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# Marcus Hook Preservation Society Newsletter

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## ABOUT MHPS



### OUR MISSION

To care for and preserve the Plank House and interpret for the public its legendary connection with pirates on the Delaware River

Celebrate the significant historical features of Marcus Hook's social and cultural life from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present

Offer tours and public educational programs designed to celebrate and preserve the history of the Plank House and the community of Marcus Hook.

## W3R- WASHINGTON/ROCHAMBEAU NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

Marcus Hook Preservation Society And The Washington – Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Association held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration and Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 7, 2013. The day began at 12:30 with a brief tour and discussion of the historic 18<sup>th</sup> century Plank House, which the Marcus Hook Preservation Society is raising funds to restore. At 1:00pm we followed the SAR Color Guard to the Historic St. Martin's Cemetery where Borough Manager Bruce Dorbian and guests honored those patriots from Marcus Hook who fought in the Civil War and are buried at St.

Martin's. Each year we chose one Civil War veteran to honor and this year's veteran was Mr. Samuel Price who started his service to our country as a member of the Committee of Observation of Chester County in December of 1774. His rank was Private and he was with General Anthony Wayne at the Battle of Paoli. Following the ceremony we returned to the Community Center for a lecture given by Mr. Andrew Miller, a graduate of Villanova University with a MA in History and who is a full-time History Instructor at Neumann University. Mr. Miller is the founder and

advisor to the University History Club and has also developed courses on the American Revolution, Civil War and many other topics. Mr. Miller has been the featured speaker at various public libraries and historical societies. His first novel The Winter Soldiers was published in 2004.

This event was sponsored by Chester Water Authority. We appreciate their dedication and support of our society. Drinks and ice cream were donated by Wawa.



## FAMILY NIGHT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, September 20, 2013 was our famous Family Night Spaghetti Dinner, cooked by Blackbeard himself (aka Michael Manerchia, president of the Marcus Hook Preservation Society). With special thanks to the board members and volunteers we served over 150 dinners, including take out. MHPS would like to thank Wawa, Giant Food

Stores, Giovancci's Family Meat Market, Planet Hoagie and Target for the donations of food and dinner supplies and Safeway, Acme, Kyj's Gourmet Bakery, Italianos Restaurant, Sungate Diner, and Sweeney's Bakery for their donations of desserts. A special thanks to Pirates for Sail for providing the musical entertainment for the evening. A fun time was

had by all.

A special thanks to our many volunteers who helped cook, serve and clean up. We greatly appreciate your dedication!

## 5TH ANNUAL PIRATE FESTIVAL



The 5th Annual Pirate Festival on Saturday, September 21, 2013 was hugely successful thanks to our advertising on the digital billboard on I95 donated by Children's Dental Health Associates who helped spread the word and to our visiting pirate crews, Valhallas, Sons of the Waves, Bloody Historical, Recreating History, A Angel, Vigilant, and The Mermaid, who provided entertainment throughout the day. Musical entertainment on stage was provided by Pirates

for Sail and the Brigands and our traveling musicians, the Sea Dogs. Live arms fire as well as cannon fire could be heard every hour, on the hour, throughout the day. We would like to thank our many crafters and merchandise vendors for their display of unique merchandise. We would also like to thank our many food vendors who showcased their special dishes. We could not have asked for a more perfect day. The weather was beautiful, and the community was out to

show their support. Thank you to Fulginiti Insurance for advertising on their digital sign at 5 points in Aston. Thank you Marcus Hook Borough for all your help and support for this year's festival and we hope that you will join us next year for a great time of pirates, music, food and fun . A special thank you goes out to Marie Horn, Brian Mercandante and the Star Bar & Hotel for all their help, guidance, support and dedication!! Huzzah

## HEADLINE



We would like to dedicate this Newsletter to our friends at Children's Dental Health Associates who donated the digital billboard on I95, across from Crozer Hospital to advertise our annual Pirate Festival. This

year's event was hugely successful as a direct result of getting the word out in a really big way!! Thank you to Mr. Wade Pratt for his faith in us and his dedication to our preservation society and our success.



## DONATION PLANK HOUSE SIGN

While food vendors were setting up their tents and crafters were setting up their tables to showcase their wares, our friend Cutter was busy installing our new sign that he not only hand made personally for us, but also donated! Thanks Cutter, we love the sign and it certainly looks great!!

Check out Cutter's website at [www.IslandCutter.com](http://www.IslandCutter.com)



## Talking Plank House

As you drive by the Plank House at 221, Market Street in Marcus Hook, if you will tune your car radio to 1650 AM, you will hear a brief history of the house – loud and clear!

Drive by, listen, and then if you'd like a tour, just send us an email to schedule an appointment, it's that easy.

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## Inside Story Headline

### TREASURE

#### **"Treasure" premieres in Philadelphia!**

by [treasurethefilm](http://treasurethefilm.com) · August 27, 2013



*Treasure* – [The Story of Marcus Hook](http://TheStoryofMarcusHook.com)

will be docking in Philadelphia for its world premier at [FirstGlance Film Festival](http://FirstGlanceFilmFestival.com).

Just a few miles from

Marcus Hook, Philadelphia is the perfect place for this film's journey to begin. And as luck would have it, the screening was scheduled to take place on September 20, the day before the [Marcus Hook Pirate Festival](http://MarcusHookPirateFestival.com) took off.

*Treasure* screened with four other films on the Festival's opening night: three other shorts (*A House, A Home*; *Super Knocked Up*; *FAR*) and the feature *Eat Spirit Eat*.

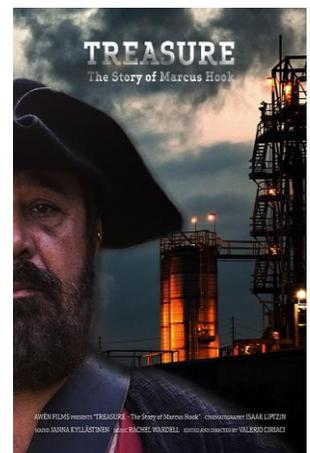
Doors opened at 7:15pm on

Friday Sept. 20.

**Update:** *Treasure* – The Story of Marcus Hook will be shown by the Media Film Festival at the Media Theatre on Friday, April 4, 2014 at 7pm. This is a red carpet event.

Blackbeard and his crew will make an appearance.

Come show your support and see a great documentary!





## GHOST WALK:

The October Ghostwalk was filled with fun stories of ghosts, spirits and other worldly drama as well as factual history provided by Blackbeard himself. Guests followed Beth Ingram and Blackbeard through the streets of Hook to learn about its history and mystery. Join us in 2014 for a spring

walk and a fall walk. Check out our website for the dates and times at [marcushookps.org](http://marcushookps.org).



## PLANK HOUSE ARTIFACTS

The horse head that you see a picture of, is about the size of a \$.50 piece. If you have the ability to zoom in you can see the high detail in the carving of the head. This is also a button which could've been used for children's clothing, cufflinks, collar button or even military insignia denoting cavalry. One of the interesting things about Marcus Hook is a gentleman named Archibald Dick who owned the fastest racehorse in

the colonies. He was also the father of the Dr. who attempted to treat George Washington while he was on his deathbed if anyone knows more about the but please contact us via our e-mail [mhps1@hotmail.com](mailto:mhps1@hotmail.com)

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*The Marcus Hook Preservation Society is a 501c3 organization. It was formed in 2004 to preserve the rich history of the Borough of Marcus Hook through educational programming, events, and community involvement. The Society owns the Marcus Hook Plank House, and is in the process of renovating it, and at the same time, sponsors an active archaeological dig on its grounds.*

*The Marcus Hook Preservation Society meets once a month on the second Monday at 7 pm at the Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 West Delaware Ave., Marcus Hook, PA 19061. Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome to attend. Please e-mail mhps1@hotmail.com with questions.*

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