



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

Open House Tour

Our 49th Annual Open House Tour will be on Saturday, December 3rd – 10 AM – 4 PM with a wonderful selection of private homes and public buildings.

- **Aaron Ridge House**
27 Court St.
Janet Beasley & Brian Titus
- **Francis Murray House**
35 Court St.
Joe & Noelle Finley
- **Francis Erwin House**
127 Court St.
Barry Fleck
- **County Cornwall House**
200 Court St.
Jim & ChaChaWilliams
- **Radford House**
130 S. Chancellor St.
Jeffrey & Kristen Ward
- **William Walt House**
194 N. Chancellor St.
Renee Noel & Wayne Heacock

Plus 6 public buildings with a quilt display at Newtown Presbyterian Church and a display of antique Noah's Arks at Newtown Borough Hall.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new member:
Harris & Karen Abrams,
Holland, Pa.



November General Meeting

“Devastation on the Delaware” will be held on **Monday, November 14th at 8:00 PM**. The Newtown Historic Association has invited Mary Shafer, author of the book “Devastation on the Delaware – Stories and Images of the Deadly Flood of 1955”. Ms. Shafer tells the stories of survivors and eyewitnesses of this devastating flood created from the rain fall of two record breaking hurricanes – Connie and Diane after a long period of drought.

Market Day Recap

Our Market Day – 35th annual crafts and arts fair was held on Saturday, October 1st under chancy weather conditions. We had around 55 craftspeople and demonstrators participate. Our restaurants were Isaac Newton’s, Lee’s Hoagies, and Styer’s Markets. The First Crossing Volunteers – a colonial militia group camped out in the backyard of the Half Moon Inn, demonstrating cooking and military skills of the era. Mercy Ingraham also demonstrated colonial cooking down on Mercer Street. Our hayrides are always a success with the children along with the face painting. The raffle for a \$400 gift certificate to the Queen Victoria Bed and Breakfast in Cape May, NJ was won by Karen Groff. We would like to thank everyone who helped with this event.

October General Meeting Recap

We had our October General Meeting at the Newtown Cemetery on **Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 PM**. The program presented was **“Stories from the Newtown Cemetery.”** Approximately twelve notable Newtown residents were featured with history and interesting facts about each one on a guided walking tour through the cemetery. There will also be an architectural history of the Cemetery Chapel, which is where the tour will begin. There were about 80 people in attendance and it was a very interesting program.



Thank You NFA

The Newtown Fire Association held their annual Beerfest in Newtown in September, which was a great success. The Newtown Fire Association donated \$5,000 to the Newtown Historic Association and \$5,000 to the Newtown Library Company from the proceeds of the beerfest. We are very grateful to the Newtown Fire Association for their generosity.

Corporate Members

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- David J. Witchell Salon & Spa
- DeFrehn Corporation
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Friends Home & Village
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Holland Floor Covering
- Law office of Paul R. Beckert, Jr.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- MeMaMates
- Newtown Hardware House
- Newtown-Jamison Physical Therapy
- ReMax Properties, Ltd.
- Stuckert and Yates
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects

Upcoming Events

- **General Membership Meeting**, “Devastation on the Delaware: the Flood of 1955” *November 14, 8p.m*
- **Open House Tour**, *December 3.*

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