



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:

Belinda Ash, Newtown
Bonnie Kearney, Newtown
Howard Rosenthal, Newtown
Robert Szwajkos, Newtown

Holiday Open House Tour

Our 50th Annual Open House Tour will be on Saturday, December 1st – 10 AM – 4 PM with a wonderful selection of private homes and public buildings.

David & Andrea Page House
14 S. Chancellor St.

Robert & Betsey King House
242 S. Chancellor St.

Mary Dinneen House
200 S. State St.

Michael & Kim Cosack House
21 Greene St.

Lorraine Pentz
98 Penn Street

Newtown Garden Railroad
107 Penn St.
Robert Szwajkos

Plus 6 public buildings with a display at Newtown Borough Hall of pictures from “Newtown – Past & Present”



98 Penn Street



200 S. State St.

November General Meeting

“Lincoln’s Assassins” will be held on **Monday, November 19th at 8:00 PM**. The Newtown Historic Association has invited Hugh Boyle, Exec. Director of the Grand Army of the Republic Museum & Library in Phila. to give a lecture on Lincoln’s Assassins. This lecture will examine the men who were part of the conspiracy to kill Abraham Lincoln, William Seward and Andrew Johnson, on April 14th, 1865. Who were they and why did they do it and what justice did they receive?? Mr. Boyle is also President of the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table. He is the former publisher and book review editor of the Civil

War Brigadier newspaper. He serves as an instructor at the Civil War Institute of Manor College where he gives lectures on the Life of Abraham Lincoln and his assassination.

Market Day

Our Market Day – 36th annual crafts and arts fair was held on Saturday, October 6th under sunny skies. Annamarie Kaminski – Craft Chairperson had 55 craftspeople and demonstrators participating. We had a number of new features this year – our farmer’s market area – Milk House Farmers Market and Charlann Farm featuring fresh vegetables for sale. Also plant sales of plants donated by members. 4H demonstrations and also extensive children’s games and activities. Our restaurants were Isaac Newton’s, McCaffrey’s, the Black Horse Tavern, and Styer’s Markets. The First Crossing Volunteers – a colonial militia group camped out in the backyard of the Half Moon Inn, demonstrating cooking and military skills of the era. Mercy Ingraham demonstrated colonial cooking down on Mercer Street. Our hayrides are always a success with the children and we had music by the “Coyotes”. The raffle for a \$400 gift certificate to the Queen Victoria Bed and Breakfast in Cape May, NJ was won by ChaCha Williams. The area was decorated with pumpkins and corn stalks. Bronwyn Jones & Susan Thompson, co-chairs would like to thank everyone who helped make this a successful event.



October General Meeting

We had our October General Meeting at the Newtown Cemetery on **Sunday, October 14th at 2:00 PM** “**Stories from the Newtown Cemetery.**” Twelve notable Newtown residents were featured with history and interesting facts about each one on a guided walking tour through the cemetery. This year featured the Civil War. There was also an architectural history of the Cemetery Chapel. There were around 45 people in attendance.

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
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- MeMaMates
- Newtown Hardware House
- Triumph Physical Therapy
- Peruzzi Automotive Group
- Stuckert and Yates
- Waitkus Design Landscape Architects
- Kevin Zlock, PC

Upcoming Events

- **General Membership Meeting,** “*Lincoln’s Assassins*”
November 19, 8p.m
- **Open House Tour,** *December 1.*

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