



# 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:

### Corporate Members:

- Mary Dinneen Realtor, *Newtown*

### Individual Members:

- Michael & Kim Cosack, *Newtown*
- John & Randi Lawrie, *Newtown*
- Donna Nicolazzo, *North Wales*
- Laura Raimondo-Coffey, *Newtown*
- Josephine Smith, *Newtown*

## Market Day is Coming

The 36th annual colonial craft fair will be held on October 6th (*the rain date is October 7th*).

Over 60 crafters, re-enactors and demonstrators will present a wide variety of interesting crafts, from bee keeping, quilting, rug braiding, spinning and woodcarving. There will also be music, hayrides, children's crafts and our popular "*Festival of Foods*" featuring Newtown area restaurants. We will have a farmer's market for fresh vegetables and the Newtown Militia - First Crossing Volunteers will set up a camp situation in the backyard of the Half Moon Inn. As one of our main fund-raisers, we always need volunteers to sell soda, hayride tickets and help at the NHA table at Market Day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bronwyn Jones (404) 210-5543.

## Volunteers Needed

During the summer, the Half Moon Inn is open on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 pm for visitors. We need volunteers to staff the Inn during these times. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday - please call Bill Mahler at (215) 630-6337 and he will arrange the schedule for you. Volunteering is a nice way to meet people and show them what a wonderful facility we have and also tell them a little about Newtown. No experience is necessary.

## October General Meeting

In preparation for Halloween, we will be having our October General Membership Meeting at the Newtown Cemetery on Sunday, October 14th at 2:00 PM (rain or shine). The subject of the meeting will be "*Stories from the Newtown Cemetery - Civil War Related.*" Several notable Newtown residents will be featured with history and interesting facts about each on a guided walking tour through the cemetery. There will also be an architectural history of the Cemetery Chapel, which is where the tour will begin. Be sure to wear your walking shoes and learn about some of Newtown's early history.

## Spring Cocktail Party

We had our Spring Cocktail Party on Saturday evening, June 9th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The Inn was decorated with spring flowers and blue hydrangeas by Lorraine Pentz. Delicious and plentiful hors d'ourves were served. We were pleased to have quite a few new members and neighbors attend and everyone had a really good time. This is a nice spring event that should not be missed.

## 5th Grade Historic Walking Tour

The annual 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Walking Tour was held on Wednesday, June 6th – a beautiful day. Approximately 450 children from Goodnoe Elementary School, Newtown Elementary School, and St. Andrew's Elementary School took this self guided walking tour through the Borough and Township visiting 10 historic sites. This is a very popular event with the children and it enables them to learn about their local Newtown heritage. The children were very interested in all the presentations. This tour is coordinated by Peg Walker - a NHA member. As always, she did an outstanding job.

## Summer Picnic

We were not able to have our summer picnic this year due to scheduling conflicts. We plan to resume this event in 2013.

## Historic Walking Tour

We had our historic walking tour on Friday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The tour began at the Half Moon Inn and was conducted by Jeffrey Marshall, President the Heritage Conservancy. The tour featured Liberty Street around to Congress Street. About 75 people went on the tour and thoroughly enjoyed it.

## Annual Dues Reminder

Annual dues notices were mailed to all members. Send information on potential new members to Mary Callahan at [dcnhh@comcast.net](mailto:dcnhh@comcast.net).

## Photos Wanted

Old photographs, postcards, maps or documents of Newtown and the surrounding area are wanted for preservation in our archives. You can either donate or loan them and we will scan and return the item(s). We are interested in photos of houses, businesses, streets, and events, along with local event brochures and programs. Contact David Callahan via email at [dcnhh@comcast.net](mailto:dcnhh@comcast.net) if you have items that you wish to donate or loan for preservation.



Newtown Baseball Team, circa 1900

## Thank You - Donations

We wish to thank everyone who made a contribution toward the locomotive stand and the bake oven restoration. The proceeds from our Spring Cocktail Party will also be used toward the bake oven restoration. The bake oven fund is presently \$2,559 and the estimate to rebuild is \$3,500. We are still seeking donations.

## 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
- Triumph Physical Therapy
- Peruzzi Automotive
- Stuckert and Yates
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects

## Upcoming Events

- **Market Day**, October 6
- **General Membership Meeting**, "Stories from the Newtown Cemetery - Civil War", October 14, 2 p.m.
- **General Membership Meeting**, "Lincoln's Assassins", November 19, 8 p.m.
- **Open House Tour**, December 1.

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