

# Heritage & Museum Happenings

## MARCH/APRIL 2017



### MEMBERSHIP (\$10.00)

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## Calendar of Events

**March 27 - 7 p.m.**

*T.H.M.A. Meeting*  
Held at Grace U.C.C.  
Speaker - Robert Reyes  
"What is W3R?"

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**April 2 - 1 p.m.**  
**MUSEUM  
OPENING DAY**

Taneytown History  
Museum

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**April 24 - 7 p.m.**  
*T.H.M.A. Meeting*  
Held at Grace U.C.C.  
Speaker - Dort Mollett  
"A Love Affair With  
Antrim"

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### *The 2017 Spring Opening Day for The Taneytown History Museum*

The grand re-opening of the History Museum will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, 1:00 p.m. Dedication of the Taneytown School bell will occur on this date. The museum will have a new major exhibit that will feature quilts. In conjunction with this there will be a hands-on table and a silent auction of quilted works of art. The winners of the "2017 Show Your Pride History Contest" will also be announced. Once inside, you will immediately notice several new additions to the "Taneytown Room," most notably an Eli Bentley tall case clock. There will be a new "Collectors Corner" display and the Gift Shop will be open. Light refreshments will be served. Please come out and support the museum with the new exhibits.

... Elaine

### President's Message

Welcome Spring! It's that time of the year when activity is picking up at T.H.M.A. Of course, I'm excited about the Museum opening on April 2 and our new exhibits, but also on that day the winners of the "2017 Show Your Pride History Contest" will be announced. Sponsored by the City of Taneytown, cash

prizes will be awarded for projects, submitted by students of the area schools, which highlight significant events, places or people contributing to the development of our community. It's wonderful to see young people working with us in "keeping Taneytown's history alive."

I hope to see you then... Nancy

### What's going on at the Museum?

The Taneytown School Bell, on the lawn of the museum, will be dedicated on opening day in honor of the museum cofounders, Mr. George B. Crouse and Mr. George W. Naylor. The bell was housed in the cupola of the school located on York Street until the school was torn down in 1925.

Along with the new quilt room display we will also unveil an Eli Bentley clock donated to the museum by the Kenneth Crouse family in memory of Kenneth's parents: the late Mr. George W. and Mrs. H. Pauline Crouse. Kenny's father originally bought the clock and had it on display at Antrim dur-

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## What's going on

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ing the years he owned the mansion. The writing on the face indicates: Eli Bentley, Taneytown, for Michael Waggoner. It would be nice to know more about the clock, so if anyone is interested in researching the clock or Michael Waggoner let one of the committee members know of your interest or what you find.

... Carroll Hahn

## T.H.M.A. Spring Meetings

**Monday, March 27, 2017.**

*What is the W3R?*

Learning more about the American Revolutionary War, we will hear from Robert Reyes, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the W3R (Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route) in Maryland/DC. French forces came to our aid in defeating the British at Yorktown, VA in 1781. Our General Washington and French commander General Rochambeau and troops marched from White Plains, NY to Yorktown via York, Taneytown, Frederick and on to VA. Come join us to hear more about Taneytown's role in the W3R.

**Monday, April 24, 2017.**

*A Love Affair with Antrim.*

Joining us on Monday April 24th will be Dort Mollett of Taneytown's own Antrim 1844 Country House Hotel. She will tell us about the history of Antrim property and the renovation of the historic house.

...Peggy Keeney

## Volunteers Needed

With the opening of the Museum we will need many volunteers to keep things running smoothly. In addition to the inside volunteers who greet our

## Historical Snippets

Taneytown artist, **Joseph L. Wantz** (Feb. 8, 1920-May 8, 2006) was inspired by scenes, people and events around him. His detailed, realist paintings reside in private collections, corporate offices and with the State of Maryland. Taneytown History Museum is privileged to display some of his work.

*(The gift shop also has available prints of several of his paintings.)*

guests, we need maintenance assistance both inside and out and landscape helpers. Even if you have only an hour or two available, your help is needed and much appreciated.

Please email: [THandMA@gmail.com](mailto:THandMA@gmail.com) or call to leave a message at the office: 443-918-8687. You can also sign up at a T.H.M.A. meeting to help. Orientation sessions for those who volunteer to greet Museum guests are planned. Please contact Pam Reed (410-984-2427) to schedule a time convenient for you. Pam will also be calling those who sign up, so no one is left out.

## Quilt Exhibit

"Story Quilts from around Taneytown" is the title of the new featured exhibit at the Museum. Many quilts have a story to tell – sometimes a story about the quilter, sometimes a story about where it has travelled, sometimes a family story about the user. Some quilts are very old, others brand new, but each is very unique, with their own story.

The community response to a request for local quilts, and their stories, has been overwhelming. We are honored to have a guest curator, Mrs. Le Rowell, work with Taneytown

History Museum in telling these local quilt stories. The beautiful colors, different patterns and various artists' interpretations will indeed make a striking display. We hope you will bring family, friends and neighbors to enjoy the exhibit.



## 2017 THMA Ornament 10th Edition

Cambridge Rubber Company is the site chosen as the ornament for 2017. The aerial view shows most of the early buildings of the large company. Price of the ornament remains at \$12 each. In production now, information on the back reads:

Beginning operation in 1936, the Blue Ridge Rubber Co. produced casual and waterproof footwear. Peak employment was 1000, 70% women. Completely destroyed by fire in 1942 and rebuilt in 1943, it became Cambridge Rubber Co. in 1948 and continued production until closing in 1986.

...Sandy Crouse

## IN MEMORIAM

*John K. Hawk, Sr.*

March 9, 1945 - Jan. 20, 2017

*Devout, Volunteer and Friend*



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