



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**:

- Gordon & Maria Campbell
Jeffrey Lipton
- Victoria Redington
- David & Elizabeth Wolcott,
All of Newtown

New Life Member

- Janice Perry, *Newtown*

Upgrade to Life Member

Bronwyn Jones

January Dinner Meeting

The January Volunteer Recognition Dinner meeting will be 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 Open House Tour and Stewards of the Public Buildings that were open Contact Jo-Anne Nardo, 215-968-0952 for reservations – the cost is \$35.00 per person.

February Meeting - "Historic Sites Along the Delaware Estuary"

The February meeting will be held on **Monday, February 18th** at 8 PM at the Half-Moon Inn. Our speaker will be Chris Blaydon, Mayor of Langhorne Borough and past president of Historic Langhorne Association. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Colonial Tavern Night

The eleventh annual Tavern Night will be held on **Saturday, March 9th** at the Half-Moon Inn. Join us for this wonderful colonial event, which promises to have even more colonial cheer. The evening will feature 18th century music, dancing, along with delicious food catered by Joseph's Garden Grille accompanied by colonial side dishes. Join us for an evening that will take you back to a time when our country was new and exciting. RSVP by March 1st to Mary Callahan at (215) 968-3914. Tickets are \$50 per person.

March Meeting - "128th Pa Volunteers – The Little Known Contribution Bucks County Made to the Union Effort in the Civil War"

The March meeting will be held on **Monday, March 18th** at 8:00 PM at the Half-Moon Inn. Our speaker will be David Krewson - a native Newtownian and a great-grandson of one of the enlisted men - who will speak on the "128th Pa. Volunteers – The Little Known Contribution Bucks County Made to the Union Effort in the Civil War". The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Holiday Open House Tour

The 50th Annual Holiday Open House Tour was held on Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Over 830 people enjoyed the cold and beautiful weather to tour the following private homes and public buildings that were open for touring:

- **The Page House**
14 S. Chancellor St.
- **The King House**
242 S. Chancellor St..
- **The Dinneen House**
200 S. State St..
- **The Cosack House**
21 Greene St.
- **The Pentz House**
98 Penn St.
- **The Szwajkos Train Display**
107 Penn St.
- **St. Luke's Episcopal Church –**
100 E. Washington Ave..
- **Newtown Fire Association**
14 Liberty St..
- **Newtown Borough Hall**
23 N. State St.
- **Newtown Library Company**
114 East Centre Avenue
- **Half-Moon Inn**
Court Street & Centre Avenue
- **The Stocking Works**
301 South State Street

The Half-Moon Inn was beautifully appointed by the Countryside Gardeners and had an open hearth cooking demonstration, re-enactors portraying original proprietors Joseph and Margaret Thornton. The homeowners and volunteers did a wonderful job decorating their homes and hosting the visitors. The Open House Tour Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped make the day a success.



Bob Szwajko's Trains – an Admirer



Bob and Betsey King

Clean Up Day at the Half Moon Inn

Clean-Up Day will be held this year **on Saturday, March 23rd** at 8:30 AM at the Half Moon Inn. Volunteers are needed to help restore some luster to the many historical items and furnishings in the Half-Moon Inn. Join us at 8:30 AM and roll up your sleeves and give us a helping hand.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th at the Half Moon Inn. All members are invited. The Annual Business Meeting will have reports from all standing and the 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 and David Callahan. This lecture will showcase selected items from the NHA archives that are interesting and unique to the Newtown community.

Corporate Members

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

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

Upcoming Events

- **General Membership Meeting**, "Historic Sites Along the Delaware Estuary" *February 22. 8:00 p.m.*
- **Tavern Night**, *March 9th . 7:00 p.m*
- **General Membership Meeting**, "128th Pa. Volunteers" *March 18th. 8:00 p.m.*
- **Spring Clean-Up**, *March 23rd. 8:30 a.m.*
- **Annual Meeting**, "Treasures from the Attic", *April 15th. 8:00 p.m.*
- **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 14th. 6:30 p.m.*
- **Annual Picnic**, *June 22nd. 6:00 p.m.*
- **Market Day**, *October 5th*
- **General Membership Meeting**, "Stories from the Newtown Cemetery", *Sunday, October 13th 2p.m.*
- **General Membership Meeting**, "Washington Crossing Veterans Cemetery" *November 18th. 8p.m.*
- **Open House Tour**, *December 7th*

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