



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Newtown Historic Association will sponsor its 39th Annual Market Day on Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Market Day, the Newtown Historic Association's 39th annual colonial craft and art fair will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd** At the Half Moon Inn – 105 Centre Avenue (Court Street and Centre Avenue), Newtown.

For almost four decades the Newtown Historic Association has celebrated Market Day. This custom revives an old harvest season tradition in Newtown, where long ago, local farmers brought their crops to town to sell and enjoy a day of festivities and contests that culminated with a horse race down State Street.

There are over **70 crafters, demonstrators and artists coming with a wide variety of interesting crafts**, from spinning, quilting, rug hooking, fine arts, jewelry making, photography and blacksmithing.

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 **candle dipping, children's colonial games and children's crafts in the historic Boone Garden.**

There will be a **puppet show** at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm – also a **Corn Husking contest** at 1:30 pm and a **“What's It”** contest. Come and **“make a Scarecrow”** from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Half Moon Inn.

The **“Full Moon Musicians”** will be performing Colonial tunes in the Half Moon Inn from 10 am to Noon. The **“Boys from County Bucks”** will be performing traditional music at the corner of Centre Ave and Court St. in front of the Half Moon Inn from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. **“Bill Dooley and the Coyotes”** will be performing a selection of folk music in front of the Half Moon Inn from 2 pm until 4 pm.

“A Better Way Farm” will be there with their team of **Belgian draft horses** and their wagon to provide horse drawn hayrides. Our ever successful **Festival of Foods** will feature local **Newtown restaurants** offering delicious luncheon treats. The special kettle corn vendor **“Best Darn Kettle Korn”** will be here again and there will be **Open Hearth Cooking** which only uses colonial era methods of cooking and 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.** Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

To help with parking this year, there will be a free **shuttle bus** provided by Pickering Manor Home. The shuttle will provide transport for our visitors to get from the New Life Christian Church parking lot to Market Day and back. The New Life Christian Church is located at 4 Freedom Drive, (off of S. State St.) Newtown, PA 18940. The buses will run from 10:00am to 4:30pm. The bus is handicap accessible. There is also street parking in town and several public parking lots.

So come out and enjoy **Market Day** with all your friends and neighbors. Special thanks to the Rothman Institute, our primary sponsor.

For more information call 215-968-4004 or email newtownhistoricassnmktday@gmail.com.