



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

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following:

New Individual and Family Members

Rosanne Bonaventura
Jamie Allen & Karen Hogan
Parashos Koltsaklis

Holiday Open House Tour

Our 56th annual Holiday Open House Tour will be on Sat. Dec. 1st from 10 am to 4 pm. We have a great section of 6 private homes and 6 public buildings that you can tour. You can get your tickets in advance at the Newtown Book and Record Exchange, 120 S. State St., Newtown beginning Nov. 10th or get them on line at our website www.newtownhistoric.org. Also tickets will be sold the day of the tour at the Half Moon Inn, 105 Court St. beginning at 9:30 am and at the Stocking Works. Parking is available at the Stocking Works, 301 S. State St. No high heeled shoes or boots are allowed on the tour.



314 E. Washington Ave.



428 E. Washington Ave.



35 S. Congress St.



319 E. Washington Ave.



117 S. Congress St.



203 E. Washington Ave.



Paxson Hall, 50 S. Congress St.



Half Moon Inn, 105 Court St.



Newtown Fire Assn 14 Liberty St.



Newtown Library Company
114 E. Centre Ave



St. Luke's Episcopal Church
100 E. Washington Ave.

“The Ten Crucial Days – Decisions, Decisions”

The speaker at the November 19th meeting of the Newtown Historic Association will be Larry Kidder, who will speak on “The Ten Crucial Days – Decisions, Decision”. This talk focuses on the various decisions that Washington and other leaders on both sides faced during the events of the Ten Crucial Days – December 25, 1776 – January 3, 1777.

Today we tend to evaluate their decisions with 20/20 hindsight, but the participants made their decisions in their “present” time based on limited information and perceptions of what was needed and possible. This talk is not designed to prove the importance of the Ten Crucial Days or make the case for one person’s importance, but rather to understand the events, including those that occurred at and near Newtown, in relation to human strengths and limitations.

Speaker Larry Kidder is a member of the Washington Crossing American Revolutionary War Round Table,

serves on the New Jersey Living History Advisory Council and the Crossroads of the American Revolution Advisory Council and many other organization. He is an author and speaker and has written a book on “The Ten Crucial Days”.

The meeting is November 19th at 7:30 pm at the Half Moon Inn (Court Inn), 105 Court St. Newtown.

All are invited and you don’t have to be a member to attend. There will be refreshments and social hour following the presentation, This will prove to be a very interesting and informative meeting. For further information call 215-968-4004 or

www.newtownhistoric.org

“Market Day in Historic Newtown”

Our annual Colonial arts and crafts fair was a success under cloudy skies.

We had a great selection of quality crafters and beautiful art, quilting, flower arranging and demonstrations of colonial crafts. The First Crossing Volunteers set up a Revolutionary War encampment in the back yard of the Half Moon Inn and had musket firing, open hearth cooking, artillery stations tents for sleeping. There was a puppet show and candle dipping on the Boone Garden. Make a scarecrow in the Half Moon Inn. Winner of the raffle for a \$400 gift certificate to the Queen Victoria Bed and Breakfast in Cape May NJ was Caroline Bennett. Delicious food was offered by Joseph’s Premiere Catering, McCaffery’s, Isaac Newtons, Styer’s Markets, Nina’s Waffles and Nothing Bundt Cakes. Also Hayrides by Hutch Hamilton and his Belgians. Carrie Wetherby was the Market Day chair and she did a great job with an event that has more details than you could ever imagine. Also a big thanks to the volunteers who all pull together to make it happen.



**Charles Dickens' –
 A Christmas Carol
 November 30th @ 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

This winter season we have a special fundraiser planned. One of our members, Alisa Dupuy of The Ladies of History Historical Productions, will be performing a one-woman show of **Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol**. She will portray Ebenezer Scrooge's sister, Fan, come to regale us with his story. The show is about 50 minutes long and features Ms. Dupuy acting out all of the characters and bringing this timeless

story to life for us in the delightful ambiance of our beloved Half Moon Inn.

Wine and beer will be served beforehand and we encourage people to have an early dinner in Newtown at one of the many fine eating establishments before the show which will begin at 7:30 pm. Our door will be open at 6:30pm and seating will begin at 7:15pm.

Tickets

Tickets for the event are \$25.00 and available online at www.newtownhistoric.org or mailing your check to P. O. Box 303, Newtown. Seating is limited and NHA members have priority for tickets. All proceeds to benefit NHA.

For information about Alisa Dupuy or testimonials regarding the show, visit www.theladiesofhistory.com

Corporate Members

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- A. L. Patterson
- DeFrehn Roofing Services
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP
- Global Mortgage Network Inc.
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
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- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service
- Upper Makefield Bus. Assn.
- Waitkus Design

Upcoming Events

- "Ten Crucial Days, Decision, Decisions" by Larry Kidder, Monday, Nov. 19th at 7:30 pm
- Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" Friday, Nov. 30th at 6:30 pm
- Holiday Open House Tour, Sat. Dec. 1st 10 am to 4 pm

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