



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 New Address:

100 Mercer St.
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:

Christine McKee & Anthony Walsh

Holiday Open House Tour

Our 57th annual Holiday Open House Tour will be **on Sat. Dec. 7th** from 10 am to 4 pm. We have a great selection of 7 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. 15th 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.



319 E. Centre Ave.



541 E. Centre Ave.



35 Court St.



113 Penn St.



109 N. State St.



414 E. Washington Ave.



422 E. Washington Ave.



Newtown United Methodist Church



Newtown Library Co.



Newtown Fire Co.



Half Moon Inn



Mercer St. Research Center



Stocking Works

“Market Day in Historic Newtown”

Our annual Colonial arts and crafts fair was a huge success under bright sunny 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 in the Boone Garden. You could 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 Meg Newell. Delicious food was offered by Joseph's Premiere Catering, McCaffery's, Styer's Markets, Nina's Waffles and Local Harvest Pizza. Also Hayrides by Hutch Hamilton and his Belgians. Carrie Wetherby was the Market Day chair and she did another 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.



1684. This is a very important and ongoing preservation effort. Additionally, there was a display of some of the 400 deeds from the NHA archives. These deeds span the 18th to 20th centuries and tell the story of land ownership in both Newtown Borough and the Township.



Robin Robinson,
Bucks Co. Recorder of Deeds



November program Carl Lavo on the History of Bucks County

The November meeting of the Newtown Historic Association will be held on Monday, November 18th at 7:30 PM at the Half Moon Inn, 105 Court Street, Newtown. Carl LaVo will be speaking about the History of Bucks County for this General Meeting.

You may know Carl from his regular column in the Bucks County Courier Times and the Intelligencer. He is known for writing about his many explorations of places in Bucks County with his family, his curiosity about the rich history of our past and his love for uncovering and sharing the stories behind these places.

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

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
- Chimney Savers
- 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.



October Program

The program on Monday, October 21st at 7:30 PM, featured Robin Robinson, the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds who spoke about her efforts to restore the historic deed books belonging to the County. Some of these deed books date to

Upcoming Events

- Bucks County History – Carl LaVo, Monday, November 18th 7:30 pm
- Holiday Open House Tour Saturday, December 7th 10 am to 4 pm