



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:
Holly McClanen Hart
Francis Murphy
Laura Rozan & Bryce Tenbarge

Upgraded to Contributing Membership

Donna Curran
Steven & Felicia Laskey
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Upgraded to Distinguished Donor Membership

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Upgraded to Life Membership

Nancy Halpin

Volunteers Needed



There is a new project underway



at the Half Moon Inn! With the relocation of the Research Center to the new Mercer Street facility, the rooms that have been vacated are being refurbished. The carpeting and painting was last done almost 50 years ago and it's time for a refresh!

The Newtown Historic Association just received a \$3,000 grant from *Visit Bucks County* toward the expense of removing the old carpeting and refinishing the floors. And we need some **Half Moon Inn Spring 2020**
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help with painting the rooms.

The NHA will provide the paint, materials and equipment. We are looking for some folks to help with prep work and painting. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Bronwyn Jones 215-504-8038 or Dave Callahan 215-805-8772..

Market Day is cancelled

It is with great disappointment and sadness that we need to announce the cancellation of our 42nd annual Market Day event this year. This event has been held continually for 41 years without interruption. It is an important community day of celebration that recalls and honors the colonial tradition when farmers and homesteaders used to bring in their crops, livestock and homemade wares to town and offer them for sale to neighbors & townspeople. The Newtown Historic Association has promoted this tradition by featuring high-quality crafters, artisans and fine artists, providing them with the opportunity to sell their wares on the streets in the Historic district that the NHA was founded to protect over 56 years ago.

While the safety and welfare of our community take precedence over this event. It is one of our important fund-raising events that supports our Association. The proceeds are used to cover the expenses to protect and

maintain the 287 year old Court Inn and grounds. Additionally, the Boone Garden across from the Inn and our Research Center on Mercer Street are all supported by the fund-raising efforts of our Association. Like many of our community, we are also feeling the financial impact of this pandemic. We would ask that you help us, by finding ways to contribute financially or by volunteering for our events or work days at the Inn. Without the financial and emotional support from our community, our ability to protect and preserve Newtown's historic heritage which provides significant value to those who live, work and shop in "Historic Newtown", would not be possible.

There is one very important way you can support us without it costing you any money. Please go on the smile.amazon website by clicking on the following link www.smile.amazon.com and register under the Newtown Historic Association. Then every time you order something, open up on the smile website in your personal smile.amazon account. You should see, "Supporting Newtown Historic Association" on the web page when you order. We will receive a .5% donation from Amazon on your purchase. Please note that we do not receive the donation unless you specifically order on your smile.amazon account so please order using this account. While at no cost to you the donation from Amazon will help us get through this financial crisis. Please support us.

Thank you,

Barry Fleck
President

NHA proudly presents a: 2020 Garden Photo Contest For Gardens in Newtown Borough and Newtown Township

Newtown is a special place in a lot of ways. For example, it has many beautiful gardens and magnificent landscapes to admire—in back yards, front yards, and parks.

This spring, most of us were required to stay at home. As a result, perhaps this afforded many with more time to spend outside and tend to your lovely properties.

Here's a chance to showcase your efforts! Take photos of your own creativity or favorite garden settings and enter them in the first-ever NHA 2020 Garden Photo Contest. In doing so, we can all enjoy the fruits of your labor, especially since we're not able to enjoy the Garden Walking Tour this year.

How to enter? Submit one form per photo entry. The online entry form is available on the NHA website newtownhistoric.org/photocontest Optionally, you can print the form on the last page of this newsletter and mail the form to:

Newtown Historic Association
P.O. Box 303
Newtown, PA 18940

Cost? A nominal fee of \$5 per photo entry is required. There is no limit on the number of entries. You can enter as many photos as you want/desire.

Payment method? The NHA website accepts PayPal. Alternatively, make your check payable to Newtown Historic Association.

Deadline for submissions? All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

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Is there a prize? Yes! The NHA judges will be awarding first, second, and third prizes to the top three photos. In addition, 12 photos will be selected for the inaugural edition of a Gardens of Newtown poster, which will be printed in the fall.

Any questions call Mary Jo Garner (215) 858-0939 or Keyna Crawford (267) 679-9287

Heritage Walk Signs Replaced



Over the course of several days in May during the Coronavirus quarantine, Dave Callahan and Brian Rounsavill replaced all thirty-five of the Newtown Heritage Walk signs throughout town (34 original signs, plus 1 new one at Nina's Waffles). They installed new signs, as the original signs were becoming weathered and worn.

The Newtown Heritage Walk was an idea of Brian's over 12 years ago, when he and his family visited Gettysburg and arrived too late to participate on the official guided tours. As they walked around town, they saw the self-guided tour signs scattered around town, and they were able to spend the evening walking through historic Gettysburg learning

about the local history along the way.

That experience seemed like a perfect fit for Newtown, so the idea was presented to the Newtown Historic Association Board, and the project was launched. Over several months

NHA reviewed sites and secured sponsors for each sign location. Once the sites were finalized, the association conducted research and gathered photos from the archives to tell the complete story of each location. Ultimately, the association attained approvals from both the Borough and Township, since the signs line both State Street (Borough) and Sycamore Street (Township). Over the past decade, the Newtown Heritage Walk has been one of the more popular tourist attractions in town, as the NHA receives numerous compliments. On any given day, you will see individuals stopping to read the Heritage Walk signs. It is not only a great way to learn about history, but it is also a wonderful way to stroll through more than three centuries of history.

We encourage families to break the monotony of the Coronavirus quarantine and spend a few hours walking through town learning some interesting information about its unique history. You will find that Newtown played an important role in the founding of our country after the Battle of Trenton, in addition to helping launch the first weather satellite into space. There is so much to learn right here in Newtown. Get out and enjoy the Newtown Heritage Walk!

For more information on the Newtown Heritage Walk, visit our website:

<https://www.newtownhistoric.org/visit/walking-tours/newtown-heritage-walk/>

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

The Newtown Historic Association's spring programs had to be put on hold because of the Coronavirus we did not have our Spring Cleanup or our Annual meeting, however Jeffrey Marshall did present our March program "Real Dirt on Real People".

Corporate Members

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- ALP Supply Inc.
- Chimney Savers
- DeFrehn Roofing Services
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP
- Harold Beck & Sons, Inc.
- Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.
- Monument Bank
- Wm. B. Parry & Son Ltd.
- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service

Garden Photo Contest Entry Form

Fee: \$5 per photo entry

Entries due July 18, 2020

To enter with a credit card, please
complete this online entry form.

Contact Name

First

Last

Mailing Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone

Home

Mobile

E-Mail Address

Waiver

I hereby grant the Newtown Historic Association (NHA) permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media (photo) in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the NHA and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the NHA to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to use of the photo.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PHOTO RELEASE. I AFFIRM THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR, IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURES BELOW. I ACCEPT:

Photo Contest Fee

Price: \$5.00

Purchase: (Paypal, Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express)
