



# 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.

## Officers

David Callahan, *President*  
Bill Mahler, *First Vice President*  
Paul Gouza, *Second Vice President*  
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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:

- Lawrence & Ann Auerweck
- Charles & Stacey Bancroft
- Michael & Sheila Bergey
- Arleigh & Jennifer Closser
- Marti Farsje
- Kevin & Missy McCormick
- John McGrath
- Richard & Bridget Sperenza
- Scott & Connie Taylor
- Richard Vitti

## New Corporate Members

- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP  
Newtown

## Hicks Chairs

The NHA received an exciting email in April 2014 from the 4<sup>th</sup> great granddaughter of Edward Hicks. Her mother had died in October of last year and it was her wish that the family donate to the NHA two items that belonged to Edward Hicks so that they would be preserved and taken care of properly. The first item is a Windsor chair that Edward Hicks is shown sitting in in Thomas Hicks painting of Edward Hicks. The second item is Edward's high chair from his childhood. We will have these at the Half Moon Inn in late August. Please come by and see them when we receive them. A good time would be at our upcoming Sunday Social being held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Sunday Social

We will be holding our next Sunday Social on September 14<sup>th</sup>  
2 – 4 pm

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## Market Day in Historic Newtown

Newtown Historic Association  
will sponsor its 38th Annual  
**Market Day on Saturday,  
October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 4 pm**

There are over 50 crafters,  
demonstrators and artists coming with  
a wide variety of interesting crafts,  
from quilting, rug braiding, spinning,  
fine arts, jewelry, photography and  
woodcarving. The First Crossing  
Volunteers - a colonial militia  
revolutionary war encampment will  
camp out in the backyard of the Half  
Moon (Court Inn). We will be having  
children's colonial games and  
children's crafts in the historic Boone  
Garden along with candle dipping.  
Captain Billy and the Coyotes will be  
performing at 11 am and also 2:30  
pm. The "Out of Tuners" and the  
"Full Moon Musicians" will entertain  
in the Half Moon Inn.

Penns Woods Puppet Theater will  
again perform at 11 am and 2 pm –  
also Corn Husking contest at 1 pm  
and "CakeWalk" contest at 1:30 pm.  
Come and "make a Scarecrow" at  
2:30 pm and win a prize.  
"A Better Way Farm" will be there  
with their team of Belgian draft  
horses for hayrides. Our ever  
successful Festival of Foods will  
feature local Newtown restaurants.  
The special kettle corn vendor "Best  
Darn Kettle Korn" and there will be  
Open Hearth Cooking by Mercy  
Ingraham who uses only old methods  
of cooking and colonial recipes.  
The raffle this year will be a \$400 gift  
certificate to use toward a weekend at  
the historic "Queen Victoria Bed and  
Breakfast Inn", Cape May, New  
Jersey. So come out and enjoy  
Market Day with all your friends and  
neighbors. **If you would like to  
volunteer, please contact Bronwyn  
Jones 404-210-5543.**



## October Meeting A Walking Tour of Newtown Cemetery

Come join us for the October  
meeting of the **Newtown Historic  
Association** will be held on  
**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM  
at the Newtown Cemetery  
Chapel, E. Washington Ave.,  
Newtown** to explore the lives of  
some of the people who lived in  
our town and countryside. Some  
may have lived in your very home.

A "Good Will" Donation of \$5.00  
would be appreciated - Everyone  
is invited – this will be a walking  
tour – rain or shine.



## Thornton-Hicks House

The north exterior wall was  
completely re-pointed by Country  
Stonework of Pineville who had  
rebuilt the historic bake oven for  
us and also re-pointed the  
basement wall in the Half Moon  
Inn last year. The cost of this re-  
pointing was partially covered by  
a tourism grant offered by the  
Bucks County Conference and  
Visitors Bureau which we applied  
for in the Spring of this year.  
We are very grateful to have been  
able to obtain partial a grant for  
this work. Another property  
upgrade was a complete fire alarm  
system installed in the house.

## Annual Dues

If you have not already paid your  
2014 dues, please do so – and if  
you would like to be removed  
from our membership list, please  
let me know. Thanks

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Thornton Hicks House north wall

## 5th Grade Historic Walking Tour

The Newtown Historic Association conducted the annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour on **Wednesday, June 4th**. Approximately 600 children, teachers and parents from Goodnoe Elementary School, Newtown Elementary School, and St. Andrew's Elementary School took part in this 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. The weather was perfect for the tour - This tour is coordinated by Peg Walker - a NHA member. We thank her for her time in putting this tour together with the schools and the historic sites.



Jean Torongo at the Old Presbyterian Church



Jeff Marshall addressing the crowd



Geno Peruzzi in front of the Justice House



## Eagle Scout Project

The NHA had a split rail fence installed at the rear property line of the Half Moon Inn. A local Eagle Scout Randy Keetley used this as his project. Various people have been using the yard for their pets.



David Callahan in front of the fireplace at the Half Moon Inn

## Historic Walking Tour

Our Spring Historic Walking Tour was held on **Friday evening, June 20th** leaving the Half Moon Inn at **6:30 PM**. This tour was guided by Jeffrey Marshall, President of the Heritage Conservancy in Doylestown. The tour featured architecturally significant homes on South Chancellor Street and other streets and lasted an hour. We had approximately 80 people go on the tour. We would like to thank Jeff for his wealth of knowledge to be able to be able to lead this tour for us.

## Spring Cocktail Party

We had our Spring Cocktail Party on Saturday evening April 20th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The Inn was decorated with spring flowers by Lorraine Pentz. Delicious and plentiful hors d'oeuvres were served. We were pleased to have quite a few new members and neighbors attend and everyone had a really good time

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#### April 2014 - Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Newtown Historic Association was held on **April 21st at 8:00 PM** at the Half Moon (Court) Inn. In keeping with tradition, the Annual Business Meeting reports from all committee chairmen were read.

There were election of officers as follows

The April 2014 to April 2017 Slate of Officers and Directors was voted on:

Officers elected for a three-year term were:

- First Vice President – William Mahler
- Recording Secretary – Mary Jo Garner
- Treasurer – Marge Torongo

Directors appointed for a three-year term were:

- JoAnne Nardo
- Susan Thompson
- Brian Rounsavill

Parliamentarian appointed was David Mahler.

Other Officers whose terms have not expired yet are:

- David Callahan – President Exp 2015
- Paul Gouza – Second Vice President Exp 2016

- Mary Callahan – Corresponding Secretary Exp 2016


Other Directors whose terms have not expired yet are

- Jeffrey Marshal Exp 2015
- Barry Fleck Exp 2015
- Bronwyn Jones Exp 2015
- Keyna Crawford Exp 2016
- Geno Peruzzi Exp 2016
- David Walton Exp 2016

Following the Annual Business Meeting, a presentation entitled, ***“Treasures from the Attic: Selected Items from the NHA Archives”*** was given by David Callahan. The lecture showcased items from the archives that are interesting and unique to the Newtown community.

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