



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:
Eduardo & Kelly Medeiros,
C. David & Jane Krewson,
Mae O'Neill and Kevin Zlock, P.C.
all of Newtown.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner – Jan 29th

Enclosed is a reservation form for the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, where we will thank the Open House Homeowners, Public Building representatives and Research Center Volunteers. Please send in your reservation to Jo-Ann Nardo, no later than **January 20th**. A PowerPoint presentation of the pictures of the houses on the tour will be shown – they are beautiful.

February Meeting - “Lucretia Mott: Abolitionist and Suffragette”

The NHA will be hosting a joint program with the Newtown Library Company on Monday February 20th at 8:00 PM at the historic Newtown Theatre on State Street. The featured speaker will be a re-enactor portraying Lucretia Mott, an abolitionist who originally spoke at the Newtown Theatre in June 1855. The Choirs of the St. Mark's AME Church & the Macedonia Baptist Church will also perform.



March Meeting - “Washington’s Crossing the Delaware: From A Soldier’s Perspective”

The March Meeting will be held on Monday March 19th at 8:00 pm. Our speaker is John Godzieba, President of “Friends of Washington’s Crossing” who portrays George Washington in the annual reenactment. He will describe the experience and also tell us about the group’s efforts to raise funds for the Washington’s Crossing Historic Park educational programs and interpretive tours.

Holiday House Tour

Our 49th Annual Open House Tour was held on Saturday, December 3rd. We had wonderful houses and perfect weather. Attendance was over 1,000 people which is a record for recent years. We sincerely thank the homeowners and public buildings for being open and helping the NHA raise funds to continue our efforts to maintain our buildings and research center for the benefit of the public. Please join us in congratulating them at our January Recognition Dinner.

Open House Photos



Beasley-Titus House



Newtown Presbyterian Church



Newtown Borough Hall

Clean Up Day

Our annual Clean-Up Day will be held this year on Saturday, March 24th at 8:30 AM at the Half Moon Inn. We need people to help restore some luster to the many historical items and furnishings in the Half-Moon Inn. No experience is necessary! Join us and roll up your sleeves and give an hour or two and a helping hand. It is a great time to meet people and make new friends.

November Meeting Recap - "Devastation on the Delaware"

Our November Meeting was held on Monday, November 14th at 8:00 PM. Our speaker was Mary Shafer, author of the book "Devastation on the Delaware – Stories and Images of the Deadly Flood of 1955". Ms. Shafer told 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.



Fire, Fire in Newtown!!!

On Tuesday, January 20, 1846 about seven o'clock in the morning a frame dwelling house in Newtown, occupied by Garret Krewson was discovered to be on fire and in a short time with its contents was burned to the ground. It caught fire from the chimney in the upper story. The well known liberality of the citizens of the place, immediately made up the loss in the occupant, who is a laboring man and of course would be left in a destitute condition from the effects of the fire. (Source: Doylestown Democrat and Bucks County Gazette, January 18, 1846)

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
- Triumph Physical Therapy
- Peruzzi Automotive Group
- Stuckert and Yates
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects
- Kevin Zlock, PC

Upcoming Events

• **January Recognition Dinner for the Open House Tour Homeowners, Public Building Representatives and Research Center Volunteers** - Sunday, January 29th @ 6:00 pm at the Temperance House.

• **February Joint Meeting** with the Newtown Library Company – "*Lucretia Mott: Abolitionist and Suffragette*" - Monday, February 20th @ 8:00 PM at the Newtown Theatre.

• **General Membership Meeting**, "*Washington's Crossing of the Delaware: As Seen from A Soldier's Perspective*" – Monday, March 19th @ 8:00 pm at the Half-Moon Inn; John Godzieba, special guest speaker.

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