

Maytown Historical Society

Mayfest 2023 Celebration

The Geibs

MHS MUSEUM

4 W High Street

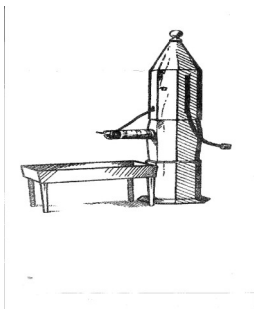
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Mayfest 2023 was a **HUGE SUCCESS** - thanks to all of you who helped in any way and to those of you who came and joined in on the fun! Over 85 quality vendors were located at Fuhrman Park from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Historical activities for all ages were centered around the Museum from 10:00am – 3:00pm. There was a display of first graders' drawings of historical homes, a family scavenger hunt, demonstrators sharing their craft, a guided bus tour of historical places in Maytown, a gorgeous quilt exhibit, yearbooks from almost every year at Maytown School, and a fabulous house & yard/garden tour of 11 local homes, both brick and log. Penny candy,

whoopie pies, and 50 cent treat bags were all for sale at Ye Olde Shenk's Store. MHS Museum was turned into West High Street Café, which served delicious sandwiches and homemade desserts. Don & Marilyn Geib renewed their wedding vows and were entertained by second graders from DPS. The traditional Maypole dance, done by alumni and brave volunteers from the community, was held in front of the Museum on West High Street, of course, followed by the ever popular Cake Walk! Someone who emailed the committee described the day so well.....“We were educated to the strong deep rooted history of Maytown that we did not know before. We



were taken back to a time when we felt peace, when neighbors knew one another and genuinely cared about their town. We loved experiencing that "good ol'hometown feeling!" Plans are already underway for Mayfest 2024. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4, 2024, and plan to enjoy a special day to celebrate our Maytown community!

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BUS TRIP

MHS is sponsoring a bus trip to the Hagley Museum in Wilmington, Delaware on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023.**

The Elite coach will leave Fuhrman Park at 8:30 a.m. The first stop will be at the Chester County History Center in West Chester.

Included is a three-course lunch that will be served at the Buckley Tavern in Centreville. This tavern dates to 1817. Our final stop will be a two-hour guided tour at the 235-acre Hagley Museum. This property was founded in 1802 and the house is now owned by the DuPont family.

We are planning to arrive back at the park at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are all inclusive for \$100. Please contact Janie Garber at jgarber416@gmail.com or 717-940-0037 for more information or ticket purchases.

MHS APRIL MEETING



Nolan Helm, the Grand Prize winner of the First Grade Art Contest

At the April 20th MHS meeting, Linda Good, Vice President, gave a program on “Can You Solve a History Mystery”? She had six items that the audience tried to guess.

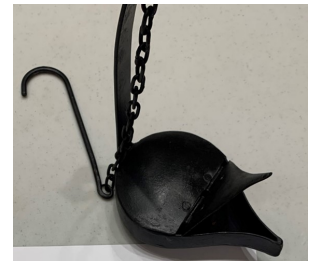
The picture to the right is a “Betty” Lamp or in German a “besser.” The Betty lamp came into use in the 18th century. They were commonly made of iron or brass and were most often used in the home or workshop. These lamps burned fish oil or fat

trimmings and had wicks of twisted cloth.

The Betty lamp differs from earlier oil/grease lamps in that it uses an internal wick holder to eliminate fuel drip common with older lamp designs. The internal wick holder feature made the Betty lamp design very popular.

Betty lamps are being made today but now most people burn olive oil or other vegeta-

ble oil. They are popular with living history buffs and people living in developing countries that are lacking other resources.



“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing,” Walt Disney

Election of Officers

At the April 20th MHS meeting, officers for the Maytown Historical Society were elected.

- President – Skip Nell
- Vice President – Linda Good
- Secretary – Deb Gepher
- Treasurer – Janie Garber
- Assistant Treasurer – Skip Nell

The Executive Committee has agreed not to fill the posi-

tion of Museum Director pending an evaluation of duties and whether the position is needed.

The officers will serve for one term from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.



Museum

A special “**THANKS**” to Larry Garber, for helping Janie to freshen up the museum grounds. Also, for Keith and Kathy Vogt for donating mulch.

If you haven’t seen the backyard of the museum lately, please stop by.



Larry Garber working at the museum yard.

Archives Report

The next project of the committee is to assist with the transition of archives from the Hoffine’s storage unit to the Adam’s garage.

The Committee will be responsible for deaccess-

sioning any items being removed from the MHS collection. The committee continues to meet at the museum on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Sponsors

We are looking for businesses or individuals who would like to be supporting partners of MHS. Please email MHS if you are interested.

2023/24 BUDGET

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| EXPENSES: | |
| Utilities | \$2,563 |
| Museum | \$11,087 |
| Operating Expenses | \$8,690 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$22,340 |

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| INCOME | |
| Donations | \$7,740 |
| Memberships | \$200 |
| Fundraisers | \$14,400 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$22,340 |

PICNIC

**The Picnic
scheduled for
June 15 has been
postponed to a later
date. Watch for
details!**



The Patriot Daughters
of Lancaster.

Membership Form

Name _____

Mailing Address:

Street _____ PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Please indicate which membership you are seeking:

Annual _____ (\$10.00/year) Life _____ (\$50.00)

Complete this form and send along with a check or money order payable to:

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I can provide a history of: _____

I can provide a historic collectable: _____

I can Volunteer for:

_____ Museum Restoration Tasks _____ Food Stand

_____ Museum Operations _____ Events

*THANK YOU all
who attended, served
and donated to
Mayfest. MHS profit
was
\$8,240.25*



**Many thanks for
Megan and crew at
The Shank Shoppe for
coordinating the Mak-
ers Market at Fuhr-
man Park.**



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