

ExtraGive

Deck the Square



Maytown Historical Society



Only 9 days until the Lancaster County ExtraGive. Again this year, Maytown Historical Society has been approved to participate in this year's special day of giving.

Our goal is to use the funds received to remodel the current garage for a climate-controlled archive store building.

You can participate by going onto the website www.ExtraGive.org and search for Maytown Historical Society to donate. All

donations are tax deductible. Your generous gift will go further thanks to the Stretch Pool and prizes from the community foundation and many extraordinary sponsors.

Please partner with us and support MHS on Friday, **November 22th**. Any question please call Linda Good at 717-725-2437.



Maytown Civic Association has decided to join other communities this year and celebrate our historic square with a Square-Lighting Celebration! Please join us on Saturday, November 30, 2024, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm for the first annual Square-Lighting Celebration!

West High Street will be closed to traffic, and free cookies and hot chocolate will be available in front of the MHS Museum.

The Museum will be open and decorated for Christmas. The current museum exhibit is a collection of Maytown memorabilia from our archives.

A quartet from the Rhythm Singers will entertain us with some Christmas songs to get us into the Christmas spirit! .

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..... everywhere you go...



Please join us for an "Old Fashioned Christmas Party"

What: Potluck Supper & Storyteller

When: Thursday, December 12

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church in Maytown

What time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

What's provided: Turkey, Ham Balls, Filling, & beverages

What to bring: Side dish, or

dessert to share & your Christmas Spirit

Sarah Staub, a retired librarian, who is a storyteller from West Chester, will entertain us with a Christmas story, and of course, Santa will stop by for the kids! There will also be a silent auction, and some carols to round out the evening. It will surely be a night to put you in the holiday spirit and to

enjoy some holiday time with your Maytown neighbors! Anyone who is interested in helping to preserve the history of our special town is welcome to attend! Please join us....as they say....the more, the merrier! Make your reservations today! Call Linda Good at 717-725-2437.

Upcoming Events:

ExtraGive	November 22
Maytown tree lighting	November 30
Old Fashion Christmas Party	December 12
Society Meeting	February 20
Society Meeting	April 17
Mayfest	May 3

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MHS Archive Acquisition

Several months ago, research for an inquiry from Northern York County Historical Society led us to find that Maytown had a well-known needlework teacher from the early 1800's. Several samplers by the students of Catharine Welshans Buchanan now hang in some very prestigious galleries and museums and have sold at auction for tens of thousands of dollars.

Many of you know that one member of our archive team, Deb Gepfer, enjoys needlework and quilting and is a member of the Delaware Valley Historic Sampler Guild. Doing the research for NYCHS, sent Deb down a rabbit hole hoping to acquire a sampler for our museum with a Maytown connection that was affordable. With the help of her friend and fellow stitcher, Susan Heydt, a Lancaster County sampler was found at auction with an auction estimate of \$80-\$120 and amazingly, the sampler was attributed to a young lady who was probably born in Maytown! Since Susan and her husband, Bruce reproduce antique samplers for cross stitchers and sell the charts through their business, "The Old Man and the Bea", the ladies hoped to buy the sampler, reproduce it and sell the charts to raise money for the MHS archive project.

Deb bid on the sampler and began to research the child who stitched it. The

sampler gave her several clues to get her started. The sampler tells us that the stitcher, Ann Francis Breneman, made the sampler in 1855 in the 12th year of her age. The auction catalog provided the following information: "Identified as Ann Frances (Francis) Breneman (Brennaman), who was born on January 16, 1844, in likely Maytown, Lancaster Co., PA to parents, Jacob Breneman (1818-1848) and Barbara Breneman (1820-1909). Ann, who went by Frances, married John E. Hunter around 1865, and the couple moved to Shiloh, Richland Co., OH by 1870 and had at least three daughters. Frances died on January 26, 1926, and is buried along with her husband at Maytown Union Cemetery in Maytown, PA." With this information, Deb went to Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com and several other genealogy sites to try to find additional family members of Frances. The search was successful! Deb was able to find the names of the daughters of John and Frances Hunter and their children and grandchildren. The research led her to find a descendant of Frances who held an important position here in town and whose nephew is still a resident.

Even though we were unable to find a connection with Catharine Buchanan's needlework school, the sampler has been

purchased and reproduced as a cross stitch chart. Deb is currently stitching the model and is hoping to unveil both the antique sampler and model at Mayfest 2025. It is also hoped that the charts will be ready for sale at that time. Who is the descendent of Frances? Come out to Mayfest to find the answer and more information about the Breneman/Hunter family!

PS: If you have a connection to this family, and/or have additional information, please let us know!



Shed Purchased

The base for the newly purchased 14'x20' shed has been completed. The building is scheduled to be delivered on Saturday, December 7th. Thanks to Love's Tree Service for pruning a few trees in preparation for the delivery.

Stay tune....



Pottery Sale

Someone is going to have a birthday! Yes that is right...Maytown will be 265 years old on May 1, 2025.

To commemorate the occasion, MHS will be selling a medium crock and a jam jar. (Pictured below is a similar piece.) More information will be coming in the new year.



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Plan to come and sing carols together with your neighbors and check out the new square decorations.

Anyone wishing to give a donation for our new decorations, please send it to Maytown Civic Association, Box 457, Maytown, PA 17550. Donors will be recognized at the celebration for their contributions.