

Maytown Historical Society

ExtraGive

Calendar of Events

December 14-Old Fashioned Christmas Party 6:00

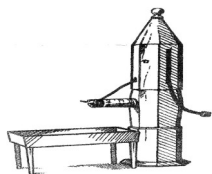
Jan/Feb-Apple dumpling sale

March 23-Breakfast at the museum

April 18-6:30 Society Meeting at EDT

May 4 -Mayfest

June 20-Picnic



Maytown Historical Society has been approved to be a part of the Lancaster County Extra Give. We are reaching out to the community to support us on November 17. Our funds are targeted to maintain the museum and any extra will be invested in our plans for expansion.

The museum's East wall is needing to be repaired and we are bursting at the seams with artifacts. We are looking to expand to a building that would be climate controlled and with more room to display Maytown history.

Go to the www.ExtraGive.org website and search for Maytown Historical Society to donate. All donations are tax deductible. Please partner with us and support us on **No- vember 17th**. Any question please call Linda Good at 717-725-2437.



On November 17, donate online at ExtraGive.org and your generous gift will go even further thanks to the Stretch Pool and prizes from the Community Foundation and many extraordinary sponsors.

LET'S GO THE EXTRA MILE TOGETHER!



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SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

2023 has been another exciting year with numerous events that have been very successful and fun thanks to the hard work of the executive committee, society members and support from our society.

We started off with a sub sale in January, breakfast at St. John's Church in March, one of our largest Mayfests yet in May, our annual picnic in the backyard of the museum in August, a bus trip to the Hagley Museum middle of September and chicken and waffle dinner in the museum yard end of September.

As many of you may have noticed when passing or at the museum, we contracted Brandt's Landscaping and Lawn Mowing to remove the holly bushes, a portion of the flower beds and ivy in the backyard of the museum. The beds were riddled with poison and weeds and were getting very

difficult, time-consuming, and expensive to maintain. We have also contracted Brandt's for lawn care.

Thanks to Janie and Larry Garber for continued weeding, planting of both annual and perennial flowers in the remaining flower beds. The museum yard looks very nice and fits well with our backyard events.

In addition to the work completed as mentioned above in the museum yard, we have also added a custom bench made by our blacksmith specialist Stan Newcomer in memory of Ruth Sweitzer. The bench is located adjacent to the flagpole beside the memorial stone for her husband Don. Both Ruth and Don were very instrumental in the development of the Maytown Historical Society. We have also planted a Crêpe Myrtle in the yard near the flagpole in memory of John Lauver, our local painter, who passed away in July of this year.

Our archives committee continues to meet weekly and is making progress with logging and archiving of the many items we have. We continue to struggle with adequate storage and storage conditions for many of the unique and valuable items to Maytown's/East Donegal's history. Please have a look at the displays both in the museum and East Donegal Township building. These displays are also part of the work completed and maintained by our archive committee.

Our events schedule for 2024 is being finalized and should be shared within this newsletter. Again, we appeal for all support, leading and attending these events. Event fundraising is very key to our annual financial support for maintaining our museum building, property maintenance, archiving storage, future events, etc.

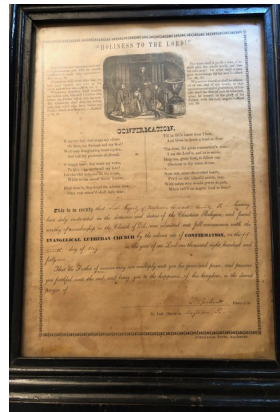
We have a few projects planned for 2024. Replacing the siding on the east wall of the museum, repairing the sidewalk at our gate entrance and a feasibility/conceptual design development for an achieve storage building.

We reach out to our society and ask those who are not members to consider joining and our annual members to please renew their memberships. Your continued support is very important in maintaining the existence of the Maytown Historical Society and History of Maytown/East Donegal Township.

In conclusion, as always, I want to thank you all for your continued support and thank you in advance for your help for the remainder of this year and in 2024.

Skip Nell, President

*MHS preserving
Maytown History for
the next generation!*



At our MHS meeting last week, someone asked, "What is the oldest artifact that MHS has?" This question caused quite a bit of thinking and research from the committee. After much discussion and research, here's our answer: We have quite a few OLD original deeds for houses in Maytown. The oldest deed is dated November 4, 1771. It is the

deed for the house owned by Lowrey and sold to Enoch Hastings . We also have a framed confirmation certificate for Leah Hagerly from the Evangelical Lutheran Church dated March 15, 1841. But remember, we get "things" every day so that could change today!

Archive Corner

Membership Drive

The Maytown Historical Society is seeking individual or lifetime memberships. We have a very active leadership team but we are in need of your support. The yearly membership is \$10 and life-time is \$50.

*Please consider joining the society to keep Maytown history **ALIVE!***

Contact Janie Garber at 717-426-3689 for membership information.

TREASURER REPORT as of 10/30/2023

Northwest Acct

Beginning Bal	\$ 318.50
Income	1,328.00
Expenses	\$ <u>667.32</u>
Check Acct Bal	\$ 979.18

Money Market Acct

	\$13,212.55
CDs Invested	\$25,520.58

Members 1st Acct

Beginning Bal	\$2,437.59
Income/Exp	- <u>1,976.32</u>
Bal	\$ 461.27
Savings Acct	5.00
CD Invested	\$15,473.08

In Memory

of those members who passed this year.

Richard Baker—9/26/2023
Patricia Derr - 5/4/2023
John Hiestand - 5/30/2023
Glen Leib -7/8/2023
Marylou Nagy—9/14/2023
Nelson Thomas—1/23/2023
Vincent Vuono - 2/2/2023



SAVE THE DATE

**Mayfest
2024—May
4th**



“When you start something you need to stick with it till it is finished.”
*Fannie Snavely
Hershey*



IF YOU MOVE...
please contact us and update your address and phone number. Also if you have an email address, MHS can email the newsletter and that will save us the cost of printing and postage.

Chicken & Waffle Dinner

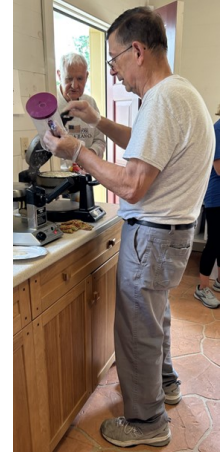
It was one of the only perfect Saturdays in September for a garden party. We had 118 attend or take out meals from the Chicken and Waffle Dinner. The society earned \$1170.

Thank you to the kitchen help, cooks, servers and ticket seller. Together we made it all happen. A special shout out to those who helped set up/ take down the canopy and tables. A special thanks to Reich’s Church for the chairs.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who attended and supported the Maytown Historical Society with your donations.



Patrons enjoying the Chicken & Waffle dinner in the Museum yard.



Waffle Chef,
Charles Kelly

Bus Trip

The bus trip in September to Wilmington, Delaware was enjoyed by 49 travelers. The Chester County Historic Center in West Chester, was very interesting. The meal at the Buckley Tavern was delicious and the tour of the Eleutherian Mills plantation was very educational and enjoyable.

Everyone enjoyed themselves! Consider joining us on our next trip. This fundraiser netted the society \$1,090.



The plantation tour.



Two travelers tried on the colonial costumes.

Bench purchased



Bench in memory of Ruth E Sweitzer placed next to the flag post which is in memory of her husband, Don.

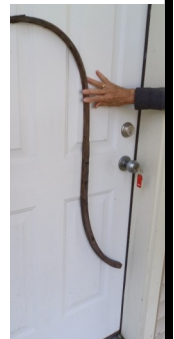
Stan Newcomer of Stan’s Blacksmith Shop made an iron bench placed in the museum backyard in memory of Ruth E Sweitzer.

Ruth was a lifetime member of the society and was famous for her meadow tea and chicken corn soup served on Mayfest day.

YOUR HELP NEEDED!

Do you know what this is? It was found in the museum garage and we are attempting to identify it. It is a thin wooden stick.

Please let us know your thoughts?

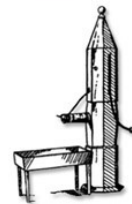


You're Invited to an..

Old Fashioned



Christmas Party



Thursday

December
14

6:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

11 North Queen Street

Pot Luck Supper

(Ham Loaf & Turkey provided.)

Bring a side dish or a dessert.

Hosted by:

Maytown Historical Society

All are welcome. Come see
what we're about.

RSVP to (717)725-2437

