



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

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Paul & Gail Benchener Newtown
Edward Donner Langhorne

NHA Website

If you visited www.newtownhistoric.org in the past month, you probably noticed something very different. That's right, our site has been revised and updated with a completely new look! We've worked hard to create a site that shows off all the great things about the NHA and we are thrilled to have launched it in time for both Market Day and the Holiday Open House Tour. With our new platform we'll now be able to post more photos, add new and updated content, and build more ways for you to connect with and support the NHA. We hope you'll check it out -- be sure to let us know what you think!

In addition to the new website, we also have a new email address: info@newtownhistoric.org. Be sure to add us to your address book so our emails can continue to reach you.



127 Court St.

Holiday Open House Tour

Get ready for another outstanding Holiday Open House Tour. It is on Saturday December 3rd and we have a great selection of private homes and public buildings – 13 in all. You can get your tickets in advance at the Newtown Book and Record Exchange, 120 S. State St. Newtown beginning November 1st or get on line at www.brownpapertickets.com. Also tickets will be sold the day of the tour at the Half Moon Inn, 105 Court St. and the Stocking Works, 301 S. State St. beginning at 9:30 am that day. Parking is available at the Stocking Works.

Here are the pictures of the private homes on the tour:



201 Penn Street



410 E. Washington Ave.

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239 Court St.



101 Liberty St.



27 Court St.

“Grand Forage 1778 – The Revolutionary War’s Forgotten Campaign”

The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 7:30 PM at the Half-Moon Inn, 105 Court St., Newtown. We have invited Todd W. Braisted, to speak on the “Grand Forage 1778 – The Revolutionary War’s Forgotten Campaign” Mr. Braisted is the past president of the Bergen County Historical Society, an honorary vice president of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, and a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians. He has authored

numerous articles and books on the American Revolution and has appeared on such shows as PBS’s *History Detectives*. His website, www.royalprovincial.com, is a leading source for Loyalist information. No Reservations Necessary - For further information call 215-968-3914 or visit the NHA Website www.newtownhistoric.org.

Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol

One of our members, Alisa Dupuy of The Ladies of History Historical Productions, will be performing a one-woman show of **Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol**. She will portray Ebenezer Scrooge’s sister, Fan, come to regale us with his story. The show is about 50 minutes long and features Ms. Dupuy acting out all of the characters and bringing this timeless story to life for us in the delightful ambiance of our beloved Half Moon Inn.

There will be a cocktail hour beforehand and we encourage people to have an early dinner in Newtown at one of the many fine eating establishments before the show which will begin at 7:30 pm. Cocktails will be from 6:30 until show-time on December 2nd 2016.

Cost for this event is \$25. All proceeds to benefit NHA. Please make checks payable to NHA and mail to: NHA c/o the Callahan, 113 Court Street, Newtown, PA 18940 **Space is limited – so get your check in early.** Thank you for your participation. For information about Alisa Dupuy or testimonials regarding the show, please visit www.theladiesofhistory.com



“Market Day in Historic Newtown”

We had Market Day on October 1st and it was a huge success. We had sponsor tables on State Street and over 80 crafters. T-shirts were for sale and tote bags were given out free. The Newtown Library 5K Race ended up at Market Day that morning and it was a very festive day for all. The winner of the raffle for the gift cert to Cape May was Jeanette Rogers, Button jar was Henry Piotrowski who guessed 1,300 – the answer was 1,304, Marble Jar winner were the Woldorfs who guessed 242, the answer was 238 and the “What’s It” was a Ballot Box guessed correctly by Adelaide Crompton. We would like to thank the committee – Bronwyn Jones, Susan Thompson and Annamarie Kaminski for all their hard work. Also thanks to all the other volunteers who helped that day.



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Antique Appraisal - a big hit

The NHA in partnership with Johnson Kendall & Johnson, Inc. Insurance Brokerage and Risk Mgmt Firm hosted an Antique and Collectibles Appraisal recently at the Half Moon Inn. Cindy Stephenson (a NHA long-time member), Paula Fox and Tom Wakeley – all certified appraisers from Stephenson's Auction House of Southampton were busy all afternoon. They looked at a great variety of things that people brought in.



Antiques Appraisal Event



Tom Wakeley, Cindy Stephenson & Bob Bartels



Antiques Appraisal Event

Len & Marilyn Franckowiak with Paula Fox

Girls Scout Troop #2556 Lends a hand with the Boone Garden and Exterior of the Half Moon Inn

Sunday, Oct. 16th some of the girls from Troop #2556 spent the morning in the Boone Garden scrubbing the Carpenter's Hall wooden fence in the rear of the garden and then they tackled the doors and shutters on the Inn. Karen Groff who is in charge of the Boone Garden arranged this. The troop is under the guidance of Georgia and Alex Larounis and the girls did a terrific job on everything



Karen Groff, Maria and Georgia Larounis



Troop 2556 Clean-Up Day

Mark your calendars for our **January dinner to be on January 29th** to honor the homeowners and public building stewards who participated in the tour. More info will be forthcoming.



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.
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- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service
- Triumph Physical Therapy
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects
- Zlock & Coverdale, PC

Upcoming Events:

General Meeting,

Monday, November 14th 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.

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