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Preparing for the Future by Learning about the Past

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Tom and Huck Gears up for its Fourth Season

New programs added to the summer season of Tom and Huck go to Camp are making this season one of our best years ever for enrollment. New costumes and a new technique for fuse bead design make for an exciting revamped program about India. Campers were introduced to this program last year and many were surprised to learn that India is a modern country with a history similar to our own.

We are most excited about our World's Fair Program

where Buffalo Bill will be traveling with us. We have also made our origami program somewhat simpler, and have refreshed the slides for the circus presentation.

If you have a story about a World's Fair that you would like to share with us, we are taking oral histories about your experiences. If you have artifacts that you would care to donate, we are sure that campers would love to see those also. Please call us at 215-844-1919 to set up an appointment.



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Victorian Vanities to Sponsor Community Day at Little People Child Development Center

Victorian Vanities is sponsoring a community Family Fun Day in cooperation with the Little People Child Development Center at 3843 Wrangle Hill Road in Bear, Delaware on May 7th, 2011 from noon until 4 PM. We will be sharing highlights from some of our more popular programs. Once a year Little People provides scholarships for

underserved children to go to summer camp as a way of giving back to the Newcastle community that supports them. Over two thousand potential campers and their parents will be exposed to the programs that Victorian Vanities offers at this event. Newcastle is the only county of the three in Delaware that we serve. We are proud and excited to be engaging



the community on behalf of the Little People Child Development Center. We hope to see you there!

Meet Kim Char



Kim Char

Kim Char lives in Camden, New Jersey, deemed the “most dangerous city” in 2008 with the highest crime rate in the United States. Two-fifths of its residents live below the poverty line. In what is possibly a correlation, over half of its public high school students are less than proficient in literacy arts and over 70% are below the proficiency line in mathematics.

As an elementary school student in Camden, Kim’s story appears to be written for him. Statistically, his environment produces the

kind of people that society simply “throws away.”

Recently, Kim’s classroom had a break from its everyday routine. It had a visit from Victorian Vanities where the class was introduced to origami. Though origami was completely new to him, it became evident during the lesson that Kim had a talent for it. To the surprise of everyone in the classroom, he quickly finished his lesson before his teachers and aides, and set to helping his classmates with their projects.

Who would have known that Kim possessed the creativity to take an ordinary piece of paper, and turn it into a boat, or a swan, and possess the mathematical skills to implement it? Kim now aspires to have a career that uses origami skills, like a model maker or architect, options he had never considered before. Without the introduction of art by Victorian Vanities, a resident of one of the most dangerous city in the country may not have had his potential unleashed.

Victorian Vanities Appears at Recreation Department Training Day



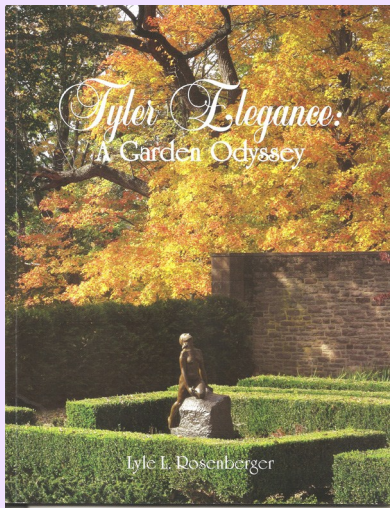
For the second year in row, Victorian Vanities was asked to appear at the Philadelphia Department of Recreation’s in-service training day. This is a day for summer camp counselors to find out what they need for the summer season. Counselors get to meet

and greet Victorian Vanities and to finally put a face on a voice they usually hear only on the telephone. It is also a time when counselors can sign up for workshops, and book their summer schedules in a relaxed environment sponsored by the Department of Recreation. We were

delighted to be able to return this year and look forward to working with the Department of Parks and Recreation in the future.



Former Chair at BCCC writes First Book



Lyle Rosenberger, former chair of the Historic Preservation Program at **Bucks County Community College** and the Preservation Alliance’s former Lifetime Achievement Award has just published his first book: *Tyler Elegance: A Garden Odyssey*. This

beautifully done book is a labor of love about the formal gardens of Stella Elkins Tyler, sculptor and gardener on whose estate the college is built. Proceeds from the book will go to the Bucks County Community College Scholarship Foundation.