



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:

- Joe & Noelle Finley, *Newtown, PA*
- Susan McEwen-Fial, *Newtown, PA*
- Keli Connor & Joe Wallace, *Newtown, PA*
- A. Larry Krusen, *Doylestown, PA*
- Harry Zane Weaver, *Newtown, PA*
- James & Charlene Williams, *Newtown, PA*
- Friends Home and Village, *Newtown, PA*

April 2011 – Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Newtown Historic Association will be held on **April 18th at 8:00 PM** at the Half Moon (Court) Inn. In keeping with tradition, the Annual Business Meeting includes Election of Officers and Board Members – and reports from all standing committee chairmen. The NHA had a very busy and successful year. Following the Annual Business Meeting, a presentation entitled, “*Treasures from the Attic: Selected Items from the NHA Archives*” will be given by Harriet Beckert & David Callahan. The lecture will showcase items from the archives that are interesting and unique to the Newtown community.

Spring Cocktail Party

Invitations will soon be going out for our Spring Cocktail Party at the Half Moon Inn to be held on **Saturday evening May 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm**. The Inn will be decorated with spring flowers and it is a good time to come out and see your friends and neighbors in a lovely setting. Anyone wishing to bring their favorite hor d'ourves would be welcome – any questions please call Mary Callahan 215-968-3914.

5th Grade Historic Walking Tour

The Newtown Historic Association will be conducting the annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour on **Wednesday, June 1st**. Approximately 400-500 children from Goodnoe Elementary School, Newtown Elementary School, and St. Andrew's Elementary School will take a self guided walking tour through the Borough and Township visiting 10 historic sites. This is a very popular event with the children and enables them to learn about their local Newtown heritage. Hopefully the weather will cooperate as the children have a great time. This tour is coordinated by Peg Walker and NHA member. If you would like to work a shift at the Half Moon Inn, please call Mary Callahan 215-968-3914. We always need volunteers.

Historic Walking Tour

We will be having a walking tour on **Friday evening, June 10th** leaving the Half Moon Inn at **6:30 PM**. This tour will be guided by Jeffrey Marshall, VP of Resource Protection at the Heritage Conservancy. The tour will feature North Chancellor St. & North Lincoln Avenue.

January Dinner Meeting

The January Volunteer Recognition Dinner meeting was held on **Sunday, January 30th** at 6:00 PM at the Temperance House, 5 S. State St., Newtown. Homeowners who had their houses open for the 2010 Open House Tour and Stewards of the Public Buildings that were open were all honored – and also a volunteer from our Research Center – Gale Jefferson.

February Meeting “African Americans in the Civil War”

The February meeting was held on **Tuesday, February 22nd** at 8 PM at the Half-Moon Inn. This was a special Tuesday evening meeting as the speaker was not available on a Monday evening. In celebration of Black History Month, the NHA invited Paula Gidjunis, an instructor at the Manor College Civil War Institute, who presented a lecture entitled “*African Americans in the Civil War*”. The presentation discussed the different roles African Americans, both free and slave, took on in aiding in the abolition of slavery. It proved to be a very interesting and informative program.

March Meeting “Bryn Athyn Railroad Disaster of 1921”

The March meeting was held on **Monday, March 21st** at 8:00 PM at the Half-Moon Inn. The program was “*Bryn Athyn Railroad Disaster of 1921*” presented by the Southampton Railroad Station Society. This was a very interesting presentation on the crash on the Newtown Line in Bryn Athyn where some Newtown citizens were killed and many were injured. There were around 60 people at this meeting. We had a full house and are considering offering this again at a future date.

Tavern Night

The ninth annual Tavern Night was held on **Saturday, March 12th** at the Half-Moon Inn. It was a wonderful colonial event, which had colonial cheer. The evening will featured 18th century music, dancing, along with delicious food catered by Joseph's Garden Grille accompanied by colonial side dishes. There were 70 people in attendance and the singing went on until 12:00 midnight.

Clean Up Day

Clean-Up Day was held this year on **Saturday, March 26th** at 8:30 AM at the Half Moon Inn. We had about 15 people helping volunteer to restore some luster to the many historical items and furnishings in the Half-Moon Inn. No experience is necessary! Join us next year and roll up your sleeves and give us a helping hand. Come out and help – it is a great time to meet people and make new friends.

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.
- Newtown Hardware House
- Newtown-Jamison Physical Therapy
- ReMax Properties, Ltd.
- Stuckert and Yates
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects

Upcoming Events

- **Annual Meeting**, April 18. 8:00 p.m.
- **Cocktail Party**, May 7. 5:00 p.m.
- **5th Grade Historic Walking Tour**, June 1. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Historic Walking Tour**, June 10. 6:30 p.m.
- **Annual Picnic**, June 18. 6:00 p.m.
- **Market Day**, October 1st
- **General Membership Meeting**, “Stories from the Newtown Cemetery”, Sunday, October 9. 2p.m.
- **General Membership Meeting**, “Devastation on the Delaware: the Flood of 1955” November 14. 8p.m.
- **Open House Tour**, December 3.

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