



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.

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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

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Newtown Historic Association will be held on **April 15th at 8:00 PM** at the Half Moon (Court) Inn. In keeping with tradition, the Annual Business Meeting reports from all committee chairmen.

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

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- Joan Dobisch, Southampton
- Dr. Joseph & Joan Jenci, Newtown
- Janet Shelly, Newtown
- Colleen Touch, Holland
- Cherie Waters, Newtown

New Corporate Members

- A. L. Patterson, Fairless Hills

Spring Cocktail Party

Invitations have gone out for our Spring Cocktail Party at the Half Moon Inn to be held on **Saturday evening April 20th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. The cost is \$35 per person and anyone wishing to bring their favorite hor's d'ourves would be welcome – any questions please call JoAnne Nardo 215-968-9052

5th Grade Historic Walking Tour

The Newtown Historic Association will be conducting the annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour on **Wednesday, June 5th**. Approximately 500 children from Goodnoe Elementary School, Newtown Elementary School, and St. Andrew's Elementary School will take a self guided walking tour through the Borough and Township visiting 10 historic sites. This is a very popular event with the children and enables them to learn about their local Newtown heritage. Hopefully the weather will cooperate as the children have a great time. This tour is coordinated by Peg Walker - a NHA member. If you would like to work a shift at the Half Moon Inn, please call Mary Callahan 215-968-3914. We always need volunteers.

Historic Walking Tour

We will be having a walking tour on **Friday evening, June 21st** leaving the Half Moon Inn at **6:30 PM**. This tour will be guided by Jeffrey Marshall, VP of Resource Protection at the Heritage Conservancy. The tour will feature architecturally significant buildings in the Borough. A “good will” donation would be appreciated.

Market Day

Market Day will be on Saturday, October 5th this year and we are always looking for people to volunteer to help. Please contact Bronwyn Jones to see where help is needed. 215-504-8038
mbj4a@aol.com. An hour of your time can make a huge difference.

NHA Archives Surveyed

During the last week of January, a team from the Historical Society of Pa. did a survey of the archival holdings of the NHA as part of its Hidden Collections Initiative for Pa. Small Archival Repositories. Under the direction of Andree Mey Miller, Project Coordinator, project surveyors Celia Caust-Ellenbogen and Faith Charlton spent 3 days reviewing our collection.

Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the project's goal is to raise awareness of the often hidden archival collections in the many small, primarily volunteer-run historical repositories in the greater Phila. area, such as local historical societies, historic sites and small museums with archival collections and then to make them more accessible. There are an estimated 120-150 small archival repositories in the five county Phila. area. The Society will create an online directory of all small archival repositories in the 5 county Phila. area making descriptive information on the collections publicly available. The survey has already been completed in Phila. and Montgomery Counties.

Once each survey is completed, the team will issue detailed reports to repositories, including collections descriptions, assessments and information for managing their archival holdings. The NHA looks forward to seeing this report.

January Dinner Meeting

The January Volunteer Recognition Dinner meeting was held on **Sunday, January 27th** at 6:00 PM at the Temperance House, 5 S. State St., Newtown. Homeowners who had their houses open for the 2012 Open House Tour were all honored – and also a surprise volunteer – JoAnne Nardo. It was a delicious dinner and everyone enjoyed themselves.

February Meeting

The February meeting was held on **Monday, February 18th** at 8 PM at the Half Moon Inn featuring Chris Blaydon, Mayor of Langhorne Borough and past president of Historic Langhorne Association. Mr. Blaydon and his family has been sailing the Delaware Estuary for over 35 years and has photographed historic sites from Trenton all the way tom Cape Henlopen. He showed pictures of his travels and it was a very interesting meeting.

Tavern Night

The eleventh annual Tavern Night was held on **Saturday, March 9th** at the Half-Moon Inn. It was a wonderful colonial event, which had lots of colonial cheer. The evening featured 18th century music, dancing, along with delicious food catered by Joseph's Garden Grille, accompanied by colonial side dishes. Singing, dancing and merriment carried on until midnight, and a good time was had by all!



Bill Mahler, Tavern Night Chair



Clean Up Day

Clean Up Day was held this year on **Saturday, March 23rd** at 8:30 AM at the Half Moon Inn. We had about 14 people helping volunteer to restore some luster to the many historical items and furnishings in the Half-Moon Inn. No experience is necessary! Join us next year and roll up your sleeves and give us a helping hand. Come out and help – it is a great time to meet people and make new friends.

Corporate Members


We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- A. L. Patterson
- David J. Witchell Salon & Spa
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Friends Home & Village
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- MeMa Mates
- Newtown Hardware House
- Peruzzi Automotive Group
- Stuckert and Yates
- Triumph Physical Therapy
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects
- Kevin Zlock, PC

Upcoming Events

- **Annual Meeting**, April 15th 8 pm
“Treasures from the Attic”
- **Cocktail Party**, April 20th. 5:00 p.m.
- **5th Grade Historic Walking Tour**, June 5th. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Historic Walking Tour**, June 21st. 6:30 p.m.
- **Market Day**, October 5th
- **General Membership Meeting**, “Stories from the Newtown Cemetery”, Sunday, October 14th 2p.m.
- **General Membership Meeting**, “128th Pa. Volunteers November 18. 8p.m.
- **Open House Tour**, December 7th.

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