

NEWTOWN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

MAY 1991 NEWSLETTER

MARKET DAY START-UP

Yes, the 13th annual Market Day will take place on Saturday, September 14th and plans are already under way to make this the most successful one yet. Dave Callahan and Mary Rounsavill are the General Co-Chairmen of this year's call to market, while Palmer and Joan Sharpless will again co-chair the important crafts segment of the day.

We need helpers. This is a major fundraising event for the Association and many hands are needed to make it work. Our committees and chairpersons for Market day are as follows:

Coffee and Donuts.....	Eleanor Janney
Corn Hunking Match.....	Bruce Stevens
Stocks.....	Joe & Corrine Binkley and Harold & Bert Lewis
Information and Membershiip.....	Lorraine Pentz
Hospitality.....	Barbara Reeder
Music.....	Ernie Millard
Ways and Means.....	Margaret Danese
Raffle.....	Wendy and Ed Curtin
Lemon & Orange Sticks.....	Barbara and Glen Hains
Hayrides.....	John Hilferty, Jr.
Antique Auction.....	Cindy Stephenson & Mary Alice Hagan
Publicity.....	Mary Rounsavill
Tickets for Funnel Cakes.....	Roberta Taylor
Restaurants Coordination.....	Jim Calderone and Skip Gittens
Set Up and Clean Up.....	Dave Callahan, Bill Platt, and Jack Sutterley
Finance.....	Phil Hagan
Posters.....	Dolly Gish and Brenda McIntyre

Please plan to be in Newtown for Market Day, and if you are of a mind to help, contact one or a number of the above chairs. However energetic and talented all of these people are, we need to make this a collective effort for optimal results.

Incidentally, the "Festival of Foods" segment of Market Day, which proved so popular last year, will again be featured this year. The participating restaurants have yet to be named, but work is progressing on that front. Also, the lively "Morris Dancers" will be performing in the afternoon. The restaurant offerings and the dancing will serve as interesting complements to the usual array of craftspeople and exhibitors there to take us back to the 18th century. And where better place to do that than Court Street? Please mark your calendar accordingly.

NHA LIBRARY COMMITTEE NOTE

An important part of our research arm is the Edward R. Barnsley Library of Newtown History located on the second floor of the Court Inn. The library has been fortunate

in receiving gifts and bequests of books and various documents concerning people and places relating to Newtown. Naturally, a great deal of work is necessary in cataloging and filing, including typing and copying of materials. There are several dedicated volunteers who have done yeoman's work in keeping our valuable collection current, but these stalwart types do need help from a few more willing hands. The working hours in the library are on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the group is convivial as well as productive. If you would be interested in joining forces with our librarians and scribes, please call the Court Inn (968-4004) and leave your name and telephone number. Dolly Gish of the Library Committee will then contact you.

COURT INN SUNDAY HOURS

The Court Inn will again be open on Sundays through the end of October (holidays excepted) from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon to accommodate tourists and others interested in taking a look around this historic address. As you may know, we are looking for people for these two hour Sunday stints, to be present to answer any questions our visitors may have. Many of the Sundays from June through October are not yet spoken for. If you can spare two hours of a Sunday in the months ahead, please call Mart Sutton at 968-3211. Again, we do need your help for this Sunday coverage.

NHA COCKTAIL PARTY

The Association's cocktail party held in mid-April to welcome in the spring season and chase away those IRS blues was a great success. There were an estimated 75 people in attendance on a balmy Saturday evening, and the food prepared for the occasion by a brigade of volunteers led by Eleanor Janney and Marge Torongo proved to be four star fare from one end of the groaning board to the other. Audrey Rollins once again outdid herself with floral embellishments appropriate to the time and place, while Mike Donahue stoked the fire to help warm the Court Inn. This was another great occasion in our calendar of events, and Eleanor Janney promises that we will repeat this convivial assemblage next year.

SUMMER FEAST

President Eleanor Janney reminds us that the Pig Roast, formerly the Steak Fry, will take place on Saturday, June 22 beginning at 6 p.m. The modest charge for this affair is \$12, which makes this one of the best culinary deals in town. Hope you can make the roast for good food and a good time.

MAY MEETING

The May 20th meeting will feature Mr. Lee Fisher, an archaeologist who directs the Lower Bucks County Museum of Archaeology and History. Mr. Fisher, a dynamic speaker, will speak and show his extensive collection of native American artifacts including very old arrowheads found in the vicinity of Newtown. Everyone is invited. Time: 8 p.m.

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The NHA has a Radio Shack TRS-80 Model III Microcomputer for sale. Call Mary Rounsavill for details at 579-6421 (days) or 968-3914 (evenings).