

Marcus Hook Preservation Society

# Newsletter



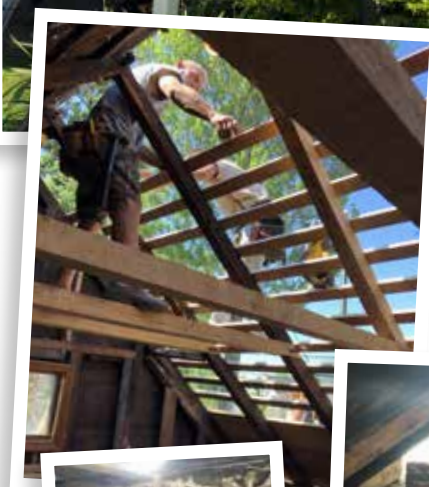
## Plank House Restoration Continues

This past year proved to be a challenging one – 2020 was not easy. However, we were fortunate to go into it with a new roof on the Plank House and much needed repairs to our chimney and interior fire place.

Next on the agenda for the Plank House are new planks. Thru funding from the Crystal Foundation, we will be able to continue our efforts. New planks for the South side, which is currently under cover, will be on order very shortly. Since the 1970's addition was removed, the covering and structure that appears on this wall acts as a brace to secure the all, as well as protect it from the elements. We hope to be able to replace the deteriorated planks on that wall as well as planks and beams on the back- kitchen wall.

Our grant writing efforts will certainly continue into 2021 with the hopes of securing enough funding to complete this work.

If you are interested in donating to this very worthwhile cause, please send donations to MHPS, PO Box 703, Marcus Hook, PA 19061 and indicate “restoration”. We thank you for your support!



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# 12th Annual Pirate Festival

Since this year was a very different year for us, with the pandemic closing mostly every public event throughout the summer, the Marcus Hook Preservation Society, with the cooperation of the Marcus Hook Borough, decided to hold the annual Pirate Festival, but with a few slight changes to protect our many guests and visitors.

Masks were worn, social distancing was ensured and sanitizing at vendors booths was encouraged. We had Cippolini's catering, Kevin Carney and MADI LLC, food truck. With just these 3 food vendors, we had enough food to feed our guests and no one went away hungry.

If you attended, you may have noticed that we did not provide games, rides or activities that could have proved harmful, and therefore most guests enjoyed the many pirate skits performed by Plunderful Productions and the live music on stage performed by Brigands and Pirates for Sail.

Our minstrel singers, The Sea Dogs made the rounds and entertained our guests throughout the day.

Our pirate encampment was in full force with cooking, demonstrations and cannon fire, and our Beer Garden featured two bands, Jolly Shore Leave and Bedlum Bones.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our annual fundraiser, and to all who participated. We appreciate your support and look forward to our 2021 event!



## Plank House Facts



As the town was bombarded by the British warships more than once, there are very few pre-Revolutionary houses remaining in Marcus Hook, with the exception of the Plank House!

Marcus Hook served as a defensive post along the Delaware River with over 5,000 US troops placed there.

The Plank House is worth saving, and it is our mission to restore it so that we might preserve history for all future generations!

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## Artifacts Library

Dr. Mitchell Rothman, retired, Widener University and Dr. David Orr, retired, Temple University have worked tirelessly on completing their task of cleaning and cataloging our over 28,000 artifacts.

While Covid-19 was causing a stir, our two dedicated professors worked diligently and safely within the confines of the Library, filing our artifacts in their new home.

We hope to open soon to reveal the treasures that lie within, and to share with everyone the magnificent history of Marcus Hook and to continue the story that has begun with those little pieces of history!

*Stay tuned!*



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## Our Mission

- To care for and preserve the Plank House and interpret for the public its legendary connection with pirates on the Delaware River
- To celebrate the significant historical features of Marcus Hook's social and cultural life from the 17th century to the present
- To offer tours and public educational programs designed to celebrate and preserve the history of the Plank House and the community of Marcus Hook



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If you would like to help us in any of the following areas, please email us at [MHPS1@hotmail.com](mailto:MHPS1@hotmail.com).

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## THE MARCUS HOOK PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It was formed in 2004 to preserve the rich history of the Borough of Marcus Hook through educational programs, events, and community involvement.

The Society owns the Marcus Hook Plank House and is in the process of major renovations.

The Plank House, circa 1720, is our founding symbol, saved for restoration in 2004, and open by appointment.

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society meets on the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 W. Delaware Ave., Marcus Hook, PA 19061.

**Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome to attend.**



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