



# 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

Paul Gouza, *President*  
Bill Mahler, *First Vice President*  
Barry Fleck, *Second Vice President*  
Mary Jo Garner, *Recording Secretary*  
Mary Callahan, *Corresp. Secretary*  
Marge Torongo, *Treasurer*

## Board of Directors

Keyna Crawford  
Bronwyn Jones  
Betsey King  
Jeffrey Marshall  
JoAnne Nardo  
Geno Peruzzi  
Brian Rounsavill  
Susan Thompson  
David Walton  
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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:

Jenny Yim & Nicholas Cavallaro  
Eric and Jen Nicholl  
Chris & Clarissa Stone

## NHA Facebook Page

Please check out Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/newtownhistoriccassociation> and tell your friends! We posted the veterans pictures from our archives and had thousands of viewings. We post many old interesting pictures for you to see and publicize our upcoming events.

## Coming soon – a new NHA Website

The NHA tech wizards are working hard at formatting and populating our new NHA Website. Wait for an announcement of when it will be up and running.

## Annual Dues

If you have not already paid your 2016 dues, please do so – and if you would like to be removed from our membership list, please email [dcnhh@comcast.net](mailto:dcnhh@comcast.net)

## “Market Day in Historic Newtown”

Newtown Historic Association will sponsor its 40th Annual Market Day on **Saturday, October 1st from 10 am – 4 pm.** There are over 85 crafters, a lot of

them new to Market Day, coming with a wide variety of interesting crafts, from quilting, rug braiding, spinning, fine arts, jewelry, photography, blacksmithing and woodcarving. The Newtown Historic Association is partnering with the Newtown Library Company for a 5K race that day that will end at Market Day. We will also have State Street closed off with numerous sponsors. The First Crossing Volunteers - a colonial militia revolutionary war encampment will camp out in the backyard of the Half Moon. We will be having candle dipping in the Boone Garden. Musical entertainment will perform



throughout the day. The Penns Woods Puppet Theater will again be here for the children’s fun. Come and “make a Scarecrow” and win a prize. “A Better Way Farm” will be having the popular hayrides with their team of Belgian draft horses. Our ever successful Festival of Foods will feature local Newtown restaurants, and “Best Darn Kettle Corn” and Open Hearth Cooking. The raffle will be a \$400 gift certificate to use toward a weekend at the historic “Queen Victoria Bed and Breakfast Inn”, Cape May, New Jersey. So come out and enjoy Market Day with all your friends and neighbors. **We**

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always need volunteers so if you can help , please contact [volunteer4nha@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer4nha@gmail.com) or call Bronwyn Jones 404-210-5543.



## Antique Appraisal coming up in October

The Newtown Historic Association in partnership with Johnson Kendall & Johnson Inc. Insurance Brokerage and Risk Management Firm are hosting an **Antique Appraisal Fair** on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** from 1 – 4 pm at the Half Moon Inn.

Is that painting in your closet a masterpiece?? Are you keeping pennies in an old vase that might be worth a small fortune?? Bring a favorite item or two for appraisal by the experts from Stephenson's Auction and find out what your treasure is worth. You must be able to carry your item in yourself.

The appraisals will be conducted by Stephenson's Auction of Southampton. Cindy Stephenson, Tom Wakeley and Paula Fox are all accredited members of the International Society of Appraisers. Ms. Stephenson and Mr. Wakeley are specialists in antique, residential contents, Coins and Silver and Ms. Fox has her specialty in Gems and Jewelry as well as Antiques and is accredited by the Gemological Institute of America. Ms. Stephenson also has nearly 30 years experience as

a Pa. Licensed Auctioneer at Stephenson's Auction.

There is an initial \$5 admission, and if you want something appraised - appraisal fees are \$7 per item or 3 items for \$20. Appraisals are held from 1 – 4 pm Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>

## May Meeting - A Walking Tour of George School

We had our May meeting at the George School where David B. Long, who is the George School Archivist since 2008. He is responsible for maintaining the Quaker school's historical documents, non-digital photographs, and related objects. He gave a tour of the Mollie Dodd Library to see the Archive display area, the new Gym to see the new historical display there, the Train Station location and the Main Building to see the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works fireplaces. Around 60 people were there.



David B. Long



## 5th Grade Historic Walking Tour

The Newtown Historic Association conducted the annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour on Wednesday, June 1st. Approximately 600 children, teachers and parents from Goodnoe Elementary School, Newtown Elementary School, St. Andrew's Elementary School and Albert the Great School of Huntingdon Valley. All went on a 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. The weather was perfect for the tour - This tour is coordinated by Peg Walker - a NHA member. We thank her for her time in putting this tour together with the schools and the historic sites.



Jean Torongo at the Old Presbyterian Church



Geno Peruzzi in front of the Justice House



David Callahan in front of the fireplace at the Half Moon Inn

### Spring Cocktail Party

We had our Spring Cocktail Party on Saturday evening April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Inn was decorated with festive flowers by Lorraine Pentz and Jeanette Rogers and a good time was had by all.



Tavern Room decorated



Lorraine Pentz, Jeanette Rogers and Becky Marshall



MaryJo and Jimmy Garner



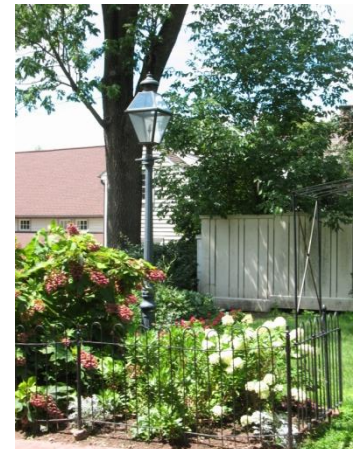
### June - Bike Tour

We had a bike tour through Newtown and George School led by Paul and Laurie Gouza pointing out historic and interesting sites. Around 25 people participated.

### Boone Garden

One of the often overlooked assets of the NHA is the Boone Garden which is directly across the street from the Half Moon Inn. The garden is maintained by the devoted group of volunteers led by Karen Groff who has done this for years. Some of the other people who help out are Amy Peruzzi, Michele Kumor, Chris and Nick Lilly, Beth Danner, Vineeta Prasad, Kathy Gonsalves and Karen's

uncle Charlie Weiss. They replace the plantings when necessary and weed, plant, trim, mulch and water all spring, summer and fall. New plants this year are a lime light hydrangea, a knock out rose and begonias, marigolds and vinca. They deserve our thanks for a jewel of a garden.



### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Newtown Historic Association was held on April 18th at 7:30 PM at the Half Moon (Court) Inn. In keeping with tradition, the Annual Business Meeting reports from all committee chairmen were read. We also had "Treasures from the Attic" displayed and discussed.

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There was election of officers as follows:

The April 2016 to April 2018 Slate of Officers and Directors was voted on:

Officers elected for a 3 year term :

Corres. Secretary – Mary Callahan

Directors appointed for a 3 year term

Keyna Crawford

Geno Peruzzi

David Walton

## Half Moon Inn Kitchen

### Roof painted

Our President, Paul Gouza has devoted days and evenings to repainting the metal kitchen roof at the Half Moon Inn. This is necessary to maintain the condition of the roof itself. We don't want any leaks!!!

## Corporate Members

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- A. L. Patterson
- David J. Witchell Salon & Spa
- First National Bank of Newtown
- DeFrehn Roofing
- Friends Home & Village
- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP
- Global Mortgage Network Inc.
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- MeMa Mates
- William B. Parry & Son Ltd
- Robert Small & Associates LLC
- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service
- Triumph Physical Therapy
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects
- Zlock & Coverdale, PC

## Upcoming Events:

**Market Day**, Saturday, October 1st  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm – we need volunteers

**General Membership Meeting**,  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 1 – 4 pm  
“Antique Appraisal”

**General Membership Meeting**,  
Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm  
“Grand Forage 1778 – The  
Revolutionary War’s Forgotten  
Campaign”

**Charles Dickens – “A Christmas Carol”** featuring Alisa Dupuy  
Friday, December 2nd 6:30 pm

**Holiday Open House Tour**,  
Saturday, December 3rd 10:00 am to  
4:00 pm.