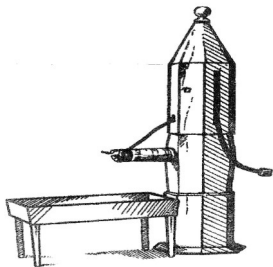


# MAYTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicken & Waffle Lunch 11:30-2:00	10/6
Bulb Orders due	10/15
Society Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10/17
ExtraGive	11/22
Old Fashion Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m.	12/12



## MHS MUSEUM

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## Chicken & Waffle Dinner

Back by popular demand....MHS will be cooking a chicken and waffle dinner. It will be held **on Sunday, October 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00** at the Museum at 4 W High St.

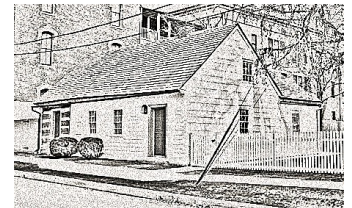


The menu will be chicken and gravy on a homemade waffle plus, green beans, coleslaw, dessert and water. The dinner will be served in take-out containers which can be eaten in the beautiful backyard of the museum or taken home.

There will be no advance sales. Tickets are \$12.00 each, purchased

the day of the event. Children of the age of 5 or younger can eat for free.

Come out, visit with neighbors, and support the historical society.



## Next Society Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the East Donegal Township Building. Our program will be a presentation on the Underground Railroad by Hazel Crankshaw Deming, also known as "Mickey" to longtime Maytown residents. Her program will focus on the Underground Railroad in Lancaster County and whether or not there are any connections to Maytown/East Donegal Township.

Hazel is a former teacher who grew up on the corner of West High and North King Streets in Maytown. She graduated from East Donegal High School and earned degrees in Education from Elizabethtown College and Temple Uni-

versity. Hazel began her career teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Maytown Elementary School and later taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Jenkintown Elementary School in Montgomery County for 12 years. While in Montgomery County, she also worked as Coordinator of Activities for a local retirement community and volunteered as a docent at Independence Historical Park in Philadelphia. Upon returning to Lancaster County, she volunteered as a docent at Rock Ford and was a member of the Lancaster County Speakers

Bureau for over 10 years. She currently resides at Willow Valley in Willow Street.

Below is a photo showing Hazel with her 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Maytown Elementary School. The students shown graduated from Donegal High School in 1964.



# Spring Flower Bulb Sale

Where do roses sleep  
at night?

In their  
flowerbed.

Think of all your friends, family, neighbors and work associates who may enjoy adding a splash of color to their yard, watching flowers grow, gardening, making additions to their current landscaping, or who want to support this very green and eco-friendly fundraiser for MHS.

MHS has fundraisers to keep the museum open. The society has monthly expenses and the way to pay for those monthly expenses is to have these fundraisers.

You can purchase the bulbs

by contacting Nan Papp at (610-680-7845) or [nanpapp@gmail.com](mailto:nanpapp@gmail.com). Society Officers have order forms also. The deadline for orders is **October 15th**. You will be contacted when the orders are delivered. Another way to order is to



from the website: [www.dutchmillbulbs.com](http://www.dutchmillbulbs.com) and be sure to select Maytown Historical Society to give us the credit of your purchase. We receive a profit from each sale.,

If you order online you may pay for the order with a credit card and have the bulbs shipped directly to you. If you order through a society member, please make check for the order payable to Maytown Historical Society.

Together, we can **COLOR** the world one bulb at a time!

## Archive Storage Shed

The Building and Finance subcommittees of the society have met and will recommend to the society's members, the purchase of a 14 x 20' shed to be placed in the backyard.

This recommendation is to meet the needs of more storage. The second phase is to convert the current

garage to a climate-controlled unit to preserve our precious archives.

A quorum of the society will be needed to vote on the project at the October 17th meeting. Two different bids will be provided from local shed companies.

If you would like to contrib-

ute to this project, donations should be sent directly to Maytown Historical Society at P O Box 293, Maytown, PA 17550.



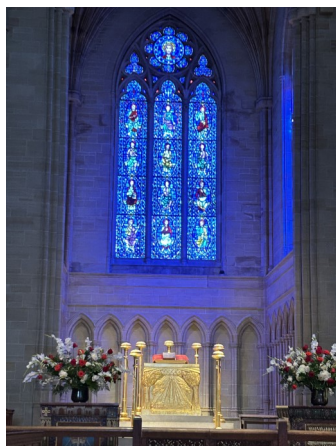
## Bus Trip

On a beautiful sunny 80 degrees day, MHS sponsored a bus trip to Cairnwood Estates in Montgomery County. The 41 people who took the trip were in awe of the beautiful architecture, stone details, stained glass windows, view of Philadelphia city (14 miles away) from top of the tower and many antique pieces to view.

A delicious Italian buffet was served, with "doggie" bags provided.

Thank you everyone for supporting our fundraiser. It netted the society \$1,050.

Many asked—Where are we going next year?



# ExtraGive



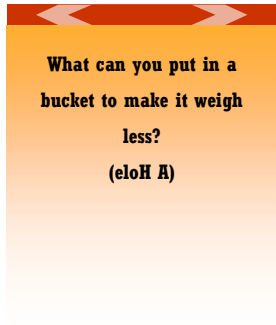
Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000 to remodel the garage on the property. The main project is to make the building climate controlled for the storage of the archives we currently have in storage.

If you are a business owner and would like to provide matching funds, please let us know.

MHS has been approved to be a part of the Lancaster County ExtraGive on November 22. [Mark your calendars!](#)

MHS is a 501c3 organization and all donations will be tax deductible.

Consider joining us in reaching our goal!



## SAVE THE DATE.....December 12

Remember the fun you had at those old-fashioned family Christmas parties? There were carols to sing, stories to tell, and lots of good food, fellowship and Christmas spirit!

Maytown Historical Society is celebrating history

by having an old-fashioned family Christmas party and YOU are invited! The cost is free and you are asked to bring a covered side dish or a dessert to share and your Christmas spirit!

Sarah Staub, a retired librarian, who is a storyteller from West Chester, will entertain us with a Christmas story. Stay tuned for details, and be sure to mark down the date on your December calendar.



This Photo by

## Merv & Tibby's Big Secret

Merv Arnold, Maytown's future un-official "Mayor", and Elizabeth "Tibby" Lindemuth were teenagers in love, and they wanted to get married, but the law and their families thought they were too young. So what to do? They heard that people their age could get married south of the Mason-Dixon Line, without parental consent, and so they stole off to Hager-

stown, Maryland and got "hitched" by a pastor named Lytheton Ferguson.

But what to do now? They couldn't just leave their homes and families behind. They couldn't leave Maytown. They were, however, afraid to tell their parents the truth, and so they came home, lived apart from one another, pretending they were not married, and told no one their big secret for a

very long time.

The marriage, nevertheless, "took", because it lasted for 62 years, until Tibby's death in 1982, and it produced sons, Merle, Dale and Glen. Two of whom worked at Arnold's Garage and kept Merv and Tibby's legacy of secret love going across many generations.

Ref: Round the Square book





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**THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A MEMBER AND FOR  
SUPPORTING OUR EVENTS.**

**Proceeds pay the yearly operating expenses of the  
Maytown/East Donegal Township Museum.**