

Heritage & Museum Happenings

MAY/JUNE 2017



President's Message

"Thank you" just doesn't seem adequate! Volunteers logged over 1975 hours of volunteer time for T.H.M.A. and Taneytown History Museum last year!! I'm certain not every contributed moment was recorded, and so I'm betting there are many more unaccounted hours that could be added to that figure. This is definitely a testimony to our members and friends' commitment to "keeping Taneytown's history alive." Congratulations on a job well-done!

It has been my privilege to serve as president these past four years as a new Heritage and Museum Association formed and opened the History Museum at its' new location. I have been inspired by the dedication of our volunteers and the interest and support of the Taneytown community. My heartfelt thanks go out to each of you for your encouragement and willingness to help preserve, and share, Taneytown's story. I especially want to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their hard work as the backbone of this organization. I'm looking forward to working with our new leaders as we look to the future, while celebrating Taneytown's past.

... Nancy

What's going on at the Museum?

The museum officially opened for the 2017 season April 2nd with a large receptive crowd. The Taneytown School bell was dedicated in honor of the museum cofounders, Mr. George W. Naylor and the late Mr. George B. Crouse. Following the dedication, Ms. Holly Weetman announced the winners of the "2017 Show your Pride History Contest" and Mayor McCarron presented some nice checks to the three winners.

The door then opened and the guests were treated to this year's feature of many lovely quilts as well as the new Eli Bentley clock display, a Raymond Tuma

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T.H.M.A., 340 E. Baltimore St.
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"Bumble Bee" cutout, a "Faces of time" display in the collector's corner by John Morales and several other new items.

I would like to thank Doug Heck for all the work and management on the bell project, Nancy Eyler and her Exhibit Committee for all the hard work on the new exhibits and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the museum a community treasure.

The Hudson cars will again be coming to the museum on June 10th between 10 and 2 for our Hudson Day in memory of Mr. Martin Koon's Hudson car dealership which was formerly on the site. There will be two other car shows in town the same day so lots of interesting cars to see.

Visit and volunteer!

... Carroll Hahn

T.H.M.A. participation in Carroll County Events

"The Way We Worked," a traveling Smithsonian exhibit that is visiting sites all over the U.S., will be in the Grier Room at the Carroll County Farm Museum from May 27 until July 14. The exhibit demonstrates the many ways working people have contributed to the American economy and culture. Smithsonian has requested local museums to support the project with displays of area interest. Taneytown History

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Calendar of Events

May 20

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrating America
1838 Emerald Hill La.,
Westminster, MD

May 22

7 p.m.

T.H.M.A. General Meeting & Election
Grace U.C.C. church

June 10

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Museum Hudson Day
Taneytown History Museum

June 24

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Corbit's Charge event
1838 Emerald Hill La.,
Westminster, MD

August 5

1-4 p.m.

Museum Anniversary Celebration

(The Museum will be closed May 14th and June 18th on Mother's and Father's Days)



Doris & Kenny Crouse
with the Eli Bentley clock they
donated to the museum



New Quilt Room display



Taneytown School Bell

Dedicated April 2, 2017 in honor of George B. Crouse and George W. Naylor, founders of the Taneytown History Museum. The Taneytown History Museum was made possible in large part due to the unending energy applied by Mr. Crouse and Mr. Naylor.

The bell was cast June 1, 1900.
The original Taneytown School was located on York Street.
Taneytown History Museum Founded in 2004

Volunteer Opportunities

As a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, there are many opportunities to contribute your time at T.H.M.A. When the Museum is open, we need greeters to meet Museum guests as they arrive. Orientation sessions are scheduled regularly. Also, at this time of the year, we need help with grounds and building maintenance. As we reach out into the community and county with participation at special events, we need folks to "man the booth." Please contact Pam Reed, volunteer coordinator, at 410-984-2427, if you are willing to "lend a hand" in support of our activities.

Carroll County Events...

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Museum is one of 4 county museums participating. The exhibit highlights Taneytown industries of the mid-twentieth century - Blue Ridge/Cambridge Rubber Co., sewing factories Taneytown Manufacturing Co./Borenstein & Son, Inc. and Taney Sewing Co. and the two canneries, A. W. Feeser & Co. and E. J. Nusbaum. Other county museums participating are the Sykesville Gatehouse Museum, the Union Mills Homestead and the Carroll County Farm Museum. Watch for more information about the "Passport" incentive program, encouraging you to visit all four sites.

Historical Snippets

Located at the crossroads of the much-travelled, north/south bound, Monocacy Road and an east/west road coming from Uniontown, colonial Taneytown was a choice site for an inn or tavern. At one time taverns occupied all four corners of the Square. On the northeast corner, a license was purchased, and a tavern was opened by **Jacob Good** in 1767. Across the street, on Lot #3, **Ulrich Hoover** had a license in 1763. The southwest corner, Lot #4, was the location of **Conrad Boner's** business as an innkeeper and tailor. By 1768, **Phillip Fishburn** had bought a license to operate an inn on Lot #2.

T.H.M.A. and the Taneytown History Museum will be participating in "**Celebrating America**" on May 20th at Emerald Hill, 1838 Emerald Hill Lane, in Westminster. This year's theme is "American Milestones: 1900-1920 Labor and Leisure." Events include opening ceremonies, a fashion show of period clothes, Gen. Pershing living history presentation, entertainment by middle school choral groups and more. We will have a booth and be offering our brooms and annual ornaments for sale as well as some hands-on activities for children. Stop by to visit OR if you can volunteer to help that day, you will have an opportunity to be part of the celebration! Call Pam at 410-984-2427.

"**The Civil War in Carroll County**" is the 2017 theme of the annual Corbit's Charge Commemorative Weekend sponsored by the Pipe Creek Civil War Roundtable. This year's main event will be held June 24th at Emerald Hill, 1838 Emerald Hill Lane in Westminster. In order to take full advantage of this opportunity to tell Taneytown's Civil War story, Author Joe Vigliotti is working with T.H.M.A. and the History Museum to publish a brochure highlighting the role Taneytown played during the conflict. A full weekend of activities, including an encampment and reenactment, is planned. Again, please contact Pam (410-984-2427) if you can volunteer to help.

T.H.M.A. Nominating Committee

The T.H.M.A. Nominating Committee reports the following officers have been nominated to serve two-year terms. The election will be held at the May general meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the April and May meetings.

President - Sandra Crouse
Vice-president - Regina Soter
Recording secretary - Meg Herring
Corresponding secretary - Carolyn Amoss
Treasurer - Jean Tracey

Thank you to Elaine Wantz, Pat Lawyer and Ellen Lawrence for serving on the nominating committee.

T.H.M.A. Spring Meetings

At our Monday May 22nd T.H.M.A. meeting we will feature three Taneytown industries that were important to our town's economy. This will be part of the program as Joanne Weant and Scott Holinaker of the Carroll County Farm Museum showcase 'The Way We Worked' traveling Smithsonian project and other Carroll Co. industries.

...Peggy Keeney

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"Clean Sweeps"

Looking for a 'clean sweeping broom?' Then we have it... from a barn, heavy, house, black, (2) fireplace or a toy broom! Also available are whisk and a cake tester broom. The cake tester with plaque is a good seller for us as a 'gift' item with an accompanying poem for \$10. Prices range from \$18 for the barn broom down to \$4 for the cake tester. Our new Amish-made broom venture is off to a good start with our community and you are encouraged to spread the word and buy at the museum, Crouse Ford or Wantz Chevrolet. And don't forget the new 2017 Cambridge Rubber Company ornament is now available.

...Sandy Crouse

IN MEMORIAM

Charles H. Smith
 January 3, 1924 - April 5, 2017
Friend, Member, Volunteer

Michael L. Smith
 1942 - April 5, 2017
Friend, Photographer, Exhibitor



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