



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 Address

100 Mercer Street
Research Center Hours
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
And also, by appointment

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:
Anne McKernan
Michael Stevens

New Corporate Member

Quantum Learning, Inc.

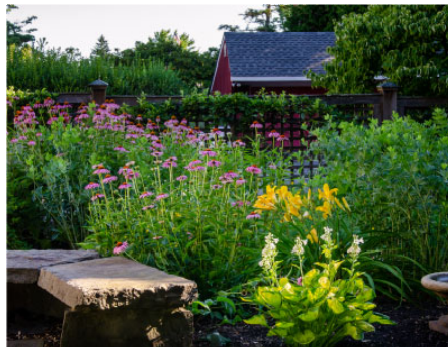
2020 Garden Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our first-ever Newtown Garden Photo Contest!

1st Place: Brian Titus
2nd Place: Barry Fleck
3rd Place: Karen Waitkus
Honorable Mention: Brian Titus
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Honorable Mention: Anne McKernan
Honorable Mention: Michael Stevens

First Place

Brian Titus



Virtual Trivia Pub Quiz

Put on your game face and get your team together for the first NHA-sponsored virtual trivia pub quiz! The event will take place on Sunday, October 18th, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. via Zoom.

Both individuals and teams of up to 10 people can participate. Contributions will benefit the NHA: individuals - \$10; teams - \$30 (2-5), \$50 (6-10). Additional details to come. Mark your calendar and save the date!


NEWTOWN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

VIRTUAL PUB QUIZ

SAVE THE DATE

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

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Amazon Smile

A reminder that there is one very important way you can continue to support the NHA without costing you any money.

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and register under the Newtown Historic Association. Then every time you want to place an order, log into your personal smile.amazon account. You should see, "Supporting Newtown Historic Association" on the web page when you order. The NHA will receive a .5% donation from Amazon for every 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 financially challenging time.



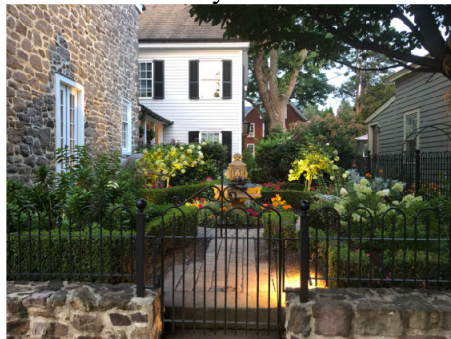
Without the continued financial and emotional support from our community, our ability to protect and preserve Newtown's historic heritage which provides significant value to those who live, work and shop in "Historic Newtown", would not be possible.

Thank you for your support!

2020 Garden Photo Contest Winners (cont'd)

Second Place

Barry Fleck



Third Place

Karen Waitkus



Honorable Mention

Brian Titus



Honorable Mention

Brian Titus



Honorable Mention

Anne McKernan



Honorable Mention

Michael Stevens



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

NO ROOM AT THE INN

The **Half Moon Inn** (Court Inn) is the home of the **Newtown Historic Association**. It was constructed in **1733** as a tavern and has been preserved to remind us of our historic past. The building was restored starting in **1964** and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Inn is used to host many of the NHA events and anchors one end of the most historic blocks in Newtown Borough.

The second floor of the Inn was the original home of the **NHA Research Center** and housed historic archives, artifacts and displays that were open to the public.



Below are pictures showing the challenges we had with storing and displaying the collection of documents, old photos, maps, and memorabilia we have collected over the last 50 years. It was a challenge to store all this information safely and also have space for the people doing research.



In recent years the Association has seen an increase in both donations of locally significant archival items from families across the county as well as the number of visitors to the Research Center. As a result of these factors, the Newtown Historic Association outgrew the space at the Half Moon Inn and needed to expand. Additionally, the weight of all of the archival material was starting to stress the Inn's structure. In January 2019, the NHA purchased a building at **100 Mercer Street**, a block away from the Half Moon Inn. The NHA has since renovated this building so that the archives and Research Center could be relocated there.

The NHA was very fortunate to find a property so close to the Half Moon Inn that could be used for its archives. The new facility provides the NHA with much needed space to ensure the continued growth of the Research Center. Additionally, it solved accessibility issues for visitors using the stairs at the Inn. The new location is on the **ground-level** and has **ample off-street parking** for visitors. Consequently, the new location improves the ease-of-use for visitors and the additional space provides people with comfortable space to do their research.

NO ROOM AT THE INN (cont'd)

As part of the relocation, the housing of the NHA archive materials required additional flat filing cabinets and special “*archival shelving*” in the new facility. This shelving is designed to handle the weight load of archival storage boxes; air flow or ventilation to preserve records, and powder coating of the racks to prevent volatile off-gassing problems. The flat filing cabinets enable the safe storage of large papers like antique maps, event posters and oversized documents. The NHA now has the ability to safely store and display its archives and is grateful to *Pickering, Corts and Summerson* for the donation of flat filing cabinets, and also *Visit Bucks County* for their grant that funded the additional shelving that was needed.



The renovations of the newly vacated space on the second floor at the Court Inn are just beginning. More on that in our next newsletter.

