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**MUSEUMS OF OLD YORK ANNOUNCES SHOW HOUSE LECTURE SERIES  
CELEBRATING THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECORATOR SHOW HOUSE**

**York, Maine — June 14, 2010** — The Museums of Old York's 21st annual Decorator Show House will open be open to the public from July 17 through August 14. Twin Cottage, located at 6 Starboard Lane in York, overlooking the magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. The Show House at Twin Cottage features more than two dozen spaces, each uniquely decorated by one of the region's leading interior designers, landscapers and artists. This annual event raises funds to support the museum's education programs, exhibitions and preservation initiatives. For more information, visit [www.oldyork.org](http://www.oldyork.org).

In conjunction with the Decorator Show House, the Museums of Old York is sponsoring a lecture luncheon series featuring an exceptional lineup of entertaining and informative speakers. Tickets are \$55 and include admission to the Show House. Advanced purchase is required and seating is limited. To purchase tickets, please call (207) 363-4974.

**July 21            Designer Discussion**

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scene at Museums of Old York's Decorator's Show House? Four of this year's outstanding designers will discuss their methods of design, share stories from the field, and answer your decorating questions. For a great appreciation of their work, consider visiting the Show House before coming to this special program.

**The York Harbor Reading Room, 491 York Street, York Harbor, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. \$55.00 includes lecture, lunch and Show House Tour.**

**July 28            Fashion Show by Daisy Jane's**

Daisy Jane's is a beautiful boutique nestled in the heart of York Village, Maine. Owners Sue Lemire and Judy Bean opened this business in May 2007 and business has been booming ever since! Daisy Jane's specializes in women's clothing and accessories with lines by Joseph Ribkoff, ART, Andria

Lieu, Carole Tomkins and Jill MCGowen. Daisy Jane's provides personal shopping for our customers, they do special orders, and many special events. Join the Museums of Old York and Daisy Jane's for a unique fashion show at Stage Neck Inn.

**Stage Neck Inn, 8 Stage Neck Road, York Harbor, 11:30 am - 1:00 p.m. \$55.00 includes lecture, lunch and Show House Tour.**

#### **August 4      Stonewall Kitchen Cooking School**

Please join us for a lunch again this summer at the Stonewall Kitchen Cooking School in York, Maine. Last year was a blast with Patty Roche and her now famous "belly bomber" meals and her understated but Vanna White-like Assistant, Richard Buckley. You never know what you'll get with these two, but you'll be guaranteed a fun time, a full stomach, new recipes and a generous 10% off of any product in the School. Mark the date in your calendar, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 1:00 pm. Space is limited, it will book up fast!

**Stonewall Kitchen Cooking School, 2 Stonewall Lane off U.S. Route One, York, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. \$55.00 includes lecture, lunch and Show House Tour.**

#### **August 11      Floral Design by Botanica**

Join The Museums of Old York to a wonderful lunch at Blue Sky in York Beach while enjoying a spectacular Floral Design Lecture. Botanica is a retail shop and design studio located in historic downtown Portsmouth, New Hampshire specializing in permanent Botanicals and flowers inspired by nature. Botanica's faux flowers and floral arrangements bring the natural beauty of the outdoors inside. Botanica's team of designer will teach you how to create stunning botanical reproductions for interior decorating.

**Blue Sky, 2 Beach Street, York Beach, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. \$55.00 includes lecture, lunch and Show House Tour.**

Located at 6 Starboard Lane in York Harbor, Twin Cottage can be viewed Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed on Tuesdays. On-street parking is available. Tickets to the Show House are \$20 and are available at the door. Ticket stubs from the Decorator Show House are good for \$2.00 off the cost of admission to the Museums of Old York.

#### **About the Museums of Old York**

The Museums of Old York collects, stewards and presents objects of historical and community significance from York, Maine and surrounding communities. The museum's collections showcase a broad spectrum of local architecture (including a National Historic Landmark), an archival library and outstanding furniture, decorative and folk art collections. In addition to its vast collections, the museum offers a vibrant schedule of exhibitions, lectures, workshops and hands-on education programs. The museum campus features a contemporary art gallery, numerous period gardens and nine historic properties, including the Ramsdell House, a more than 250-year old house that once belonged to a farm laborer,

and the Remick Barn, a fully-accessible visitor, education and exhibition center. For more information, please call (207) 363-4974 or visit the museum's website at [www.oldyork.org](http://www.oldyork.org).

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