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## Annual Tree Lighting Sunday, December 6th



The PRBA's 7th Annual Tree Lighting will take place on December 6th from 5 to 6 p.m. at the tree in front of the Pound Ridge Firehouse. We will join the Girl and Boy Scouts for caroling and will be led in singing by Pound Ridge Elementary School's Jean Mazzili. And finishing

off the evening with a "Ho! Ho! Ho!" will be a very special guest, Santa. Kids!! Bring your original 8 1/2 x 11 Holiday Drawing for our "window" art show. Refreshments of drinks from **My Goodness!** and zeppoli from **Pinocchio Pizza** will top off a good time for all. Thank you to all who contributed to this event. For further info, call Chair Anna DiPace-Zullo (**Pilates Pound Ridge**) 764-1218

### CALENDAR OF PRBA SPECIAL EVENTS

**7th Annual Tree Lighting**

Sunday, Dec. 6, 5-6 PM

at the Pound Ridge Firehouse

**17th Annual January Sales Days**

from Dec. 26 thru January 31

**10th Annual New Year's Day  
in Scotts Corners**

Friday, January 1, 2010, 11AM- 5PM

**A Taste of Pound Ridge  
May 2010 (details to be announced)**

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### NEW YEAR'S DAY & JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

The Pound Ridge Business Association's 17th Annual January Sales Days begin Saturday, December 26, highlighted by the 13th Annual New Year's Day Sale (11am-5 pm). Discounts will range from 10% to 50%. Participants will include **Albano Appliances, All Your Yesterdays, Antiques & Interiors, Pinocchio Pizza** and **Poundridge Nurseries**, and (shown above) **Craig Sclaro (Eileen Godfrey Miniatures & Dollhouses, Amy Nevins and daughter Joanna (Juleigh's Resale Couture), Joan Silbersher (Antiques & Tools of Business & Kitchen)**. Sales Days continue through January 31st.

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# “A Taste of Pound Ridge” Receives Kudos from Library

On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, the first **A Taste of Pound Ridge** event combined the talents of our chefs, **Pound Ridge Business Association** volunteers and merchants, and the Pound Ridge Library.

Fred Albano, assisted by sister Joyce Gallagher (**Albano Appliance**), spearheaded the event and hosted the tastings. Maryellen Walsh (**Houlihan Lawrence**) provided the adjacent offices to host the Silent Auction which ran concurrently.

In their Winter Fund Raising letter, the Board of Trustees of the Pound Ridge Library Foundation acknowledged this successful outreach by the **Pound Ridge Business Association**: “This past year we were fortunate to have received tremendous support for the library. Pound Ridge merchants, their supporters and employees stepped up to stage a first ever fundraiser outreach, **A Taste of Pound Ridge**. With a splendid cornucopia of food and drink and irresistible silent auction, the event

raised more than \$6,800.”

This abundant array of food was donated by **DiNardo’s Ristorante Italiano, The Grill at Albano, Mrs. Larkin’s Baked Goods, North Star Restaurant, Pinocchio Pizza, Plum Plums, Scotts Corner Market and Tokyo Hamachi Restaurant.**

Fred Albano and his team are busily making plans for 2010 to repeat this wonderful and enjoyable event in May. Date, time and further details will be provided at a later time.

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## News Briefs from Our Members

❖ Perched on ladders just before Thanksgiving, **Dave Anderson** and his staff were busily installing the lovely 42-inch wreaths and lights to give Scotts Corner a special festive look. Sandy Wellons (**Topiary**) prepared the wreaths and bows. Thanks to you both! **David Anderson Landscaping** 764-4916. **Topiary** 764-1154

❖ Entering its 35th year, **Dinardo's Ristorante Italiano** continues to provide exceptional Italian cuisine and pizza right here in Pound Ridge. For families or intimate dining, Frank and daughter Jane Salvi welcome all. 764-4024

❖ Keeping Pound Ridgers smiling, **Larry Bass, DDS**, celebrates 25 years as our local dentist. 764-5541

### TOPIARY Bursts into Bloom in Scotts Corners *New Year's Day* (continued from Page 1)

Owner Sandy Wellons was inspired to open her flower shop because of her love of flowers and plants with over 35 years creating unique flower arrangements. An accomplished pen & ink artist and an avid gardner, she creates flower arrangements imaginatively using such diverse containers as Mexican glass, antique zinc, Nantucket baskets, cabbage leaf majolica and multi-shaped glass containers.

Entering **Topiary**, one steps into a cozy, welcoming space bursting with orchids of all colors and sizes, paperwhites and amaryllis pushing out of wooden crates or majolica cache pots. Plants, herbs and ferns of all sizes delight the senses with a delightful array of textures of foliage, blooms and fragrances.

Wonderful candles in cabbage and artichoke shapes are perfect for gift giving, as well as wreaths



woven with rose hips, berries, pods, cones, feathers and mixed greens. Designs vary from sleek and modern to bountiful bouquets reminiscent of an English garden.

Sandy suggests that holiday orders be placed early. Local delivery is offered. **Topiary** is located on the lane across from **Chubby's Hardware** at 70 Westchester Ave. 764-1154  
Hours: M-F, 9-5 pm, Sat, 10-3 pm  
Extended holiday hours Sunday, 9:30-3:30 pm

On New Year's Day, many of the above shops will be open from 11am to 5pm.

**Antiques & Tools** will also hold its 14th Annual New Year's Day Antiques & Farmers Market from 11am to 4pm with free toasted marshmallows and roasted chestnuts for all visitors. The final markets of this year will be New Year's Day.

**Antiques & Tools of Business & Kitchen** proprietor Joan Silbersher and son Jed (Tools Mgr) will celebrate the shop's 20th Anniversary, with her annual wood-fire barbecue, noon-2pm, Sunday April 11. Last year's barbecue raised \$100 for the American Cancer Society.

Opened in 1990, the shop expanded into adjacent space in '92, in '94 introduced 2nd Sunday Antiques Markets outside, later adding farmers, and then opened Farmers Markets every Sunday. April 11 will also bring the resumption of the 2nd Sunday Antiques Market and Every Sunday Farmers Market.

Complementing the PRBA July Sidewalk Sale, the shop sponsors a town-wide tag sale, this year July 9-10-11. Shop hours: open daily 11am-5pm. 764-0015



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## Torrie Marie's School of Dance in 2010 Orange Bowl Halftime Show



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**of Dance**, under the direction of Torrie M. Hartman, will perform with other dancers from across the country, along with a live guest star in this nationally televised halftime show. In addition to this spectacular halftime show performance, dancers will take part in one of the largest dance conventions in the country. For 2 days students will be taking classes in a variety of disciplines taught by some of the best and most sought-after choreographers in the industry.

Torrie Hartman is the founder and director of **Torrie Marie's School of Dance**. She has been studying and performing a wide variety of dance for over 20 years. She was the Assistant to the Choreographer for the Dean College Modern Dance Company in 2005, and has been a featured choreographer and Master Instructor at numerous dance conventions and

seminars. Torrie is also the co-founder of HartFall Productions, a company working with music artists and talent alike, focusing on music video.

**Torrie Marie's School of Dance** was recently noted as the fastest growing dance studio in a suburb of New York by Entrepreneur Magazine. Their Up Tempo Dance Company was a featured performer at the Stamford Town Center Holiday Extravaganza 2008, in Stamford, CT. This will be their first year performing at the FedEx Orange Bowl.

For more information or to make a donation on the dance company's behalf, please contact Torrie Hartman at 764-5390 or via email at: [TorrieMarieDance@aol.com](mailto:TorrieMarieDance@aol.com).

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Why can't your computer be more like your toaster? You just set the dial, push the lever down, and voilà! Worst case, your toast is burnt. Unfortunately it seems nothing is easy when it comes to computers. They're finicky, rebel at the worst moment, and give you cryptic explanations for their obstinance – or no explanation at all!

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recovery process, you must press a special key as the PC is booting up. The key varies depending on the computer make and model, but the most common ones are F11 or Control-F11. Follow on-screen instructions to complete the process, but remember... **ALL YOUR DATA WILL BE LOST!** If you haven't done a backup, call an expert first to save your precious documents, photos, emails, or music.

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Liz Larkin, aka **Mrs. Larkins**, explains, "I've greatly enjoyed baking all my life. About 2 years ago, I became a Certified Home Processor and started a baking business out of my home. I sell scones, cookies and cakes at the Sunday Farmers Market at **Antiques & Tools**. My scones are available year-round at **Pound Ridge Sunoco**, and at Near and Natural in Bedford Village. I also accept special orders for pick-up throughout the year, especially during the holidays."

"This is one of my favorite holiday

recipes for Pumpkin Bread, given to me by my good friend Heather. My customers love it!

### Pumpkin Christmas Bread

- 5 C flour
- 3 C white sugar
- 3 tsp baking soda
- 1 Tb cinnamon
- 1 (one) 29 oz. can of pumpkin
- 1 C brown sugar
- 2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 Tb ground cloves
- 1 C vegetable oil
- 2 C chopped toasted walnuts (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Grease 3 large loaf pans.\*
2. In a large bowl, mix together the dry first 7 ingredients. In another bowl, blend the remaining ingredients together. Combine all ingredients and mix until smooth. (It is a thick batter!) Divide batter evenly among the loaf pans. Bake 1 1/2 hours, or until cake tester comes out clean.
3. Cool thoroughly. Great to bake ahead and freeze. Wrap in plastic, then foil. Defrost at room temperature.

\*Note: This recipe can make 7 mini loaves. Bake the mini loaves for just about an hour, or until cake tester comes out clean."

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## L. H. Greene, Florist

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Participating shops handed out goodies with the Pound Ridge police providing traffic control for additional safety. The Walk concluded at the Pound Ridge Firehouse for the Firehouse's annual Halloween Party and Haunted Houses from 6 to 8 p.m.

Greeting trick 'n' treaters and their parents this year were: **Albano Appliance & Service, Antiques & Tools of Business & Kitchen, Antiques & Interiors, Avant Garden, Larry Bass, DDS., Chubby's Hardware, Clean Ridge Soap Company, Curves for Women, DiNardo's, Eileen Godfrey, Houlihan Lawrence Real Estate, Juleigh's Resale Couture, Miller's Landscaping, Mrs. Larkin's, North Star, My Goodness! Café & Deli, Pinocchio Pizza, Plum Plums, Pound Ridge Cleaners, Pound Ridge Sunoco, Salon Perri, Silhouette, Topiary Flower Shop, and ValuClean Cleaners.**



following the Walk. Join the Walk next year. This popular event provides a fun and safe evening for kids of all ages!

## 2009 HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday season, here are some tips.

**Trees** – When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. Or buy a rooted tree to plant outside later. (Dig the planting hole before the ground freezes.) When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Cut a few inches off the trunk to expose the fresh wood to allow for better water absorption. Keep the stand filled with water. Discard real greens and trees in the woods later as winter shelter for wildlife.

**Lights** – Check all tree lights. Make sure all the bulbs work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections (even if new). Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. It can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted. Before using lights outdoors, make sure they are certified for outdoor use. String them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove. Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or

leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

**Decorations** – Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals. Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down. Avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children and avoid trimmings resembling candy or food which a child or pet may eat. Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial snow sprays.

**Fireplaces** – Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open. Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result, as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

And most of all, have a happy and a safe holiday season!

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Fall and winter are revealing seasons. When trees withdraw their green colors to preserve their energy for the next flowering season, we briefly enjoy their new amazing colored foliage and the bare shapes which follow: contorted, majestic presences that change appearance with the changing light. We retreat into our homes and want to bring indoors some remembrance of nature's bounty. One soon comes to the realization that one's home is going to reveal a glimpse of its occupants to all who will visit and we feel the need to make it a welcoming, indulgent, comfortable place. What better way to enhance the holidays' sharing spirit than with an "edible" table runner?"

Fall and winter offer an abundance of budded branches, berries and fruits which, in their pure colors, can complement any home décor. Seasonal fresh fruit such as grapes, clementines, nuts, split pomegranates, and figs are very welcoming touches on any table with the addition of fresh cut berries or budded twigs and evergreen branches (e.g., magnolias, bittersweet, rhododendrons, hollies, boxwood, cotoneaster, junipers, and dogwood) can also embellish



serving platters, wreaths, flower arrangements, and other holiday decorations. For a more lavish look, use dried leaves, mini-pumpkins, and Indian corn accented with gold or silver paint and fine ribbons.

**Jacqueline Silvestri Kornblau** is an artist from the Italian Riviera who studied art, architecture, and interior design in Florence, Italy and practised in Europe. Her design and consultation and services include architectural details, custom design drapery, floor plans, lighting and color, area rugs. She can also provide access to unique Italian antiques and contemporary

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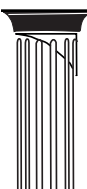
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The glittering hot pink space showcases well-priced accessories, purses and jewelry, as well as the latest clothing. Style and makeup suggestions are provided by **Silhouette's** knowledgeable staff which is

eager to assist young "fashionistas" discover, explore and personalize the latest trends.

Haircuts/stylings for girls ages 5 and up (\$25-35) are also offered.

Hours:

Girls Fashion Trends, Wed-Fri, 11-6;  
Sat, 10-7; Sun, 10-5.

Hair Styling Salon Wed-Fri, 2-6; Sat, 10-7;  
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## Trinity Psychotherapy, Dance & Yoga

One year ago, **Trinity Psychotherapy, Dance & Yoga** opened its doors in this charming space. The driving philosophy of this group is to acknowledge the restorative connections between mind, body and soul. Exciting additions are:

**Vini Yoga** with Stephanie Harding. Combines vini hatha and hatha. A fun class for children (ages 7 and up) has been added Friday from 5-5:45 pm for \$12/class. Adult classes are: Fri. 6-7 pm (mixed level) \$18/class; Sat, 8-9 am (mixed level) \$16/class; Tues., 11-12:15 pm (mixed level) \$18/class

**Zumba** with Elaine Esposito – an exhilarating blend of cardio exercise and Latin dancing. Every Friday from 10-11:10 am (\$15/class)

**Argentine Tango Group Class** with Waldemar Tyliniski – Tuesday nights from 5:15-6 pm. (4 classes \$75/drop-in \$20)

**Men's Psychotherapy with Rosemarie Saracione** – The present theme in this group is concerned with "Living in the Present." 11-12:30 pm (\$20/session). Days to be determined by the group.

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