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Heritage & Museum Happenings

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President's Message



Over 700 visitors came to see our 2018 'Century of Toys' exhibit! I thank our officers, committee chairman and our supportive membership for working together to make the exhibit possible along with volunteers to man the displays when we are open to the public. This cooperative effort is what has helped us meet and carry through our many projects and activities.

We celebrated our 14th Anniversary in August. Our main profit makers were again the Annual Golf Tournament and the Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces.

The favorite yearly china ornaments celebrated their 11th in a series with the 2018 T.H.S, and will be followed by the 2019 Taneytown Theatre.

We now interview and record local people of their early memories of living around Taneytown. These popular tapes can be viewed at the museum or seen on our local cable channel from Westminster.

Plan to visit us in 2019 for the exhibit, 'WWII impacts Hometown.' I wish each and everyone, Peace and Happiness in 2019 and always.

...Sandy Crouse, President



2018 Sleigh in front of the Taneytown History Museum.
Designed by Carroll and Sherrie Hahn

What's going on at the Museum?

As winter has arrived the building rests but the volunteers are busier than ever. The Holiday of Trees committee has finished another great fund-raising event but will meet to discuss how to make it even better. The exhibit committee is working on next year's WW2 display and activities, and Hudson Day is being planned. The sleigh has made another appearance on the front lawn for the holidays... this time being pulled by a reindeer, loaded with presents and watched over by the elves. It was the centerpiece of the float for the Holiday Electric Parade in Westminster. Unfortunately, the parade was rained out, so we have a head start for next year.

In the spring we will need many volunteers to get the property ready for reopening, so we will schedule a spring

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Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces 2018



Taneytown History Museum-- 2019 Featured Exhibit

"WWII Impacts Hometown"

Taneytown, like every U.S. city, small town or rural community, felt the impact of WWII. From those who served in the military to those who planted a Victory Garden here at home, everyone was called upon to do their share. The 2019 featured exhibit at the Museum will showcase some of the ways our community contributed to, and was effected by, WWII.

If you, or a family member, have memories, experiences, memorabilia, artifacts, or family stories relating to life in Taneytown during those war-time years (1941-1945), we would like to hear from you! For instance, we'd like to hear about Red Cross or USO volunteers, work for government contractors, "scrap" collections, POW farm laborers, women who joined the war work force, the difficulties of rationing, "black-outs," as well as those who served in the military.

The Exhibit Committee is looking forward to presenting a glimpse into local life during the war years, as well as recognizing the service of our veterans, and sharing your stories.

As the Museum is presently closed, please contact the exhibit coordinator, Nancy Eyler, (nancyeyler@hotmail.com) or leave her a message at home (410-756-2170).

Fund Raisers

Ways and Means Committee

With 2018 coming to a close, the gift shop has done extremely well this year. If you need any gift items from the museum over the winter months you may Call Diane Wilhide @ 410-756-2747. Our broom collections are available at Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet. Our new ornament for 2019 will be "The Taneytown Theatre" with the description on the back of the ornament, \$12 each. We will be selling them

in the spring along with our older ornament collection.

I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped at the gift shop and all of our customers for supporting us.

Have a safe winter and see you in the "SPRING."

...Diane Wilhide

Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces 2018

Again this year, the Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces was quite successful. There were 27 entries. Each year it seems the entries are more beautiful.

The number of votes determines who gets the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Trees:

- 1st JE Turnbaugh Plumbing and Heating;
- 2nd Crabby Scott's Seafood and
- 3rd Grace United Learning Center

Wreaths:

- 1st Buttersburg Inn
- 2nd Michael Sell
- 3rd Thunderhead Bowl and Grill

Miscellaneous: Crouse Ford

Centerpieces:

- 1st Taneytown Senior Center
- 2nd PSJ Orthodontics

The committee persons were outstanding and very helpful. Thank you to ALL who were involved in any way. Thank you also to the NWSB Bank A Division of ACNB Bank, for the use of their facilities and people who helped.

...Fairry Flickinger

What's going on...

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spruce up day. Please look for the opportunity to spend a few hours with us.

Thanks to all the hard work from our volunteers, we had a successful 2018.

...Carroll Hahn

Museum committee chairman

Looking Back

Poem sent from George Naylor's sister
Author Unknown

*A clothes line was a news forecast,
to neighbors passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep,
when clothes were hung to dry.*

*It also was a friendly link, for
neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by,
to spend a night or two.*

*For then you'd see the fancy sheets,
and towels upon the line;
You'd see the company table cloths,
with intricate designs.*

*The line announced a baby's birth,
from folks who lived inside,
As brand new infant clothes were hung,
so carefully with pride!*

*The ages of the children could,
so readily be known*

*By watching how the sizes changed,
you'd know how much they'd gown!*

*It also told when illness struck,
as extra sheets were hung;*

*Then nightclothes and a bathrobe too,
haphazardly were strung.*

*It also said, "On vacation now,"
when lines hung limp and bare.*

*It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged,
with not an inch to spare!*

*New folks in town were scorned upon,
if wash was dingy and gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows,
and looked the other way.*

*But clothes lines now are of the past,
for dryers make work much less.*

*Now what goes on inside a home,
Is anybody's guess!*

*I really miss that way of life,
it was a friendly sign, When neighbors knew each other best....*

By what hung on the line.

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