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"Merry Christmas from the north pole"
Our float in the annual Holiday Electric Parade in Westminster.



President's Message

'2017 ~ A Year in Review'

Without a doubt 2017 was packed full of activities with the most volunteer hours and 788 visitors, the most in our 13 years of existence!

Beginning the year with a new exhibit of 48 local quilts, we had many local visitors and those from bordering states; amazingly we acquired long wished for gifts of TWO Eli Bentley clocks; began selling 10 different Amish brooms, an exciting prof-

itable ongoing project, and introduced our Cambridge Rubber Factory ornament. Stable, well supported money makers were the 5th Annual Golf Tournament and the Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces.

It is exciting to look forward to our 2018 exhibit theme of 'A Century of Toys' and seeing returning visitors as clubs, groups and families now plan yearly visits!

Our newsletter editor, Carol, does an outstanding job of keeping all our activities and pictures presented in a highly professional manner. Most newsletters are sent via email and mailed only to those without email who have paid dues.

My wish to each of you is for a Happy, Joyful and Hopeful New Year!

...Sandy Crouse,
President

What's going on at the Museum?

Although the museum has closed for the winter, there have been lots of activities going on. The Gulliver's Travels display won the City Pumpkin People Contest. We had a float, "Merry Christmas from the north pole" in the Holiday Electric Parade in Westminster. It featured lighted igloos, Olof dancing, a polar bear fishing, penguins sliding down a sliding board and a walrus waving at the large crowds gathered along main street. The float gave us lots of exposure for the "Holiday of Trees" event

held at NWSB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, in December.

For the Christmas season decorations at the museum, we have an old sleigh loaded with gifts on the front lawn.

Looking forward to next year, Nancy Eyler and her exhibit committee are doing research and planning the new "A Century of Toys" exhibit. The museum will re-open on April 15th, 2018 featuring the toys. On June 9th the old

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2017 Christmas
Lawn Display at the
History Museum

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History Museum Exhibits

A Century of Toys

"A Century of Toys" will be the featured exhibit of the 2018 season at the Museum. Popular toys of each decade from 1890 to 1990 will be highlighted. The Exhibit Committee will be meeting soon and needs your help! If you have toys from this time span, that you would be willing to loan the Museum for display, please contact us with a description, and if possible, a picture of your treasure.

Of course, not every toy can be displayed, but we are hoping to show a sampling of how toys have changed through the years—how manufacturing and materials have changed, how advertising has influenced toymakers and how current events and fads effect the way children play. If you have a story or some background information about your toy, for example, when it was made, who made it or who played with it, that will make the exhibit even more interesting.

Please contact the Museum (443-918-8687 to leave a message or email: THandMA@gmail.com) OR Nancy Eyler, exhibit coordinator, at home, (410-756-2170 or nancyeyler@hotmail.com) as soon as possible with your toy information. Also, if you would like to work with the Exhibit Committee, doing research, writing and tag and sign making, please use the same contact numbers.

...Nancy Eyler,
exhibit coordinator

Fundraisers

Ways and Means Committee **"2018 T.H.S. Ornament"**

The "2018" 11th Edition Ornament will be of our "Taneytown High School." The history of the school will be on the back. They will be available for sale at the museum's 2018 Opening – April 15, and at the THS Alumni Banquet – June 23, for \$12 each, boxed. You may *pre-order* them in advance by calling Diane Wilhide at 410-756-2747. Lets "Remember Our School."

Historical Snippets

Well-known architect John A. Dempwolf (1848-1926), who lived in York, PA, designed many impressive structures in Taneytown. His work was characterized by red brick, with red mortar and a slate roof. Trinity Lutheran Church (1896), Taneytown Presbyterian Church (1883) and The Ed Reindollar house (1896), at 9 York St. are examples of his work. His design for the Birnie Trust Bank (1899), located at 103-105 W. Balto. Street and Hagan's Store (1890) at 6-8 Frederick Street featured a residence on the left side and a business on the right.

We started selling our Amish-made brooms in March 2017 and the sales have been going extremely well. Over the winter months you may continue to purchase brooms at Crouse Ford, Rust and Wantz Chevrolet. Thank you for supporting this project for our museum. Our gift shop at the museum will be expanding with some "new items" to go along with our spring theme – "A Century Of Toys." Thank you for coming out this past year and supporting the T.H.M.A. We have enjoyed and appreciated seeing you. For a list of current gift shop items visit our museum website ...taneytownhh.org.

Happy New Year, Diane Wilhide

What's Going On...

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Hudson Cars will return for our annual Hudson day.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a very successful year.

... Carroll Hahn,
Museum Chairman

Events...

The Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces was a success again this year. At this time, it looks like we have made a grand total of \$4,075. This is right in line

with the other 4 years that I have chaired this event.

The folks at NWSB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, were very good to work with.

We had 22 items entered. This was a little less than previous years, however the amount of money taken in was good.

The committee will be having an evaluation meeting in January. If you have any suggestions for making the event better, please direct them to me.

Those folks making donations were Evapco, Infinity Global and Stephanie Myers.

Those entering trees, wreaths or centerpieces were: Lorien of Taneytown, Taneytown Exxon/Subway, Bess and Ben's Country Kitchen, Grace United Learning Center, JE Turnbaugh Plumbing and Heating, Mason-Dixon Auto Parts, Inc., Runnymede Elementary School, Mother Seton School, Johnsville Auction House, Taneytown Chamber of Commerce, Silver Fancy Garden Club, Buttersburg Inn, Michael Sell, Wantz Chevrolet, JoAnn Boone, Crouse Ford, Carroll Vista, Rust by Justin, Pitrone, Sorkin & Jarvis Orthodontics, NWSB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, Taneytown Library, City of Taneytown.

Winners of the two \$25 Sheetz Gift Certificates were Jayne Bowers and Peggy Keeney. Winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Robin LaGrave in the amount of \$248.00. We sold 600 raffle tickets.

A big "THANK YOU" to anyone who helped in any way. You helped if you just came to view the entries. Everything was appreciated.

Volunteers consisted of: Elaine Hoover, Rhonda Danner, Regina Soter, Pat Lawyer, Nancy Keefer, Nancy Eyler, Sandy Crouse, Carroll and Sherrie Hahn,

Carroll and Sherrie put a lot of effort into the float which appeared in the Electric Parade in Westminster on Sept. 25th. This is also a part of the Holiday of Trees.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

...Fairly Flickering

