

## The Provisional Tea

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The Provisional Tea is a long standing tradition of The Stonington Garden Club. Although not an annual event (for example during Garden Tour years), the tea is typically held in winter or early spring (February/March or April/May). Many tea gatherings are held to honor former presidents of the garden club. Each tea differs slightly in that it reflects its respective provisional group. Our most recent tea was on May 1st, 2015, thus, we designed a "May Day" theme, complete with a decorated May Pole.

If a tea is to be held, the Provisional group discusses the theme with our membership chair during the September orientation meeting. During the October meeting, discussions regarding initial ideas ensue.

In January, once the Holiday Workshop has passed, the Provisionals and the Membership Chair meet again to secure the date, location and theme.

Finally, the following tasks are assigned:

1. Borrow a tea service
2. Create invitations
3. Flower workshop chair creates an arrangement
4. Secure volunteer to help with parking, if necessary
5. Choose linens
6. Design menu
7. Send thank you notes

Sample menu from the 2015 Tea

6-8 Pellgrino

4 Prosecco

100 Salmon bites

50 egg white sandwiches

50 Cucumber sandwiches

25 Cucumber with mint sandwiches

Tea

Cream- 2 pitchers

Milk- 2 pitchers

Sugar

Flower Arrangements as needed

Platters

Two tiered stands

Small plates for food


Tea cups and saucers

Teaspoons

60 Napkins

Lemon/sliced

Example of 2015 Invitation next page



The Provisional Members of the  
Stonington Garden Club  
Cordially Invite You to the  
Two Thousand and Fifteen

*Provisional  
Tea*

MAY DAY  
FRIDAY, MAY FIRST  
HALF PAST THREE IN THE AFTERNOON

ELEVEN L'HIRONDELLE LANE  
STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT

*Répondez S'il Vous Plaît*