

# The Half-Moon

The Newtown Historic Association, Inc. Newsletter

## Annual Picnic - June 16

The Newtown Historic Association's Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2001. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. with dinner immediately following at 7:00 p.m. The menu will include charcoal grilled strip steak, baked potatoes with sour cream, tossed green salad, rolls and butter, dessert and coffee. Any questions regarding the picnic, please call Sue & Marty Sutton @ 215-968-3211.

### *"Historic Newtown" Available for Sale*

Now on sale is the NHA's new book entitled "Historic Newtown." It features over 225 rare, never before seen turn of the 20th century photos from the archives of the NHA and other donors. On the heels of their very successful first book, "Early Newtown, a pictorial presentation of Newtown," co-editors, Paul Gouza, President of the NHA, and board members Dave Callahan and Brian Rounsavill compiled over 250 hours of selecting, researching and writing captions for the book.

This book is part of Arcadia Printing "Images of America" series. Books can be purchased at the Court Inn and the Newtown Hardware House for \$20.13 (tax included).

### Thornton\Hicks House Update

According to project director, Dave Callahan, the Thornton\Hicks renovation and restoration project is scheduled to begin in August. Earlier this year the NHA received a matching grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to help support this project. NHA members, family, friends and the Newtown Community were challenged to match this grant and as of this newsletter we are \$10,000 dollars shy of our goal. A special thanks to all those members and friends who have generously donated to this project. Stabilizing, repairing and restoring the roof and front wall of the Lauer property is included in this summer project. Further contributions can be made to Newtown Historic Association, P.O. Box 303,

Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark check Thornton\Hicks.

## Calendar of Events

### Annual Picnic

Saturday, June 16, 2001  
Cocktails 6pm, Dinner 7pm  
@ The Court Inn

### Market Day

Saturday, September 15, 2001

### General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2001  
8:00 pm, @ The Court Inn

## Market Day - Sept. 15

Mark your calendar the 23rd annual Market Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2001. This year's event will feature new crafters and demonstrators.

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## Carversville Barn

The NHA is the proud owner of a circa 1830 barn. The barn was located on the Vargo tract in Wrightstown and was moved to Carversville. A group of strong hands including, Dave Callahan, Paul Gouza, Frank Fabian, Bob Musto, Glen Bannon, Brian Rounsavill, Nancy and Frank Steigerwalt and Jeff Marshall recently moved the old beams and floor boards to a local Newtown barn for storage. The NHA has future plans of erecting the barn in the back yard of the Court Inn to store our carriages. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped move the barn.

## Research Hours

### OPEN - Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### OPEN - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## Summer Hours

### June, July & August

### OPEN for TOURS - Sunday

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## Boone Garden

Two plaques were recently installed in the Boone Garden. The garden was given to the NHA for the enjoyment of the community by Grace R. "Missey" Boone in 1972. Two lights and posts in the garden were donated by the Newtown Commoner Questers and also from contributions in memory of Ernest Millard, Jack Sutterley and Terry McCarthy. Diane Sodano does an excellent job taking care of the garden, please be sure to visit.

In other news, the sidewalk next to the Boone Garden will be replaced this summer with an appropriate brick sidewalk.

## BCCC Hearth & Home Show

In April, the NHA participated in the sixth annual Bucks County Hearth & Home show at the Newtown campus of Bucks County Community College. Over 50 exhibitors were on hand to present ideas and services for the total home environment. Special thanks to NHA members Nancy and Frank Steigerwalt, Joanne Nardo, Terry Keane, Maureen Harrison and Anne Balderston who volunteered their time to man the booth.

## Articles from the Newtown Enterprise - June, 1897

- No public demonstration will be likely to be arranged towards celebrating the Fourth of July in Newtown. Of course, the bank will be closed, as may some of our stores, but outside of this our people will spend the day in a manner in keeping with the general run of other days.

- A couple of "wandering minstrels" were in town, on Monday afternoon, and made the street musical with strains from bagpipe and flageolet.

- Work is now in progress on the telephone line from Doylestown to Newtown, twenty men and two teams being employed in the undertaking.

- There was considerable betting among our young men on the result of the base ball games of Monday, the odds being in favor of the Philadelphia club. This is one of the evils of the base ball craze.

- Our public schools are now closed for the summer vacation and the children are wearing pleasant smiles in consequence.

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