



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
Thursdays 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

Timothy Potero

Upgraded to Contributing Member

Chris & Donna Gusty
Linda McCoy

Upgraded to Distinguished Donor

Bob & Jen Abrahamson
Chris Brill & Gina Tognini
Keith & Keyna Crawford
Chris & Johanna Hager
Kevin & Rebecca Kerchner
Dan & Deb Knott
Richard & Georgia Koenig
Lois Molloy
JoAnne Nardo

April 2019 Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting featured “Show and Tell” from members of the audience who brought interesting antiques from their collections and told us something about them.

On behalf of the nominating committee consisting of Chairman Brian Rounsavill, Paul Gouza, Marge Torongo, David Callahan and Barry Fleck the following names have been nominated to serve on the Board of the Newtown Historic Association beginning on April 2019

Officer – one year term 4-19 to 4-20
Mary Callahan – Corres. Sec.

Directors – 3 year term 4-19 to 4-22

Keyna Crawford
Geno Peruzzi
David Walton

All were voted on and approved

January Dinner

The January Homeowner Recognition Dinner meeting was held on Sunday, January 27th at the Temperance House honoring the homeowners who had their houses open for the Holiday Open House Tour. A good time and delicious dinner was had by all.

February Membership Meeting

February 18th brought local antique expert Kevin Kerchner who collects early 18th century furniture and decorative arts. His interest in history, the provenance of special pieces and over forty years of collecting have led to his outstanding personal collection. Kevin brought some of his rare collection and shared with us his knowledge of them.

March meeting

March 18th, Mercy Ingraham, our resident Open Hearth Cooking expert gave a presentation explaining the methods used to cook over an open fire.



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She also hosted a special cooking class later in April for a few interested pupils and the results we heard were delicious.



Casey Crawford



Mercy Ingraham

Annual Spring Cleanup

The following people came out on "Clean Up Day" March 16th on a Saturday morning and helped shine and polish the furniture, windows and other articles in the Court Inn. Lorraine Pentz, David Walton, Mary & Dave Callahan, Paul Gouza, Tim Potero, Barry Fleck and grandchildren Veronica and Ethan, Phil Winn, Nancy Freudenthal, Keyna Crawford, Joanne Nardo and Annamarie Kaminski We started around 8:30 am and were finished in a couple of hours – so next year – come and give a couple of hours to help restore some luster to

the many historical items and furnishing there.

Do you have historic items to donate? (pictures, letters, research on a property or family, etc.) please contact us.

Spring Cocktail Gala

Flowers decorated the Court Inn on Saturday, April 27th for our Spring Cocktail Party. It was an exceptional party with a record number of guests, delicious food, signature cocktails and great company. Our hostess, Betsey King did a fabulous job.



Rebecca Johnson, Bronwyn Jones and Charlie Ponciroli



Jeffrey Marshall, Jeanette Rogers, Lorraine Pentz, Becky Marshall & Michael Hackman



Georgia Koenig, Terri Keane, Isabel Godwin, & Jane Mahler



Brian Titus & Judy Musto



Dick Koenig, Lauren & Bill Mahler



Bartenders – Jim Garner & Kevin Crawford



Barry & Mary Fleck, Kathy & John Parry



Bob Musto, Bob King, Chris Gusty & Bucky Closser



Donna Gusty, Phil Hagan, Chris Brill & Gina Tognini

Fifth Grade Walking Tour

The annual Fifth Grade Walking Tour will be held on Wednesday, June 5th for children from Goodnoe Elementary, St. Bedes School and St. Andrews to walk throughout the borough and visit 10 places to learn more about historic Newtown. This tour organized by Peg Walker continues to pique the children's interest in the history of Newtown. The children really enjoy this tour and so do the parent chaperones – everyone learns something.

Historic Walking Tour

Our annual Historic Walking Tour of one of the historic areas of Newtown to be held beginning on Friday, June 14th at 6:30 pm – weather permitting. The tour will begin at the Half Moon Inn, 105 Court St. Newtown and will be lead by Jeffrey Marshall, President of the Heritage Conservancy. Mr. Marshall is the author of “Bucks County Barns” and numerous other books regarding Bucks County history. The tour will feature architecturally significant Newtown buildings in the Borough. A “Good Will” Donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated. Come and bring a friend and learn something about Newtown's interesting buildings and history. For more info call 215-968-3914 or see our website www.newtownhistoric.org
No Reservations Necessary.

Mercer Street Research Center

Work continues at our new Research Center at 100 Mercer Street (the old ambulance building) which is being renovated to suit our needs. Carpenters, electricians, HVAC experts are all busily getting the building ready to be carpeted and painted. Then the move begins – probably in June. We will need volunteers to paint walls and help us move when the time comes. If you think you can lend a hand, contact Dave Callahan at home 215-968-3914 and leave a message or email dcnhh@comcast.net. He will be contacting you later with more details of the time and place.

July Garden Walk

Saturday, July 20th from noon till 2:00 pm there will be a guided walk throughout the Newtown Borough looking at some of the beautiful gardens there. A goodwill offering of \$5.00 is requested and no reservations are necessary. Meet in the garden at the rear of the Half Moon Inn and MaryJo Garner, our guide will lead the group.

Dues Notices Sent Out

Annual dues notices have been mailed, so please don't forget to pay them. It is only through the financial help from people like yourselves that the NHA can continue its efforts to preserve Newtown's unique heritage

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.
- Monument Bank
- Wm. B. Parry & Son Ltd.
- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service
- Upper Makefield Bus. Assn.
- Waitkus Design

Upcoming Events

- Fifth Grade Walking Tour, Wednesday, June 5th – 9:30 till 2:00
- Historic Walking Tour, Friday June 14th at 6:30 pm
- Garden Walk, Saturday, July 20th at noon
- Market Day in Historic Newtown, Saturday, October 5th

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