



NEWTOWN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
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SPRING NEWSLETTER

ELECTION RESULTS

At the April meeting of the NHA the annual election of officers took place with the results as follows:

PRESIDENT.....ELEANOR JANNEY
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.....DAVID CALLAHAN
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.....MARTIN SUTTON
TREASURER.....PHIL HAGAN
RECORDING SECRETARY.....MARJORIE TORONGO
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....MARY ROUNSAVILL

The officers will comprise the Executive Committee for the next two years. Thanks are in order for Francella Smith who as President worked assiduously for the Association for a long four years. Another NHA trooper over the years working as Treasurer and in other capacities has been Eleanor Janney who was named President for the upcoming year. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Eleanor as she leads the Association into the 1990s. We know hers will be an historic presidential term, full of achievement, challenge, and fun.

The Association's Board of Directors for 1990-1991 named at the April meeting is marginally different from that of last year and looks like this:

The Officers*	Jack Sutterly**
Ernest Millard*	Brenda McIntyre**
Sydney T. Yates*	Francella Smith**
Charles E. Rollins*	Cindy Stevenson**
Dolly Gish*	
Mary Jane Crumlish*	

* Two-year term.

** Four-year term.

Serving again as Association Parliamentarian is the very able Bob Brooks who will do his best to see that Robert's Rules of Order are scrupulously followed. Anyone with questions or suggestions concerning the Association should contact any of the officers or directors. Good luck to one and all.

PROGRAM NOTE

Program director Dolly Gish announced at the April meeting that she will be presenting Mr. Andrew Daniele of Holmdel, New Jersey at our next meeting on Monday, May 21st. Mr. Daniele, an expert carver and scrimshander, will lead a program of Schrimshaw at our meeting, sharing with us the fruits of his expertise gathered over 20 years of work in this field. Mr. Daniele specializes in wood and bone, but has also worked with coal, deer antler, whale's teeth, and coconut shells, among other things. The Daniele story is an interesting one. Twenty years

ago he found himself in Chincoteague, Virginia with time on his hands and a need to do something with the self-same hands. He had just given up smoking. He noted that in Chincoteague everybody was carving duck decoys and thought that he could handle such a hobby. Within a short period of time, Daniele had an established reputation in New Jersey as one who turned out intricate, original and beautiful carvings made with everything from wood to bone. He is now regarded as one of the top scrimshanders in the country. What started out as a hobby to overcome the cigarette habit has become an all-consuming vocation. Daniele will be our guest on May 21st. If you are interested in bringing any pieces of Scrimshaw to the meeting, do so. He'll appraise it for you. Meanwhile, he will be making a small piece which will be chanced off as a door prize that evening. Feeling lucky? See you on the 21st.

THE COCKTAIL PARTY

The Margaret Thornton Cocktail Party, held April 21st at the Court Inn, was another resounding Association success. Following closely on the heels of the Colonial Gourmet Dinner in March, the cocktail party attracted 75 members and friends who turned into gourmands for another evening in their own Court Street hostelry. Much good food and drink accompanied by lively conversation marked the evening. Thanks especially to Margaret Danese of Ways and Means for her efforts, not to mention Marge Torongo, Eleanor Janney, Ernie Millard and others who made the Thornton party an historic success.

A CALL FOR SUNDAY HOSTS/HOSTESSES

As you know, the Court Inn is open to the public on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. We, the members, are responsible for serving as hosts and hostesses on these Sundays through the temperate months of the year. If you can help out, please contact Dave Callahan (968-3611) or Mart Sutton (968-3211) who will be happy to fill you in on details. Your help is needed. And we think you will find this a constructive and pleasant way to spend a few weekend hours.

CALENDAR

- May 21.....Daniele on Scrimshaw, Court Inn, 8 p.m.
- June 16.....Pig Roast, Court Inn, 6 p.m. (BYOB); 7 p.m. feast.
- September 15.....Market Day, Court Street, 10 a.m. start; see Dave Callahan for details (your help is needed).
- October 11-15....."Creole Flavor" Cultural Trip to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. See Ginny Willis for details at 579-300 or 968-6881. Still some space left on this great travel bargain to southern climes.

INFORMATION REQUEST

If you have access to information on the history of the Newtown Cemetery Chapel, please contact Marge Torongo at 493-0310. Plans are still perculating for restoring this noble stone structure on the east side of the Borough. This is one gem we want to polish. Please call Marge or any member of the Board.