



NEWTOWN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
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NEWSLETTER

Fall 1992 Issue

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CALENDAR



September 8, 7:30 P.M.
 September 19
 September 21, 8:00 P.M.

Board of Directors Meeting (Note: TUESDAY)
 MARKET DAY (See below)
 Membership Meeting - Marty Sutton has obtained as a speaker: ROBERT REYNOLDS, JR., Associate Director, Center for Historic Preservation, BCCC, whose subject will be "AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS, WITH EMPHASIS ON BARNS", with slides.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Membership Meeting (Program to be announced)

October 5, 7:30 P.M.
 October 19, 8:00 P.M.

MARKET DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Rain Date - SEPTEMBER 20.



Market Day comes late this year, but the plans are well underway under the capable supervision of David Callahan, President; Palmer and Joan Sharpless, who are in charge of obtaining and coordinating the 18th and 19th Century crafts; and Mary Rounsavill, who is responsible for the membership contribution to this event, our second greatest income-producing project, and who has provided a list of the chairs of the various activities. Their telephone numbers have been added, in the event that any members may want to lend a hand in any of the activities. These are listed alphabetically by function, not by importance - they are all important! SIGN UP. JOIN THE FUN!

Corn Husking Contest	Bruce Stevens	968-5613
Court Inn Hostesses	Fran Smith	968-3519
Craft Hostess, to provide relief	Barbara Reeder	860-7196
Donuts & Coffee for Craftsmen	Marge Torongo	493-0310

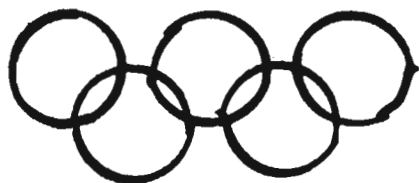
Finances	Helen MacCorkle, Eleanor Janney	968-2795
Funnel Cake Tickets	Robertta Taylor	968-3085
Hay Rides	John Hilferty	968-5248
Information and Membership	Lorraine Pentz	968-4357
Layout	Stephen VonHohen & sons	579-9064
Music	Ernie Millard	968-2977
Open Hearth Cooking	Susan Plaisted	736-8741
Orange & Lemon Sticks	Cindy Stephenson	968-5926
Poster Distribution	Dolly Gish	968-3402
	Brenda McIntyre	860-8386
Publicity	Mary Rounsavill	968-3914
Raffle	Wendy & Ed Curtin	860-7532
Restaurants	Jim Calderone	860-0474
	Skip Gittens	968-8783
Setup and Cleanup	Jack Sutterley	860-5019
	Bill Platt	968-3064
	Skip Gittens	968-8783
Sodas	(This job has not yet been filled. Call Mary Rounsavill at 968-3914 if interested.)	
Stocks	Harold & Bert Lewis	860-9672
Womens Forum (Childrens' Crafts)	Cindy Sanders	860-0743
Ways & Means	Margaret Danese	968-5184

LIBRARY

The Library in the Court Inn will be open on Tuesday, September 15 and each Tuesday thereafter, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., to members and the public who wish to obtain assistance in research on people, events or buildings in Newtown Borough and Township.



CONTEST

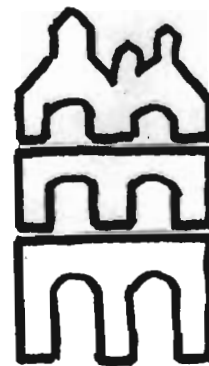


It is anticipated that there will be a new format for this newsletter in the near future. In connection with this effort, the members are invited to submit proposed names for this publication. Suggestions will be accepted through September 30 by the Editor, Helen F. Randle, 224 Frost Lane, Newtown, PA 18940. (tel. 968-3735)

There is no prize offered, only the pride of having your suggestion selected.

MERCER MUSEUM

"Mercer by Moonlight" -- Newtown Night
Tuesday, October 6, 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.



The Bucks County Historical Society is hosting a series of free evenings at Mercer Museum to a number of municipalities in Bucks County which are celebrating or have celebrated their Tricentennials. OCTOBER 6 is NEWTOWN night, and all residents of the Borough and Township are invited to attend free of charge. The Museum will have on display articles from Newtown; and our Association, in cooperation with the Newtown Joint Historic Commission, will provide an exhibit table. The Museum is located at 84 S. Pine St., in Doylestown (telephone 345-0210). The support of our membership is solicited. Come out and back this effort.

TOLL HOUSE



The DURHAM PIKE TOLL HOUSE was in operation from approximately 1870 to 1920. At the intersection of Sycamore St. & Durham Pike, it provided modest living quarters for the tollkeeper and his family and a gate which could be raised and lowered as tolls were paid. It was twice saved: first, by the Goodnoe family when it was moved to its present location on Durham Rd. at Eagle Rd. to make way for the Dairy Bar, in 1955; and more recently, when the developer of Village at Newtown, Terracon, with the encouragement and assistance of the Historic Commission, the cooperation of the Township and the support of this Association, allowed it to stand as a historic landmark and financed its restoration.

At this point in its history, PENN'S NEW TOWNE QUESTERS have taken up the ball by undertaking the furnishing of the Toll House kitchen. Already on hand was a cooking stove of the period, to which they have added to date: a pine jelly cupboard, a hoop skirt rocking chair, a kerosene hanging lamp and various kitchen utensils, including an apple basket, a wire egg basket, a blue agate coffeepot, and miscellaneous tools, bottles and crocks. These acquisitions have been funded by the \$1,500 which these Questers have earned from a plant sale, a bus trip to New Castle, Delaware, and by a grant from the Pa. State Questers. The project will be capped off when the Toll House becomes part of this year's Open House in December. This has proven to be an exciting and rewarding undertaking.

The officers of the Newtown Historic Association for the year 1992-93 are:

OFFICERS

President - David Callahan
First Vice-President - Philip Hagan
Second Vice-President - Martin Sutton
Treasurer - Eleanor Janney
Recording Secretary - Marjorie Torongo
Corresponding Secretary - Mary Rounsavill.

