



Calendar of Events

March 28 - 7 p.m.

T.H.M.A. Meeting
 Held at Grace U.C.C.
 Speaker - Brian Johnson
 "Eastern Woodland Indians"

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April 25 - 7 p.m.

T.H.M.A. Meeting
 Held at Grace U.C.C.
 Speaker - Cathy Baty
 "Eli Bentley"

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April 30 - 11 a.m.

**GRAND
OPENING**

Taneytown History
Museum

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May 23 - 7 p.m.

T.H.M.A. Meeting
 Held at Grace U.C.C.
 Speaker—Bonnie Staub
 "Carroll County Quilt Trail"



Heritage & Museum Happenings

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President's Message

Think spring! It's always exciting to see a bit of green peeking through the ground as the temperatures rise and the snow melts. Even though you know what is about to happen, it is always exciting to watch it unfold before your eyes. This spring holds special promise as the Taneytown History Museum will reopen at its' new location on April 30. It has been a long wait, but spring is coming and so is the Grand Opening! Save the date!

I hope to see you then.

... Nancy



up and we will need all the volunteers we can get, so please consider helping us make the property look beautiful for opening day.

... Carroll Hahn

Museum Grand Opening

The Museum Opening Planning Committee is busy at work for the upcoming and long awaited opening of the museum at the new location, 340 East Baltimore Street. The Taneytown Heritage & Museum Association, Inc. will be celebrating the Grand Opening of the History Museum with a weekend celebration. The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 30th at 11 a.m., and will remain open until 4 p.m. The museum will also be open on Sunday May 1, 1 - 4 p.m.

Kickoff for the grand opening and ribbon cutting will begin promptly at 11 a.m. followed by some brief remarks from local dignitaries. Following the remarks, the museum will be officially open to the public. Volunteers and docents will be there to answer questions and as guides.

April 30th marks a new beginning for the History Museum which is coming up

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What's going on at the Museum?

It is wonderful to see most of the activities directed towards opening day instead of construction. Committees are working at a feverish pitch putting exhibits together and planning opening day activities! It is truly starting to look like a museum!

Plans are in place to sign a contract to add the final four parking places. Comcast will be installing the phone and internet. A security system will soon be selected and installed.

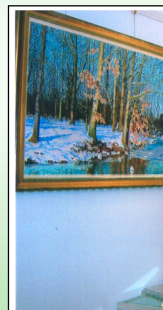
We will be scheduling a spring spruce

Just a few of the exhibits being worked on for the grand opening



Taneytown High School Exhibit

Thank you
to our many
faithful
volunteers!



Zepp Brothers Artwork



Rod & Gun Club Exhibit



Chain carved
from 1 piece
of wood

T.H.M.A.

Spring Meetings

Monday, March 28, 2016.

Eastern Woodland Indians.

Join us on March 28th to learn more about Native American Indians who lived and traveled in our local area. Brian Johnson will appear in full Indian costume to tell us about Indian life and habits in the 1700s. Brian has a great interest in the Eastern Woodland Indians and has been a French and Indian War re-enactor for the past 20 years. He will be bringing along weapons and artifacts from this time period.

Monday, April 25, 2016.

Eli Bentley Clock History.

Hear about the life and times of Eli Bentley, Taneytown's famous watch and clockmaker on April 25th. Cathy Baty, Curator of Collections at the Historical Society of Carroll County, will tell about Mr. Bentley, who was already an established clockmaker when he moved to Taneytown in 1778/79. He was a silversmith who also made and repaired watches. Ms. Baty encourages anyone owning a Bentley clock to attend, bring a picture of their clock, if possible, and join in the conversation.

...Peggy Keeney

Refreshments Needed...

If you would like to provide, or help provide, light refreshments for any of the spring meetings, please contact Social Chairman Fairy Flickinger at 410-756-2245.

WE NEED YOU!!!

Taneytown Heritage and Museum Assoc. has always enjoyed an awesome volunteer response. Volunteers have painted, sold raffle tickets, proof-

Historical Snippets

The Blue Ridge Rubber Company opened in Taneytown in 1936. The plant employed about 40 people, manufacturing casual and waterproof footwear. The factory worked under government contract making raincoats, ponchos and insulated boots during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Over 1000 people were employed there during this period. In 1948, the name of the parent company, Cambridge Rubber Company, was adopted for the Taneytown factory. The plant was closed in 1986.

read, landscaped, cleaned, baked cookies, researched and set up exhibits, hosted golfers, shoveled snow, typed, phoned, publicized, located and loaned artifacts and guided guests... to name only a few of the ways they have served. This willingness to volunteer is the backbone of T.H.M.A. and is greatly appreciated.

But as our presence in the community increases, the need for volunteers also increases. Calls will soon be made to recruit docents to serve as host/hostesses at the Museum. (*To serve as a docent, it is not necessary to be versed in Taneytown history, but rather to be welcoming and friendly in greeting visitors.*) There are, of course, volunteer opportunities in many other areas. Please let the volunteer coordinators know if you have a special interest.

Coordinating volunteers are Pam Reed, Lola Null and Doris Crouse. They can be contacted by email (ThandMA@gmail.com) or 410-751-1005.

Fundraisers

Ways and Means Committee

- READY, SET, SHOPPING SPREE •

The January Board of Directors meeting brought ideas of various raffles but in the end, the vote went to another Kennie's Shopping Spree. Definitely, we need revised rules and committee volunteers. No one outside the officers and committee has come forward with ideas or commitment to join the committee... please, we need your help to make this work!

What should be the price of a ticket this time? The sooner this is decided we can have tickets printed. Come to the March meeting with your ideas.

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We need suggestions for the 2016 ornament, the 9th in the series. Suggestions may be forwarded to any committee member or to Sandy Crouse, cfordtrev@yahoo.com or call 410-756-6077.

*... Sandy Crouse*

## Museum Hours

Taneytown History Museum will be open on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Regular Saturday and Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. The hours may change to accommodate special events in Taneytown. Your group may visit at other times by appointment.

## Grand Opening

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on its' 12th year anniversary later this summer.

We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy this very special historic event for the museum and Taneytown.

More details will be provided closer to the date. Admission to the public is FREE.

*... Elaine*

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