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DOVER DAYS AT THE DOVER CENTURY CLUB ON THE GREEN

Dover, DE -- The Dover Century Club opens its doors for a day of Victorian Charm during Dover Days, May 6 and 7. Enjoy hand-dipped ice cream while enjoying fine art presented for sale by the Delaware Shore Artists group. While here, shop for beautiful Mother's Day plants at the plant sale.

The Century Club is located at 40 The Green, in the heart of the Dover Days Festival. The Delaware Shore Artists exhibit and sale will be held on Friday, May 6 from 12 noon until 6 p.m. On Saturday, May 7, festival-goers can enjoy an ice cream parlor, the art exhibit and a plant sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We invite everyone to come and bring your family and friends," said Jane Folz, representing the Century Club. "Enjoy Dover Days at the Dover Century Clubhouse, 40 The Green, Saturday, May 6 and 7, 2011."

The Dover Century Club is one of the oldest philanthropic women's clubs in Delaware. It was started in 1897 by Dover women dedicated to promoting literacy, education and charity. The first meetings were held on the front porches of the members' homes on State Street in historic Dover, Delaware. Through the years, as the club grew, the building at 40 The Green was acquired to serve as the clubhouse. Today, the beautifully preserved property, with its white-columned entrance and magnificent palladium window, is still the home of the Dover Century Club.

For more than 100 years, the women of the Dover Century Club have been influential in helping to make the community of Dover a better place. The Club's first project was to establish in-school home economics classes for young women. Through the years the members have established free libraries, built playgrounds, and sponsored teen canteen dances.

The Club has been a long time supporter of the Arc and Stockley Center and sponsors dances for their members. Today the Club is a non-profit organization going strong and still awarding scholarships to high school seniors and sponsoring community leadership workshops for high school students. Currently, the members are working with the Delaware Food Bank. Through community contributions, the Dover Century Club's "Fight Against Hunger" project has collected over 300 pounds of canned foods for needy families in Delaware.

From the clear vision of Mrs. Mabel Ridgely, the founder of Old Dover Days and a member and past President of the Dover Century club, it has become a tradition for The Club to open its doors during the Dover Days celebration. 2011 is no exception.

This year the Club will continue its tradition of the Victorian Ice Cream parlor. There will also be a Mother's Day plant sale. On the second floor of the Clubhouse will be a very exciting exhibit of fine art presented by the Delaware Shore Artists Group. Each artist has taken a Delaware poem and interpreted it in a work of art. Along with these works will be others by each artist for sale.

The Members of the Dover Century Club invite everyone to come and enjoy Dover Days at the Dover Century Clubhouse, 40 the Green, Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7.

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