



# 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

## Sunday Social at the Half Moon Inn

February 8<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4 pm  
Come out and see friends

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new individual members:

Pete & Gretchen Peters, Wash. Cr.  
Marc & Bonnie Waldinger  
Newtown

## Major Donations Received

Susan McEwen-Fial \$1,000  
Richard & Georgia Koenig \$1,000  
Marga Rogers \$1,500  
Craig & Helen Smith - \$500

## Amanda Malvina Morris Sampler obtained by the NHA



The needlework sampler above was made in 1818 by Amanda Malvina Morris when Amanda was 9 years old.

Amanda was born in Newtown Feb. 13, 1808 and died here on Sept. 11, 1829. She was the daughter of a wealthy Newtown attorney Enos Morris and his first wife, Elizabeth Hugh. She also had seven brothers and sisters. She married John Lloyd – born 1809

She had children Enos Morris Lloyd born 1827, and Henry C. Lloyd born Jan. 30, 1829. She was buried in Old School Baptist Meeting House Cemetery, Southampton. The sampler pictures the “Bucks County Academy Building” which used to be behind the present First National Bank & Trust Co., Newtown – off of Centre Avenue in the rear of the bank. It also pictures “Old Washy” an antique fire engine which was built in Philadelphia and is owned by the Newtown Fire Association and also the Fire Association’s antique hose cart plus carriages, trees and animals. It has polychrome silk threads on a linen ground. It is presently exhibited in the Hicks Room.

Funds to purchase this sampler were donated by two long time Newtown Historic Association members.

We very much appreciate their generosity to be able to bring this piece of Newtown memorabilia back to Newtown.

## January Dinner Meeting

The January Homeowner & Volunteer Recognition Dinner meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM at the Brick Hotel, 1 Washington Avenue, Newtown. Homeowners who had their houses open for the Open House Tour and Volunteer of the Year will be honored. Contact Keyna Crawford 215-968-2783 for reservations – the cost is \$40.00 per person.

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**Holiday Open House Tour**

Our tour had a gloomy and rainy day and consequently we only sold 460 tickets. We wish to thank all the homeowners and volunteers who worked that day. We hope for better weather next year.

**Olde Father Christmas**

We were fortunate to have Olde Father Christmas and his wife portrayed by Dan McAuliffe and his wife Charie arrived at the Half Moon Inn on Sat. December 20<sup>th</sup>. Father Christmas is seen to represent the spirit of Christmas: that of good cheer and benevolence to all. The visiting children enjoyed meeting him and Olde Lady Christmas.



**February Program**

Fabric Art by David Dunkelberger  
Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm original  
designs of handmade quilted wall  
hangings

**March Program**

“A Country Worth Fighting For”  
By Paula Gijunis – Civil War expert.  
Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.



**Clean Up Day**

Come and help out at our annual Clean  
Up Day, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from  
8:30 am for a couple of hours.

**Colonial Tavern Night**

The 13th annual Tavern Night will be held on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Half-Moon Inn. The evening will feature 18th century music, dancing, along with delicious food catered by Joseph's Garden Grille. 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

**Corporate Members**

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- A. L. Patterson
- David J. Witchell Salon & Spa
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- Friends Home and Village
- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- MeMaMates
- Triumph Physical Therapy
- Stuckert and Yates
- Waitkus Design
- Zlock & Coverdale PC

**Upcoming Events**

- Winter Dinner – Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at the Brick Hotel
- Sunday Social at the Half Moon Inn, Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4 pm.
- General Meeting – Fabric Art, Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 8 pm
- Tavern Night – Sat. March 7<sup>th</sup> 7 pm
- Clean Up Day, Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am
- General Meeting - A Country Worth Fighting For – Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 8 pm

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