



# The Half Moon

- The Newsletter of the Newtown Historic Association -

## Welcome

The Newtown Historic Association presents this newsletter to the Newtown community with the goal of providing news and information on related historic and preservation events in our area. We welcome any suggestions for future articles.

## Officers

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## Research Center Hours

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Thursday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
And also by appointment  
Admission is free

## ■ New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following **new members**:

- Lois Gilbert
- Daniel Griffin
- Charles & Judith Machion
- *All of Newtown*

## Major Donations Received

Richard & Georgia Koenig \$1,000  
Susan McEwen-Fial \$1,000  
Marga Rogers \$1,700

## January Dinner Meeting

The January Homeowner & Volunteer Recognition Dinner meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM at the Brick Hotel, 1 Washington Avenue, Newtown. Homeowners who had their houses open for the Open House Tour and Volunteer of the Year will be honored. Contact Keyna Crawford 215-968-2783 for reservations – the cost is \$40.00 per person.

## February Activity

We will not be having a February meeting as the flooring in the front room and the meeting room is being replaced. We are using hickory as this is a very hard wood and the supports by the fireplace in the meeting room are going to be reinforced. Our next scheduled activity is March 8<sup>th</sup> – Tavern Night.

## Colonial Tavern Night

The 12th annual Tavern Night will be held on **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Half-Moon Inn. Join us for this wonderful colonial event, which promises to have even more colonial cheer. The evening will feature 18th century music, dancing, along with delicious food catered by Joseph's Garden Grille accompanied by colonial side dishes. Join us for an evening that will take you back to a time when our country was new and exciting. RSVP by March 1st to Mary Callahan at (215) 968-3914. Tickets are \$50 per person.

## March Meeting - "Metal Detecting in Bucks County"

The March meeting will be held on **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM at the Half-Moon Inn. Our speaker will be Dr. John Whitehead who has done extensive metal detecting all over Bucks County and also in England. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

## Holiday Open House Tour

The 51st Annual Holiday Open House Tour was held on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Over 658 people enjoyed the cold weather even though it was bracketed by

inclement weather both Friday and Sunday after the tour. The following private homes and public buildings were open for touring:

- **Milnor House**  
127 S. Sycamore St.
- **Betsy Kennedy House**  
147 N. State St..
- **Josephine Raymond House**  
206 N. Chancellor St..
- **Lawrie House**  
417 E. Washington Ave.
- **Garret B. Girton House**  
414 E. Washington Ave. .
- **Hutchinson J. Girton House**  
212 E. Washington Ave.
- **Macedonia Baptist Church**  
218 N. State St..
- **Newtown Fire Association**  
14 Liberty St..
- **Newtown Borough Hall**  
23 N. State St.  
Szwajkos Train Display
- **Newtown Library Company**  
114 East Centre Avenue
- **Half-Moon Inn**  
Court Street & Centre Avenue
- **The Stocking Works**  
301 South State Street

The Half-Moon Inn was beautifully appointed by the Countryside Gardeners and had an open hearth cooking demonstration, re-enactors portraying original proprietors Joseph and Margaret Thornton. The homeowners and volunteers did a wonderful job decorating their homes and hosting the visitors. The Open House Tour Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make the day a success.

## Open House at the Half Moon Inn

The Half Moon Inn will be open on **Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm for anyone to tour the Inn and for old

members and interested prospective members for a tour.. Just a casual social occasion for anyone to stop by.



Josephine Raymond House  
(Richerts)



Mercy Ingraham & Kelly Osterman

## Clean Up Day at the Half Moon Inn

Clean-Up Day will be held this year on **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 AM at the Half Moon Inn.

Volunteers are needed to help restore some luster to the many historical items and furnishings in the Half-Moon Inn. Join us at 8:30 AM and roll up your sleeves and give us a helping hand.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Half Moon Inn. All members are invited. The Annual Business Meeting will have reports from all standing and the committee chairmen and also appointment of directors.

Following the Annual Business Meeting, a presentation entitled, *“Treasures from the Attic: Selected Items from the NHA Archives”* will be given by Harriet Beckert and David Callahan. This lecture will showcase selected items from the NHA archives that are interesting and unique to the Newtown community.

## Corporate Members

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- A. L. Patterson
- David J. Witchell Salon & Spa
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Newtown Friends Home
- Mary Dinneen – Realtor
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- MeMa Mates
- Newtown-Jamison Physical Therapy
- Stuckert and Yates
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects

## Upcoming Events

- **Annual Homeowner & Volunteer Recognition Dinner** Brick Hotel *Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm*
- **Tavern Night, Sat. March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**
- **Spring Clean-Up, Sat. March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am**
- **“Open House at the Half Moon Inn”** *Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm*
- **General Membership Meeting, “Monday, Metal Detecting in Bucks County”** *March 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm*
- **Annual Business Meeting and Appointment of Directors, “Treasures from the Attic”,** *Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 pm*
- **Cocktail Party, April 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**
- **Historic Walking Tour, Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Historic Walking Tour, Wed. June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30am. to 3 pm**

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