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### **Newtown Historic Association's Market Day to be held** **Saturday, October 6, 2018, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm** *Craft Fair, Food and Family Fun for All*

NEWTOWN, Pa – Market Day, the Newtown Historic Association's annual outdoor colonial craft and art fair will be held Saturday, October 6, at the Half Moon Inn at 105 Centre Avenue (Court Street and Centre Avenue), Newtown. For four decades, the Newtown Historic Association has celebrated Market Day, reviving a colonial harvest 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. Admission is free to all; there is no rain date. Market Day is generously supported by Johnson Kendall Johnson.

This year there will be more than 60 crafters, artisans, farmer stands and demonstrators filling the streets with a wide variety of interesting crafts and demonstrations, from quilting, rug hooking, and chair caning, to fine arts, textiles, woodworking, jewelry, seasonal décor, sweet and savory foods, paper crafts and more.

The First Crossing Volunteers will recreate a Revolutionary War-era encampment in the backyard of the Half Moon Inn, where they will present family activities and learning opportunities about what it was like to be a family of patriots and soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Families are invited to also try their hand at old-fashioned candle dipping and make a full-size scarecrow to take home (fee additional). We also welcome the Penn's Woods Puppet Theater, who will present their popular puppet show "Mr. Meeney and the Hot Air Balloon" to all ages directly across from the Half-Moon Inn. There will also be musical entertainment throughout the day by Bill Dooley and the Coyotes. "A Better Way Belgians" will bring its team of Belgian draft horses to provide horse-drawn hayrides through the streets of Newtown Borough (fee additional). The Newtown Library Company will set up its popular used book sale outside its building at East Centre Ave and South Congress Street, which is also the finish line for the early morning 5K.

Mouth-watering meals & desserts will be offered by popular local restaurants including Isaac Newton's, Nina's Waffles, Best Darn Kettlecorn, The Market at Styers Orchards, McCaffrey's Market, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Joseph's Premiere Events & Catering featuring Executive Chef Joe Garvey.

NHA's popular raffle fundraiser prize is a \$400 gift certificate to use toward a weekend at the historic Queen Victoria Bed and Breakfast Inn in Cape May, New Jersey. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

There is free parking at The Stocking Works, 301 S. State St., Newtown, in addition to on-street parking and municipal lots behind Starbucks and The First National Bank.

The Newtown Library's 5K Run/Walk will also be taking place Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, so come out and cheer on the runners, and then spend the rest of the day at Market Day with your friends and neighbors. For more information call 215-968-4004 and leave a message or visit [www.newtownhistoric.org](http://www.newtownhistoric.org). Like our event on facebook at [www.facebook.com/nhamarketday](http://www.facebook.com/nhamarketday).

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#### **About the Newtown Historic Association, Inc.**

The Newtown Historic Association, Inc. (NHA) was incorporated in 1964 as a nonprofit organization whose mission is to stimulate interest in, preserve, celebrate and share the historic significance of both Newtown Borough and Township. The NHA offers annual membership to any individual, family or business interested in supporting these goals, with no restriction on place of residence. The NHA holds an extensive collection of archival manuscripts, books, newspapers, photographs, clothing, furniture and objects directly related to Newtown's history. The NHA sponsors several annual events in Newtown, including Market Day (October) and the Open House Tour (December), as well as an historic lecture series and walking tours for student groups. Its headquarters is in the historic Half-Moon Inn at the corner of Centre & Court Streets. Visit [www.newtownhistoric.org](http://www.newtownhistoric.org) for more information.