



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

Paul Gouza, *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:

- Marc & Andrea Bayford, Newtown
- Nancy Fitzpatrick, Newtown
- Anthony Guidotti, Tennessee
- George & Mary Maffett, Doylestown
- Jeanne McCarthy, Newtown
- Grant & Sheryl Rubin-Pitel, Newtown
- Randy & Nancy Scurlock, Newtown
- Ben & Betsy Stucker, Newtown

New Corporate Members

- T & T Tree Service, Newtown

New NHA Facebook Page

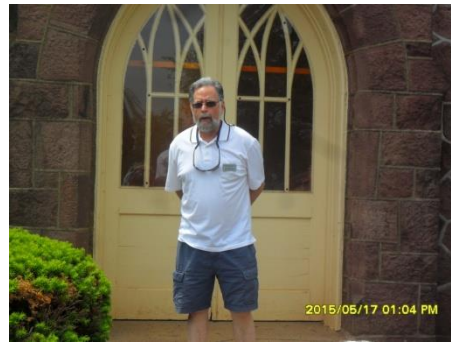
Volunteers have been hard at work expanding the social media presence of the NHA with a new Facebook page. Please “like” us at <https://www.facebook.com/newtownhistoriccassociation> and tell your friends! We have many ideas in the works and look forward to interacting with a broader audience.

“How to Insure your Historic Home”

Will be the subject of our October 19th meeting at the Half Moon Inn at 7:30 pm. In cooperation with AIG Insurance and Johnson Kendall & Johnson Inc, there will be a very interesting presentation of facts and ideas of how to protect your most valuable possessions. Refreshments, raffle and a lot of useful information. RSVP to dcnhh@comcast.net

Market Day in Historic Newtown”

Newtown Historic Association will sponsor its 39th Annual Market Day on Saturday, October 3rd from 10 am – 4 pm. There are over 70 crafters, demonstrators and artists coming with a wide variety of interesting crafts, from quilting, rug braiding, spinning, fine arts, jewelry, photography, blacksmithing and woodcarving. The First Crossing Volunteers - a colonial militia revolutionary war encampment will camp out in the backyard of the Half Moon. We will be having candle dipping in the Boone Garden. Captain Billy and the Coyotes also the “Out of Tuners” and the “Full Moon Musicians”. Penns Woods Puppet Theater will again perform - Come and “make a Scarecrow” 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, and “Best Darn Kettle Corn” and Open Hearth Cooking. The raffle 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. **We always need volunteers so if you can help, please contact Bronwyn Jones 404-210-5543.**



5th Grade Historic Walking Tour

The Newtown Historic Association conducted the annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour on Wednesday, June 3rd. 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.



Rebecca Woodward telling about the Elms family

Bucks County Genealogical Society Meeting & Program

Saturday, Sept. 12th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Back 2 School 4 Genealogy - Free Online Research from A-Z" Council Rock High School North Library, 62 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA

May Meeting A Walking Tour of Newtown Cemetery

We had our May meeting at the Newtown Cemetery where we had another tour of interesting graves and headstones. The theme of the tour was business people in Newtown. Our own Jeff Marshall gave the introduction by telling everyone about the cemetery chapel's architectural details. Nine business people were featured and we had around 50 people attend.

Annual Dues

If you have not already paid your 2015 dues, please do so – and if you would like to be removed from our membership list, please email dcnhh@comcast.net

Historic Walking Tour

Our Spring Historic Walking Tour was held on Friday evening, June 19th leaving the Chancellor Center, North Chancellor St. at 6:30 PM. This tour was guided by Jeffrey Marshall, President of the Heritage Conservancy in Doylestown, also President of the Pa. Land Trust Assn and President of Historic Barn & Farm Foundation of Pa. The tour featured architecturally significant homes on North Chancellor Street and North Lincoln Avenue 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 lead this tour for us.



Jean Torongo at the Old Presbyterian Church



Geno Peruzzi in front of the Justice House



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

Spring Cocktail Party

We had our Spring Cocktail Party on Saturday evening April 25th to honor our retiring President and new Honorary Life Director David Callahan. The Inn was decorated with festive flowers by Lorraine Pentz and Jeanette Rogers. Dave was honored with a beautiful plaque and a good time was had by all.



Terri Keane, Gina Tognini, Chris Brill



Mary Dinneen & Barry Fleck



Lois Molloy & Georgia Koenig



Tavern Room decorated

April 2015 - Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Newtown Historic Association was held on April 20th 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. We also had “Show and Tell” with interesting objects brought by the attendees. There were election of officers as follows

The April 2015 to April 2018 Slate of Officers and Directors was voted on:

Officers elected for a three-year term were:

President – Paul Gouza
 Second VP – Barry Fleck

Directors appointed for a three-year term were:

Bronwyn Jones
 Betsey King
 Jeffrey Marshall

Upcoming Events

Market Day, Saturday, October 3rd 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

General Membership Meeting, Monday, October 19th 7:30 pm
 “How to Insure your Historic Home”

General Membership Meeting, Monday, November 16th 8:00 pm
 “A Behind the Scenes Tour of George School – 1893 to 1950”

• **Holiday Open House Tour**, Saturday, December 5th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.