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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;

Celebrate the significant historical features of Marcus Hook's social and cultural life from the 17th 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.



National Register Designation (update)

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of properties recognized for their significance in American History, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. The National Register Program was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect our historic and archaeological resources. National Register property includes districts, sites,

buildings, structures and objects. On October 4, 2016, the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board reviewed the National Register nomination for the Marcus Hook Plank House at their fall meeting, and voted unanimously to recommend it for listing. The nomination is now being sent to the National Park Services' Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for review. We expect to learn the outcome of that decision in January 2017. We are

anticipating that the Keeper will agree with the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board and staff of the State Historic Preservation Office that this is indeed an important place!



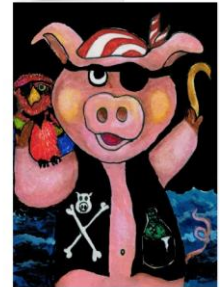


Piratical Pig Roast

On Friday, September 16, 2016 we held our annual family dinner – our first time ever – Piratical Pig Roast. The porketta and pulled pork was prepared and donated by the Knights of Columbus. We would like to give a special thanks and shout out to our two favorite cooks and representatives of the Knights of Columbus, Brian and Mike. The pork was

fantastic! With the pork we served potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw and baked beans. We also had all beef hotdogs as well as cupcakes and cookies for dessert. Drinks were donated by Wawa. We served 90 dinners this year which was a 40% increase over last year! To all who came and supported this event, to all who donated to this event and to all

who volunteered and worked this event, we can't thank you enough. We appreciate all the effort and support, and hope to see you all next year.



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8th Annual Pirate Festival



This year's 8th Annual Pirate Festival was held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 11am until 6pm. While traffic was backing up on I95, crafters and vendors were setting up their tents and wares at Marcus Hook Memorial Square Park. It was a magnificent day with warm weather and blue skies and a slight breeze off the Delaware River. Our pirate encampment was in full swing with cannon fire every hour, demonstrations and the aroma of cooking on open fires could be smelled through the encampment! We had 9 food vendors

and 25+ crafters all selling their wares; from water ice and ice cream to cheese steaks, hamburgers, pork sandwiches, fried Oreos and homemade lemonade. There was something for everyone! We appreciate the support of our returning vendors and welcomed our new vendors and we hope to see you all back next year for our 9th Annual Pirate Festival on September 16, 2017.

Apply early to secure your spots! Go to our website at www.marcushookps.org to fill out your food vendor or crafter applications.

This was the first time for our Scavenger Photo Contest, which was sponsored by Star Bar & Hotel, Keys Tippling House and Lefty's Irish Pub. Our winner was Kristin Savage.

Congratulations Kristin!



Friday Night Bingo

Every Friday night at the Star Bar, 1018 Market Street, Marcus Hook, PA starting at 7pm. Cash Bingo games will be held to help support our continued restoration efforts of the historic Plank House and Artifacts Library.

Join us for the fun, and help us in our efforts.



Plank House and Artifacts Library

Our Plank House features a new Artifacts Library that we have been working on. We have received grants from Sun Foundation, Ethel Sgt. Clark Smith Foundation and the Marcus Hook Community Development Corp. The electric, insulation, walls, flooring and cabinetry have all been installed. This has been an exciting year! Dr. Mitchell Rothman, chair of Anthropology and Archaeology Social Science Department at Widener University and

his undergraduate students are working on cataloging our collection of artifacts. Once a week they are meeting to identify, tag, and store our artifacts. With this work being done, our Library is taking shape which will enable us to better prepare our educational programs! Thanks to Dr. Rothman and his students for making this possible. We truly appreciate your efforts!

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! If you would like a tour, just send us an email at mhps1@hotmail.com to schedule an appointment. It's that easy.



Feature Artifact

by Michael Manerchia

This particular artifact was found in the "kitchen" area of the Plank House and is believed to be hand carved out of Ivory or whale bone.



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We would like to thank the following for their generosity and support:

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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 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

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.

Please email mhps1@hotmail.com with questions.

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*Food Truck Festival
Coming May 2017!*

To learn more about the Plank House and our ongoing restoration efforts, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn3reATDX1E> Prepared by PHILO Project