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BCHF Calendar of Events for 2013

JANUARY - Sun., 1/27, 2 p.m. Program: 1st person por- Day" in DE. Private homes & gardens open; period entertaintrayal of Quaker abolitionist & suffragist, Lucretia Mott. Light refreshment. Donation of \$3/ adult attendee requested. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

Caribbean Cruise from NYC on Norwegian Cruise Line's "Norwegian Pearl." Six ports-of-call. Call 215 788-9408 for

FEBRUARY - Sun., 2/10, 3 p.m. at BCHF headquarters. "An Oscar Winning Tea" with traditional Tea fare. \$18/ticket. Reservations at 215 788-9408 beginning 9 a.m., Sat., Jan. 12.

MARCH - Sun., 3/10, 2 p.m. Celtic Music Performance by Tom & Marianne Tucker. Light refreshment. \$5 pp. Limited capacity; first come, first seated! BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

MAY - Tentative. Sat., 5/18. Bus trip to "Old New Castle

ment throughout the day. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

SEPTEMBER - Tentative. Thurs., 9/12. Bus trip to NYC incl. 9/11 Memorial, free time and lunch in "Little Italy," stop FEBRUARY - 2/3 - 15. 13 day/12 night Southern at the Doughnut Plant & Highline Park, Call 215 788-4138

> OCTOBER - 10/5 - 13. Avalon Waterways' "Romantic Rhine" river cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Holland. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer.

> NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/20, 7 p.m. BCHF'S annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members, followed by program and refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

- · BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- · For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2013

"Death Trap" - Jan. 29 thru Feb. 17, 2013 / "Pirates of Penzance" - March 19 thru April 28, 2013 "Inherit the Wind" - May 21 thru June 9, 2013

Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

all members and friends a very Happy and Healthy New Year 2013. The members of the Board of Directors for the year 2013 are as follows: Russell Angerman, Kathy are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE Barniskis, Barbara Freer, Mary Kehoe, Anna Larrisey, Nancy Maren, Catharine McCarry, Gerry McCarry, Mary McIlvain, Harold Mitchener, Debra Pinney, Jeanette bers, guests and prospective members. The meetings are Ruano, Robin Simmers-Butrey, and Helen Younglove. less than two hours in length. Please note that the Board The officers selected by the Board of Directors are Gerry does not meet in July or December. McCarry - President; Jeanette Ruano - Vice President;

As we begin our 46th year as an organization, we wish Mary McIlvain - Corresponding Secretary; and Anna Larrisey - Treasurer. The Secretary of the Board is an appointed position and is Ceil Graff. The Board meetings MONTH AT 7:30 p.m., 321 Cedar Street, Bristol. These meetings are not closed meetings and are OPEN to mem-

Meet Ms. Mott

On Sunday, January 27, in our Cedar St. headquarters, historical impersonator Kim Hanley will again against slavery often caused a threat of physical harm

grace our stage - this time in the role of Lucretia Coffin Mott. Quaker minister, abolitionist, suffragist and anti-war activist.

Ms. Hanley will be remembered for her entertaining. informative. 1stperson presentations at BCHF on Abigail Adams, Annie Oakley, and Alice Roosevelt.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served at its conclusion. A donation of \$3 per adult attendee is requested. For further information, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

Lucretia Coffin was born in Nantucket, MA to Quaker parents. When she was 13, she attended a Quaker Boarding School in New York State. Upon completion of her studies there, she remained and became a teaching assistant. It was during this time that she met James Mott and they were married in 1811 when she was 18 years old couple moved Philadelphia. They were the parents of six children.

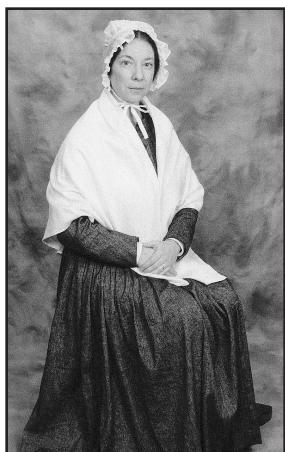


Photo of Kim Hanley in the role of Lucretia Mott

She became a Quaker minister in 1821. Her views

to her. She was a supporter of William Lloyd Garrison and his American Anti-Slavery Society.

In 1840, she and husband James traveled to London to attend the World Anti-Slavery Convention. She found that she was denied full participation at the convention because of her gender. From that experience, she joined Elizabeth Cady Stanton in calling for the famous Seneca Falls, NY Convention in 1848. Her husband was asked to preside at the convention. This led to her publishing her "Discourse on Women" and attending future conventions for women's rights.

In 1864, she helped found Swarthmore College Pennsylvania. She continued to work for the abolition of slavery, for women's rights and as an anti-war activist.

Lucretia Coffin Mott died in Philadelphia at 87 years of age.

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BCHF's "Oscar Winning Tea" on Sunday, February 10, assisted in no small part by her husband and BCHF Board member, Harold, and implemented by our faithful volunteers. Carol has been working diligently over the past several months to carry out this movie-related theme through decorations, table settings, favors and quizzes. As an added touch, she's encouraging attendees to dress as a well-known movie star.

The Tea will commence at 3 p.m. in our headquarters will be the 18th Tea coordinated by Carol Mitchener, at 321 Cedar Street. An assortment of tea sandwiches and desserts, as well as homemade scones and hot brewed tea, will be served. Ticket price is \$18 per person.

> Beginning at 9 a.m. on January 12, Helen Younglove will begin accepting reservations at 215 788-9408. Because of a limited seating capacity, our members were advised in the November GAZETTE to heed the reservation procedure.

Our Oscar Tea Party

The Academy Awards will be officially held on February 24th, but two weeks earlier (on February 10th) B.C.H.F. will present its "Oscar-Winning Tea."

The Oscar statuette is officially named "The Academy Award of Merit." The first Academy Award ceremony was held on May 16, 1929 for the 1927-28 film season. This year will be the 85th academy award presentation.

The Oscar statuette is made of gold-plated Britannium*; it stands on a black metal base. It is 13 and one-half inches tall and weighs 8 and one half pounds. It depicts a knight rendered in Art Deco style holding a crusader's sword standing on a reel of film with 5 spokes. The five spokes represent the original branches of the Academy: actors, writers, directors, producers and technicians. The original design was supervised in 1928 by Cedric Gibbons. It was originally cast in tin and copper and then gold-plated. During WWII, the statuettes were January 12th to reserve a seat; only 64 tickets are availmade of plaster; after the war, they were traded in for gold ones. There are several versions for the story as to how the name "Oscar" originated.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences maintain a voting membership of 5,783 members (as of 2012).

Membership is divided into different branches, each representing a different discipline in film production. Actors are the largest voting group. Votes are certified by an accounting firm. Proposed new members are considered annually. To be considered, a film must be presented between Jan. 1st and Dec. 31st of the previous year. It must be feature length (defined as a minimum of 40 minutes). In late December, ballots are mailed to active members who vote in their respective categories. All members may vote on the "Best Picture."

The current venue for the Oscar ceremony is the Dolby Theatre (formerly known as the Kodak Theatre).

The venue for our tea will be at B.C.H.F. headquarters (321 Cedar St.) At our "Oscar Tea," fun, entertainment, favors and prizes will be enjoyed by all; we encourage men, as well as women to attend the event. Call on

* Britannium - a white alloy of tin with copper, antimony and sometimes bismuth and zinc that resembles

Travel Update

bus trip to New York City planned for Saturday, September 12, the itinerary for which includes free time and lunch in the "Little Italy" section of Manhattan, a visit to the 9/11 Memorial, the Doughnut Plant, and High Line Park. We're still awaiting confirmation on the 9/11 Memorial visit and have been informed that we should receive notification by January 31. Therefore, we anticipate announcing all the details in the March GAZETTE, which will include the date on which reservations will be accepted and the date on which total payment is due.

Because of a sizable non-refundable deposit required by the Barnes Foundation, plans to do a Barnes Museum/Moshulu Restaurant trip this year have been scrapped.

Based on the success of the recent 5-day/4-night bus trip to Asheville, NC for "Christmas at the Biltmore," the Ways & Means Committee is considering a trip of the same duration to Charleston, SC, which would include a guided tour of Charleston, a tour of Fort Sumter, the

We've received many inquiries about the status of the Magnolia Plantation Home and Gardens, and a Charleston harbor cruise.

> A Spring day trip under consideration is to historic New Castle, DE, for "Old New Castle Day" on Saturday, May 18, at which time private homes and gardens are open to the public, and a variety of period entertainment is featured in the town square.

> A decision on the above two possibilities is expected soon and will be announced in the GAZETTE.

> Reservations continue to be accepted on the February 3 - 15 Southern Caribbean cruise aboard the Norwegian Pearl, sailing from New York City to San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, Barbados and Antigua; and on the October 5 - 13 "Romantic Rhine" river cruise on Avalon Waterways' new vessel, Artistry II, sailing from Switzerland to Amsterdam. The latter's itinerary includes: Strasbourg, France; Heidelberg, Mainz, Rudensheim, the Rhine Gorge-Koblenz, and Cologne, Germany; and Amsterdam, Holland. For flyers on either of these cruises, call Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

From Out Of The Past

issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

1/3 - - "SNOW-LADEN" X'MAS TREE ATTRACTS AT CARTER HOME. Many passers by halted in front of the home of M.L. Carter, 555 Swain Street, to get a better glimpse of the "snow-covered" and elaborately decorated Christmas tree. A sassafrass tree has been transformed by use of cotton into a mass of "snow-laden" boughs. Scores of vari-colored balls and dozens of blinking electric lights bring out the brilliance of the scene, while beneath is a village, likewise snow-covered.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS IN DECORATING CONTEST. Judges in the exterior lighting contest sponsored by the Exchange Club today announced their decisions for the first three places, and also placed two on the "honorable mention" list. Robert C. Ruehl, Cedar Street, was given first honors. Dr. George T. Fox, Radcliffe Street, was awarded second place. Harold Hunter, Mulberry Street, was third. Charles G. Rathke, Pond Street, was placed first on the honorable mention list. Mrs. Robert Moore, Monroe Street, had a winter display mentioned for its integrity.

1/5 - - BABY DERBY WINNERS ANNOUNCED. The first baby and winner of the Baby Derby was Jeanne Elizabeth Goodman, daughter of Reuben and Corella Goodman, of Bellevue Avenue, Croydon, born 3:28 p.m., January 1. The attending physician was Dr. Thorne S. Harris. Other children who receive honorable mention were: Donald Paul Hearn, born at Dr. Wagner's private hospital on January 4 at 3:04 a.m., Dr. Frank Lehman attending; and Mary, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Clapham, of Bath Road, born in Harriman Hospital, January 4 at 5 p.m., Dr. George T. Fox, physician.

1/6 - - TROLLEY LINE IS BEING ABANDONED; DISMAN-TLE ROAD. The Trenton, Bristol and Philadelphia Railway Company, operating from Torresdale to Trenton, N.J., has been definitely discontinued. Work to dismantle the road is now in progress.

MERCHANTS FORM A RED ARROW CLUB HERE. Although "old man depression" is on his way out, in order to hasten his going, a number of Bristol merchants have enlisted the services of the Red Arrow Service Company of Springfield, Ill., and fund a Red Arrow Club in Bristol. The merchants have inaugurated a campaign that will provide actual cash benefits for their patrons, as well as numerous enjoyable features of entertainment, and stimulate business generally. Red Arrow money is being used by the merchants, dollar for dollar, on all cash purchases from ten cents up.

1/10 - - "BRISTOL CITY" WENT PAST BRISTOL IN JULY. One of the foremost news events in Bristol during July 1932 was the rousing welcome accorded the "S.S. Bristol City," first ocean-going vessel to make its way up the Delaware River since deepening of the channel.

COUNCIL PLANS TO SAVE APPROXIMATELY \$8,000 THIS YEAR BY REDUCING WAGES AND SALARIES OF ALL BORO EMPLOYEES; VOTE TO PUBLISH NAMES OF DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS. Future Road Improvements to Be Kept down to a Minimum.

1/11 - RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED HERE AT W.C.T.U. SESSION. To Ask Political Representatives to Back 18th Amendment. Mrs. Harry Headley, president, read greetings from the national president, Mrs. Ella Boole, on the 13th anniversary of national prohibition.

"HOUSE FOR RENT. Jefferson Ave. 6 rooms and bath. Hot air heater, kitchen range. Rent \$25 per month. Apply E.E. Ratcliffe, agent."

1/12 - OFFICERS ENDEAVOR TO FIND MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE FIRED BUILDING TODAY. Place Formerly Occupied by St. Ann's Holy Name Society - Property of Benjamin T. Groff Threatened for a Time - Man Seen Running

The following items were excerpted from January 1933 from Building. An incendiary fire gutted a portion of the 2 1/2 story frame and stucco building at 319 Dorrance Street early this morning, causing a loss estimated at approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000, according to a statement by Chief McGee.

"AMERICAN STORES CO . . . Gold Seal Eggs - $39 \ensuremath{\varepsilon}$ carton of 12. Louella Butter - 27¢ lb. carton. Asco Sliced Bacon - two 1/2 lb. pkgs., 19¢. Victor Sliced Bread - 5¢ wrapped loaf. Tender Round Steaks or Roasts - 20¢ lb. Fancy Boston Mackerel - 3

1/16 - - INAUGURATE ELECTRIC SERVICE, P.R.R. TODAY. Electric passenger train service through here, between Philadelphia and New York, was inaugurated today by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

"BUFFALO BILL'S" CARRIAGE FALLS PREY TO FLAMES IN \$10,000 FIRE; OUTBUILDINGS, BARN DESTROYED AT PROPERTY IN EDGELY. Fire early this morning destroyed the famous old carriage in which Buffalo Bill rode at the head of his circus parades through the principal cities of the United States and Europe. The ancient vehicle was stored in a wagon house on what is commonly called the "Buffalo Bill" farm, just above Edgely. The farm was originally purchased by Thomas Smith in 1913 as a winter headquarters in the East for the Buffalo Bill

"ARTICLES FOR SALE. Work shoes - 75¢. Overcoats - \$2.50 up. Suits - \$2.95 up. Socks - 5¢. Ladies Stockings - 10¢. ECON-OMY CLOTHING COMPANY, 411 Mill Street.'

1/20 - - A TALL STORY WAS TALLER THAN THEM ALL Bristol and Edgely residents, for the second time this week, heard their towns referred to by the well-known radio news dispenser, Lowell Thomas, last evening. Mr. Thomas told of communications received by him from superintendent of public safety, James L.McGee, Bristol, and from the chief of the Headley Manor Fire Company of Edgely, in which denials were given as to the authenticity of a story recounted by Thomas on Monday evening, in which he quoted from metropolitan newspapers about an alleged water fight between firemen from the Bristol Consolidated and Headley Manor companies. "It seems I was in error," stated Thomas. The erroneous report concerned the Buffalo Bill Farm fire in Edgely.

"DRIES' FURNITURE SALE STARTS TODAY! Coffee Table with Glass Tray - \$1.95. 4-Pc. Two-Tone Walnut Veneered Bedroom Suite - \$59. Four-Post Beds, Strongly Build - \$7.95. Turkish Towels, Size 20" x 10" - 10¢. Mill and Pond Streets."

1/27 - - COMMERCIAL STUDENTS IN "IMPRESSIONS AND EXPRESSIONS" SHOW RIGHT AND WRONG WAY OF MAKING BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS. The 11th year commercial section, taught by W.E. Shank, staged a sketch entitled "Impressions and Expressions" at Bristol High School auditorium this morning.

ENTERPRISE FIRE CO., NO. 5, CANCELS LAST DEBT. Pays off \$3,000 Mortgage and Reports \$900 in Treasury, Harry White, president, presided over the short business meeting. It was reported that, during the past four years, not a single member had been expelled for the non-payment of dues.

MOTORISTS BENEFIT BY GAS PRICE CUTS. Yesterday, dealers in products of certain companies began selling gasoline at ten cents per gallon, including tax. This charge included six cents per gallon for the product, three cents State tax and one cent Federal tax.

1/31 - - 450 SEE THIRD WARD IN FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN. Two Extra Points Made in Close Fray; Score Ends 23-21. The crowd of 450 filled all corners of the Italian Mutual Aid court and extra seats were placed about the playing floor - so close that special out-of-bounds rules were made by the league officials. Larry David was high scorer for the winning aggrega tion with nine points.

Historic Bristol Day - 2012

Historic Bristol Day was a great success. Many people from near and far came to enjoy the activities in our historic town. Needless to say, we were blessed with wonderful weather, great volunteers and our generous contributors.

We thank the following businesses for their support.

21st Century Community Learning Center \$ 1,000	Great ID's by Anne	. 100
Anchor Yacht Club	Grundy Commons	. 25
AOH - Michael Dougherty Div. One	Grundy Foundation	2,000
Arkema5,000	Harris Comfort, Inc	. 100
Bertucci Maren Associates	Lopez, Theodosio & Larkin, LLC	. 100
Bossler's Wheel Alignment	Mamma's Income Tax Service	28
Bristol Boro Council	Marvin L. Portney (Attorney-at-Law)	50
Bristol Jewish Center	National Penn Bank	1,000
Bucks County Conference & Visitors' Bureau 1,000	Riverside Physical Therapy	
Burlington Historical Society50	Senator Tommy Tomlinson	
CBM100	Saint Ann Roman Catholic Church	. 100
Clinton J. Lewis Lodge #2150	The Jones Group	. 250
Fidelity Savings & Loan	W.R. Esposito, Realtor	

And we also thank the following members for their generous donations:

Andrew Accardi Russell & Pauline Angerman Luke & Mary Antonelli Lillian Mitchener Bauserman James Cain Sarah E. Carter Howard & Claire Carter Howard & Claire Collier Vincent & Alice Cordisco Ellanna Delaney Agnes Dick Ginny DiMaggio Helen & Ted Dmytryk Fidel Esposito Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fawkes Mary, Mark and Christina Gesualdi

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Violet Tranter
Anne & Ted Walp
Carl & Bonnie White
Bob & Pauline White
Helen Younglove
Rhonda R. Younglove

Everyone helped to make Historic Bristol Day a successful event.







Harriman Car Dealers Historical Document

When the community of Harriman was annexed by Bristol Borough in 1922, three of the major roads, Farragut Avenue, Radcliffe St. and Green Lane, became prime locations for the opening of car dealerships. Listed below are twelve car sales offices located in the Harriman section of Bristol. In his research for Historic Bristol Day, BCHF member, Mark Gesualdi found the address location, the name of the dealership and the kind of automobiles sold. Did any of our readers purchase cars from these dealers?

- 1. **1776 Farragut Ave.** This location is currently the Bristol Borough School District administration building.
- a. Percy Ford Dodge and Plymouth dealer from 1927
 1955. Note Percy Ford was located at 311 Mill Street from 1924 1927.
- b. Dieckhaus Dodge and Plymouth with Chrysler added in 1961, 1955 1965.
- 2. **1626 Farragut Ave.** This location is currently a laundromat.
 - a. Castor & Weed Chevrolet: 1926 1927
- b. Weed Chevrolet: 1927 1946. Note Weed moved out of Harriman to 912 Pond St. from 1946 to 1949.
- c. Jobson Nash: 1946 1956.
- 3. **2100 Farragut Ave.** This location is currently an auto inspection station and was commonly referred to as Farragut and McKinley or Highway and McKinley.
- a. Hamm's Lincoln and Mercury: 1949 1955
- b. Harris Mayberry Lincoln and Mercury: 1955 1956
- c. Steve Van Buren Inc. Lincoln and Mercury: 1956 1957
- 4. **2000 Farragut Ave.** (actually in the 2200 block) is currently Farmoco Auto Electric.
- a. Green and Lawrence Plymouth and DeSoto: 1948 1961. Went out of business 6/61
- 5. **2271 2405 Farragut Ave.** is currently Auto Body by Bernard and the American Hose, Hook and Ladder Company. It was commonly referred to as Farragut Ave. and Green Lane.



- a. Reedman Pontiac: 1948 1952
- b. Bristol Nash / Rambler: 1957 1962.
- 6. **100 Green Lane** is currently Nova Care. It is commonly referred to as Farragut Ave. and Green Lane.
- a. Enterprise Oldsmobile: 1948
- b. W.W. Warner & Sons Oldsmobile: 1948 1951
- c. Charles Oldsmobile and Cadillac: 1952 1967
- 7. **489 Green Lane** is currently the Amish Market. It was commonly referred to as US 13 and PA Turnpike.
- a. Charles Oldsmobile and Cadillac: 1967 2006
- 8. **2299 Radcliffe St.** is currently Moose Lodge #1169. It was commonly referred to as Radcliffe and Green Lane.
 - a. Weed Chevrolet: 1950 1967
 - 9. 1415 Radcliffe Street is currently Atomic Sign
 - a. Adams Wildblood Inc., Kaiser Dealer: 1946 1954
 - b. Adams Wildblood Inc., Jeep Dealer: 1955
 - c. Hamm's International Truck Dealer: 1959
 - d. Al Green Renault Dealer: 1960 1964
 - 10. 1520 Farragut Ave. former bus depot site.
- a. Jenks Watson Willys Knight and Whippet Dealer: 1927 1932
- b. Jenks Watson, Plymouth and Chrysler Dealer: 1933
- c. Barr's Garage, Hudson Dealer: 1934
- d. Jobson, Plymouth and DeSoto Dealer: 1935 1946
- 11. 1500 Farragut Ave. the old Social Security building or Amish site.
- a. Bucks County Sales & Service, Ford and Mercury Dealer: 1938 1946
- 12. **1816 Farragut Ave.** currently a twin home
- a. Fandozzi's Electrical Service, Pontiac Dealer
: 1939 1941

Everyone enjoyed the display of Antique and Vintage Cars on Historic Bristol Day 2012.

Membership Letter Will Soon Arrive

A letter will soon be mailed to all members with a form to renew your membership for the year 2013. Membership runs for the calendar year. There are three categories for membership dues: Individual (\$12.00), Family (\$24.00), and Business (\$50.00). Prices for trips and other activities are listed as "member" and "non-member". "Individual membership" dues covers only one person for price discounts. We welcome you to join us for the year 2013. Watch for your membership letter to arrive by mail. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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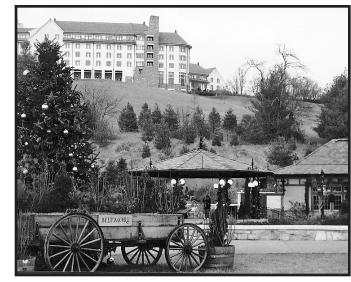
BCHF'S "CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE" TRIP December 9 - 13, 2012



Last rest stop before arriving in Asheville, NC, was at this holiday-decorated facility in Tennessee.



Some of the shops in Biltmore Village - all built of pebble dash



Above: The Biltmore Inn sits atop a hill behind Antler Hill Village and Winery.

Right: Pictured from left to right: Harold Mitchener, Tony Russo, Kathy Barniskis and Carol Mitchener partake of the sumptuous dinner buffet at the Biltmore Estate's Deerpark Restaurant.

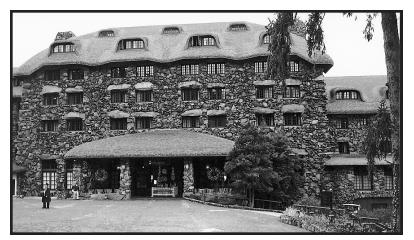
Left to Right: Donna Jenkinson, Kathy Barniskis, Jan Ruano and Ceil Graff enjoy dinner and a libation at Frankie Bones Restaurant on Day 1 in Asheville.





Partial view of Biltmore House which encompasses four acres of floor space.





Partial view of the Grove Park Inn, built in 1913





Left to right: Carol Booz and Ellanna Delaney admire one of the Inn's many holiday displays.



Below: Members of our group sample the many offerings at the fabulous buffet breakfast at the Grove Park Inn, which housed a display of the National Gingerbread House Competition winners.



Left: Ralph & Josephine Lalli (front) and Andi Harvie and Pauline Michalski take an imagined ride in this gigantic reindeer-pulled, wooden sleigh, featured in the lobby of the Grove Park Inn.

Below: Left to Right: Donna Jenkinson, Elizabeth Worthington and Margaret Ridge enjoy a "time out" in rocking chairs in front of the Grove Park's mammoth fireplace





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