



Welcome to...

"A Century of Toys"

The "Century of Toys" Exhibit has been divided by decades. Vintage calendars on the wall will help define these eras. Beginning on your left are toys from the turn-of-the-century period – 1890 through the 1920's. You will find many of these toys were made in Germany. Others were homemade. Children of this era had little time to play and there was little money for the luxury of toys.

Next, the sled display depicts play enjoyed by children, and sometimes grown-up "children," before and well beyond this century. While the style of the sled has changed, the thrill of flying down a snow covered hill remains the same.

Following the showcases along the wall we come upon popular toys of 1930 and 40's. Predominating this era are tin toys, featuring brightly colored lithography. This enabled toys to satisfy varied interests and be relatively inexpensive. Building toys and board games were also popular.

The right hand side of this case holds the toys of the 50's and 60's. We begin with cowboys, Barbie dolls and the first action figure, GI Joe. This case also illustrates the beginning of TV personalities and merchandising aimed at children.

The next display shows the toys of the 70's and 80's. This case demonstrates vast changes in how children played. Not only were there more toys in the toy



box but mass marketing made some toys "essential" to a child. Video games made their first appearance.

Our last showcase in the middle of the room displays some of the most recognizable characters and toys of the century. No play time exhibit would be complete without acknowledging the creative genius of Walt Disney.

Exhibitors

The "Century of Toys" Exhibit was made possible through the generosity of those who loaned their treasured toys for this display:

- ♦ Carolyn Abrecht
- ♦ Jean Brown
- ♦ Barbara Childs
- ♦ Carroll Co. Farm Museum
- ♦ David and Michelle Crouse
- ♦ Sandra Crouse
- ♦ Sharon Crouse
- ♦ Travis and Karen Dutterer
- ♦ Becky Engel
- ♦ Roger and Nancy Eyler
- ♦ Patty Fazenbaker
- ♦ Phil Fleagle
- ♦ Tom and Barbara Gately
- ♦ Carroll and Sherrie Hahn
- ♦ William Halter
- ♦ Fred and Doris Hartman
- ♦ Meg Herring
- ♦ Peggy Keeney
- ♦ Pat Lawyer
- ♦ John and Roxann Morales
- ♦ Juan Morales III
- ♦ Susan Reifsnider
- ♦ Brennan Robertson
- ♦ Don and Judy Shaw
- ♦ Linda Sherfey
- ♦ Greg and Jennifer Smith
- ♦ Justin Staudinger
- ♦ Donald and Virginia Stenley
- ♦ Anne Whaples
- ♦ Dan and Diane Wilhide
- ♦ Linda Zimmerman

Look For What's New:

- ♦ Restored Taneytown street lamp
- ♦ Collectors Corner – A showcase for local collectors
- ♦ Political button display in the Taneytown Room
- ♦ Timeless toys at the Hands-on Table
- ♦ Handmade toys in our Gift Shop