



The Half Moon

- The Newsletter of the Newtown Historic Association -

Welcome

The Newtown Historic Association proudly 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 comments or suggestions for future articles.

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Open House Tour

The 41st annual Christmas Open House Tour will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2003 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Twelve private homes and public buildings will be on the tour:

- Goodnoe Gardner house - *North Sycamore St.*
- Dineen home - *319 East Centre*
- Harrison house - *113 Penn St.*
- Hagan house - *203 East Washington Ave.*
- Pentz house - *98 Penn St.*
- DelGreco house - *109 Court St.*
- Chancellor Street Center - *30 North Chancellor St.*
- The Old Presbyterian Church & Session House - *North Sycamore St.*
- Newtown Borough Hall - *23 North State St.*
- The Court Inn - *Court Street & Centre Avenue*
- The Stocking Works - *303 South State St.*

Parking is available at the Stocking Works with bus transportation to various locations on the tour. Tickets are \$20.00 each and may be purchased in advance at the Newtown Hardware House throughout November. Tickets will be sold the day of the tour at the Court Inn and at the Stocking Works parking lot. Rest room facilities are located at the Court Inn and the Newtown Borough Council Hall on North State Street. No high heeled shoes can be worn in the houses.

October Meeting

The October meeting of the Newtown Historic Association will be held on Monday, October 20th at 8:00 PM at the Court Inn. Our special guest speaker is Gene McMenamin, a local re-enactor and living history enthusiast for 30 years, who will discuss the French and Indian War (1754-1766). He will give a presentation of a soldier in the British Regiment, the 80th of Foot (Gage's Light Infantry) and his uniform, weapons, tactics, and accouterments of this most unusual unit. Come out for this very interesting meeting.

Market Day Recap

The annual Market Day colonial craft fair was held on Sunday, September 14th after being postponed on Saturday from the remains of the hurricane "Enri". The day was a great success despite the weather that eventually forced an early closing, with over 60 craftsmen and demonstrators originally registered and over 500 visitors. The "Festival of Foods" was enjoyed by many who tasted delights from local establishments and the candle making and children's craft activities were very popular in the backyard of the Court Inn. Crowds were also gathered around the Ways and Means Committee tables displaying many wonderful things to buy. The Sugar Sands Ramblers Band played lively music, while the Green Towne Juggler provided

entertainment throughout the day and the clopping of Hutch Hamilton and his Belgian draft horses from could be heard as they gave many children hayrides through the historic streets. Lynn Henk of Newtown was the raffle winner of the weekend getaway to the Duke of Windsor Inn in Cape May, NJ. A new raffle of chances to win a "Basket of Bucks" which includes many treats from local food, spa and retail establishments, plus a special display of military uniforms and other gear were added this year. Overall, the public really seemed to enjoy the day. The Market Day Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the day a success.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- William B. Parry & Son, Ltd.,
Langhorne, PA (*Contributing*)
- Peggy Adams, Bedminster, PA
- Joe & Pam Bauder,
Newtown, PA
- Larry & Jeanne Chesterton,
Newtown, PA
- Amy Collins, Solebury, PA
- Carty & Debra Giffin,
Newtown, PA
- Alan Hathaway, Newtown, PA
- Suzanne Herger, Newtown, PA
- Jerry Kerrane, Newtown, PA
- Neale A. Messina & Susan E.
Thompson, Newtown, PA
- David & Mandy Morrill-
Richards, Newtown, PA
- Patricia Nau, Newtown, PA
- Judith Norkin & Jan Maarten-
Beyer & Family, Newtown,
PA
- Jayne & Donald Spector,
Newtown, PA

Corporate Members

We are proud of our corporate members, both long-time members and those joining as a result of the recent membership drive:

- The Brown Agency
- David J. Witchell Salon & Spa
- Dragonfly, Ltd.
- The First National Bank of Newtown
- Intrasource – Blair Park Services
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson
- The Law Office of Paul R. Beckert, Jr.
- Newtown Hardware House
- One Ten South Salon
- Anthony Petsis & Associates.
- Re-Max Properties
- Stuckert & Yates
- The Pro Shop of Newtown
- The Township House
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 8:00 PM at the Court Inn. Harry Hinkel, a long time volunteer for the Bucks County Historical Society, will give a slide presentation of Terry McNealy's book "Bucks County: An Illustrated History". Featured in the program will be images of Bucks County citizens, buildings, postcards, farms, maps and businesses from the early years of the Lenape Indians through the present. Join us for a very interesting meeting.

Tour Booklet Wanted

The NHA library is missing the 1995 Open House Tour booklet. If you have one, we would be interested in obtaining a copy to complete our collection.

Veteran's Day Exhibit

An exhibit of military uniforms and accouterments will be on display for Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th. The Court Inn will be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm that day to the public can stop and see the most interesting display.

Upcoming Events

2003

- General Membership Meeting (*French-Indian War Re-enactor*), October 20. 8:00 p.m.
- Court Inn Open House Display of Military Uniforms & Artifacts for Veteran's Day, November 11. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- General Membership Meeting (*Bucks County History by BCHS*), November 17. 8:00 p.m.
- Open House Tour, December 6. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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- General Membership Meeting, January 19. (*NHA members Show & Tell*)
- General Membership Meeting, February 16. (*Victorian Valentine card demonstration by BCHS*)
- Tavern Night, March 6.
- Annual Meeting, April 19.
- 5th Grade Historic Walking Tour, June 6.
- Cocktail Party, (TBA).
- Annual Picnic, (TBA).

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