

Mayfest at Two Locations

Saturday, May 6, is an important date for Maytown. It is Mayfest 2023! Again, this year the Maytown Historical Society is bringing back our town celebration with something for everyone and this year, the activities will be held in **TWO** places. Quality vendors & Food Trucks will be located at Fuhrman Park from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Historical activities for all ages will be held centered around the Museum from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Maytown was founded on May 1, 1760, and Mayfest was held for many years to celebrate that day. This year is even **BIGGER** and **BETTER!** Please plan to join us!



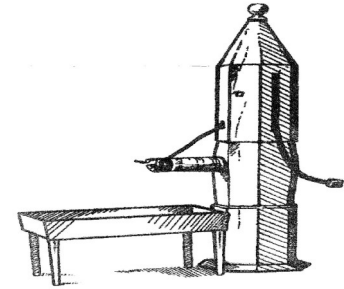
Historic Maytown will feature these events from 10:00-3:00:

- Log House & Yard tour of 10+ places—Cost \$15
- Display in the Museum of textiles, coverlets, & quilts made in Maytown
- Display of school yearbooks in the Church of God
- High Street Café food stand with a delicious lunch and dessert menu in the yard behind the Museum
- Demonstrators of various historic crafts outside the Museum
- 2:00 program featuring a wedding of a Maytown couple
- Second grade students' songs and dances
- Art contest for local first grade students with all pictures on display at the Maytown Reformed church
- Traditional Maypole dance done by Alumni dancers
- Guided Bus tour of historic sites in town— Cost \$2.50/person, school age free
- Real "PENNY" candy stand and bake sale at Shenk Store
- Quilt display in the Church of God
- Ever popular town cake walk following the Maypole dance
- Historical scavenger hunt with prizes

Fuhrman Park features a Makers Market from 10:00-6:00:

- 90+ Quality Vendors with a variety of wares
- Food Trucks with a variety of food choices
- Live Art
- Cash Raffles
- Music—11:00-3:00

Celebrating the history of our small town is important and we hope that this event will spark local interest and bring together young and old in our community! Won't you join us? **Raindate is Sunday, May 7.**



MHS MUSEUM

4 W High Street

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www.maytownhistory.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 20—6:30 @ EDT Society Meeting
- May 6—10:00 Mayfest
- June 15—6:00 MHS Picnic at Museum Lawn
- September 20—Bus Trip

SOCIETY MEETING

The Maytown Historical Society will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 20, at the East Donegal Township Building. The meeting will be held in the large meeting room beginning at 6:30pm. A short program called, "Can You Solve a History Mystery?" with audience participation, will begin promptly at 6:30. Following the program will be the regular business meeting including the election of officers for 2023. There will also be a discussion of upcoming activities highlighting Mayfest 2023, and how YOU can help! Refreshments will be served. All are encouraged and welcome to attend!

FUNDRAISERS — “THANK YOU!”



Thank you to Kelly and Lauren Wood for organizing a sub/sandwich sale in February. The net profit was \$565.75. Thank you, too, for all who purchased and sold the subs/sandwiches.

In March, a breakfast was prepared by the Nell Family. Thank you all who attended. A special thanks to Charles and Mary Kathryn Kelly for

manning the bake sale table. A big shout out to the servers and bussers. The event made a profit over \$1,200.



“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” Theodore Roosevelt



ARCHIVE CORNER

THE RING WITH A STORY

This ring, that now belongs to Deb Crankshaw Gepfer, has quite an interesting history. It was given to Deb for Christmas by her aunt, Hazel C. Deming, just this year. The original ring setting was a gold solitaire, and Hazel Deming had it reset. Here is the history of the ring retold in a writing by Hazel Crankshaw, Deb’s grandmother.

Maytown needed a new school building. The School Board, headed by M.R. Hoffman refused to vote to build a badly needed new school. In 1921, the township citizens had a meeting to find people to run against the current Board. Hazel’s father attended the meeting and came home to inform Flora, Hazel’s mother, that she would be running for school board director. He promised her a diamond ring if she ran and won. Well, she not only ran, but she won with the most votes!

Over the next 6 years, out of 72 meetings, Flora only missed 3 meetings. On May 24, 1927, a special election was held to ask for \$75,000 to purchase land and to build a new school. The town vote was a magnificent yes! The plan for the new school was now a reality. The new high school was dedicated on Saturday, March 24, 1929.

Flora left the Board at the end of 1927. She did not run for reelection, and she had her diamond ring! Deb is the fourth generation Shireman-Crankshaw to own and wear the ring!

HAPPY EASTER





Hagley Museum

MHS PLANNING ONE-DAY BUS TRIP

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, MHS will sponsor a bus trip to Wilmington DE. The coach bus will stop first at the Chester County History Center in West Chester. Lunch will be provided at the 1817 Buckley Tavern in Centreville, DE. Following will be a two-hour guided tour of the 235 acre Hagley Museum and gardens.

The Hagley is owned by the DuPont Family. The bus will leave Fuhrman Park at 8:30 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. All-inclusive ticket can be purchased for \$100/person by calling Janie Garber at 717-940-0037.

HOUSE, PATIO, YARD & GARDEN TOUR

May 6, 2023 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Ticket Cost: \$15.00

Ticket Purchase at the Museum Or contact: (717) 426-2786

Ten (10) Open Houses, Patios, Yards & Garden

1. John and Rebecca Thome House, Patio & Yard
2. Nikki Chapman House
3. "Old" Union National Bank/Love House & Patio
4. Jim and Bridey Hannold House & Yard
5. Jeff and Cathy Keener House, Patio & Yard
6. Mike and Jeanne Cassidy House & Garden
7. Ryan and Brooke Nell House & Yard
8. Cynthia McComsey House & Garden
9. Robert and Eileen Swartz House & Patio
10. Sherban-Brown House, Summer Kitchen & Porch



MUSEUM LAWN SPRING CLEANING

Brandt's Lawn Service, removed holly bushes, ivy and cleaned up the museum's lawn. They also reseeded some areas. Summer mowing will be under contract with them also.

MUSEUM LOG WALL

The north wall in the kitchen area of the Museum has been enhanced by Sload Contractors. The wall was deteriorating.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January & February 2023

Beginning Balance	\$7,862.51
Total Receipts	\$3,251.50
Total Expenses	\$4,087.82
Ending Balance	\$7,062.19

VISIT THE HIGH STREET CAFÉ

At the Museum at MAY-FEST

Menu featuring soups, sandwiches and desserts

