china cabinet, pictured below, behind Grace Kelly, is one of the original pieces in the house. It has several of the Kelly awards inside as well as other family treasures. Guests of the Garden Party will be able to wander the first floor and see some of the family’s cherished family memories. Benefactors will be treated to a tour of the upstairs floors given by Jack Kelly III, as well as home movies that Jack Kelly Senior took of the family when the children were young.

Invitations have been mailed. If you would like one sent to a friend, please email the office with a name and address. Space is limited and this event may sell out. Guests must reserve a spot in advance and no tickets will be sold at the door.

This is a fundraiser for the ESU. We are grateful for all monetary donations as well as donations for our auction. Please contact Judith if you have anything to donate. 215-545-3619 or esu@libertynet.org.



This door, on the 2nd floor of the home has the measured heights of the Kelly children. Benefactors will be able to see the door during their tour of the house.



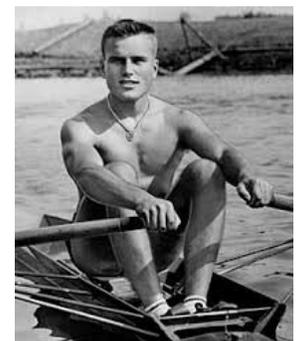
Above: Grace sitting on a couch in her parents’ East Falls home in 1954. Photo credit: The Decadence Project.



John B. Kelly Sr.- above
John B. Kelly Jr.- below



Current picture of the contents from the china cabinet pictured above. Includes the Henley Regatta Cup.





President's Column

Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting past month for The Philadelphia Branch of The ESU. Our first piece of news is the securing and planning of The Kelly Home for the 2019 Annual Garden



Party and Queen's Birthday celebration. Our co-chairs, Mary & Steve Darlington and Debbie & Andy Webster are organizing a fabulous event to entertain and step back in time to the fabulous 50's. Susan Kelly has been a pleasure to work with and has so many great stories of playing with her cousins in the family home. He brother, Jack Kelly III will be in attendance at the Garden Party and will give a tour of the house to the Benefactors. It will be a very special event.

Our second piece of news comes from New York. We are so pleased to have Max Yillah, from Philadelphia, win 2nd place in the National Competition held at Lincoln Center on April 29th. Max will be joining us at The Garden Party to give our members another opportunity to meet this talented kid who attends Academy at Palumbo in South Philadelphia. There are only a couple more Royal Oak lectures this spring. They are listed on the next page. Please continue to support Royal Oak. The lectures are informative and entertaining and we are pleased to be co-sponsors.

Planning is underway next season's events. We are always looking for suggestions for speakers and other unique outings. Feel free to reach out to Judith in the office with your suggestions. You can email her at esu@libertynet.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the Garden Party. Please make sure to get your reservation in before it sells out.

Very Truly Yours,

Pat Bushyager

President



INTERNATIONAL
CHURCHILL SOCIETY

The International Churchill Society is re-organizing in Philadelphia. They would like to invite our members to their speaker events. If you would like to be added directly to their mailing list, please forward your information to David Woods at hmi3000@comcast.net.

National Shakespeare Competition

On February 25th The Philadelphia Branch held our Shakespeare Competition for students from the Philadelphia area at Arden Theatre. Our first place winner, Max Yillah from Academy at Palumbo High School was chosen to represent Philadelphia at the National Competition on April 29th in New York, competing against 50 other students from all around the United States. The Competition was held at The Mitzi E. Newhouse Theater at Lincoln Center.

We are pleased to announce that Max came in 2nd Place in New York. He will receive a full scholarship to attend the American Shakespeare Center Theater Camp in Staunton, Virginia.

Max will attend the Garden Party on June 2nd to give our members, who were not able to attend the competition or reception, to meet him.

Max is pictured below with are The ESU Region III President, Karen Blair-Brand.



The Intimate Dinner with Cordelia Biddle on April 10th was a big hit. Not only was Cordelia's Nicholas Biddle stories fascinating, the food at La Fourno was endless and delicious.



ROYAL OAK LECTURES

The Royal Oak Foundation is the American Partner of the National Trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their mission is to encourage Americans to learn about, experience and support places of great historic and natural significance throughout the United Kingdom. Our members receive unlimited entry to all National Trust UK properties.

Our branch has received the honor of being listed as a co-sponsor of these events to recognize the steadfast support they receive from our membership. **Location: The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S. Broad Street.** Lectures are \$30. Lectures with dinner are \$90. Registration is required: <http://www.royal-oak.org/lectures> or 800-913-6565, ext. 201 ***use code 19SESUP to receive the discounted price.**

JUDITH TANKARD

A Sense of Harmony: Gardens of the Arts & Crafts Movement Tuesday, May 14

English gardens from the Arts & Crafts era are jewels of early 20th-century design. Part of the same design movement that flourished in Europe and North America between 1880 and 1920, these gardens emphasized medieval and romantic styles. Designed on an intimate scale, they blurred the distinction between indoors and outdoors and emphasized the symbiotic nature of the house and garden as a unified landscape.

Many contain a series of distinct outdoor “rooms” often delineated by hedges and embellished with whimsical topiary. Most had lavish plantings of perennials, ornamental shrubs, bulbs and annuals—all massed for color, textural effect and seasonal impact. Small structures, such as pergolas, arbors, sundials and other traditional ornaments produced storybook-like gardens that referenced Old English manor house surroundings of the 17th century.



In this illustrated lecture, Judith Tankard will give insight into the minds of the movement’s creative giants such as William Morris and Gertrude Jekyll, as well as lesser known designers such as Avray Tipping, Thomas Mawson, and Robert Lorimer. She will illustrate gorgeous National Trust gardens such as Hidcote, Standen, Snowhill Manor, Red House and Kellie Castle, among others, and give visual tours of other stunning gardens, such as Hestercombe, Great Dixter, Gravetye Manor and Munstead Wood. Tankard will show how these English models created a lasting impact on gardens across the pond, as American designers took inspiration from their British contemporaries.

DAVID LOUGH

My Darling Winston: The Letters Between Winston Churchill and His Mother Monday, May 20

“My pen wanders recklessly,” wrote Winston Churchill of the sparkling letters he exchanged with his mother, Jennie Jerome, over a period of 40 years. David Lough’s lecture, based on the first-ever edited selection of their correspondence, sheds new light on Churchill’s early emotional, intellectual and political development. Spanning from 1881 to 1921, these missives follow Churchill’s life of adventure and political ambition, covering many milestones: his army service in India, time as a prisoner of war, election to Parliament, resignation after Gallipoli, and his return to politics in 1917.



His mother’s life, by contrast, follows a downward spiral: her second marriage flounders and she becomes a lonely figure, moving forlornly around the country homes of her wealthy friends. Their letters disclose an intense relationship between a demanding mother and a difficult son, both gifted writers who reveal much about themselves and the time period. Churchill’s missives reveal his personality as a young child and a truculent teen, looking to his mother to fix everything—which she usually did. Jerome’s letters reveal a dynamic woman leveraging limited agency in a sexist society.

Brimming with gossip, name-dropping and chutzpah, and populated by an impressive cast of late Victorian and Edwardian characters, Mr. Lough’s lecture will enrich our understanding of Britain’s most celebrated statesman. He will offer poignant insights into Churchill’s relationship with the woman whose advice and loving encouragement set him on the path to power.

2019 Upcoming Events

- May 14** *A Sense of Harmony: Gardens of the Arts & Crafts Movement*
- May 20** *My Darling Winston: The Letters Between Winston Churchill and his Mother*
- June 2** Annual Garden Party — East Falls, PA
- August 11** Commonwealth Gala—Chestnut Hill

SAVE THE DATE

The Commonwealth Organizations of Greater Philadelphia are honored to announce a visit from

Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin

The Queen’s Chaplain

Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons

Sunday, August 11th, 4pm

Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill

Immediately following the Service is the Commonwealth Gala at The Philadelphia Cricket Club

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