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President's Message



Happy New Year 2020 – one of much promise of our THMA as it begins its 16th year! My sincere appreciation and thanks to our membership, officers, committee chairpersons and volunteers that made this past year so interesting and successful.

We saw good attendance at our 5 public meetings with awesome speakers and programs centered around our theme, and

over 900 visitors saw how 'WWII impacts Hometown.' We saw an increase in donations and in the success of the 7th Annual Golf Tournament, as well as the Holiday of Trees, Wreaths & Centerpieces. We also added more local interviews to our gallery.

I hope to see you visiting our new exhibit, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" opening in April, as we move forward into another exciting year at the

Taneytown History Museum!

...Sandy Crouse, President

Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces 2019



Jo Ann Boone - 1st wreath



Display inside
NWSB Bank, A Division of
ACNB Bank



JE Turnbaugh - 1st tree



Exxon/Subway - 1st combo



JE Turnbaugh - 1st ctr piece

What's going on at the Museum?

2019 was another successful year due to all the work by our volunteers, our interesting displays and our first-class facilities. I would like to thank those who helped in any way at the museum and to the many businesses and individuals who supported our fund-raising events.

The beginning of a new year finds our volunteers working on new things for 2020. We would like to paint the exhibit room so will be looking for help to get it finished before we start setting

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We Need Your Help...

• Your stories and/or Memorabilia of Ball Games in the Taneytown area

The Museum Exhibit Committee is looking for your help with the 2020 featured exhibit, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Baseball has a long and varied history in Taneytown and, hopefully, the exhibit will feature highlights from the late 1800's to present day.

If you, or any family members or friends, have been involved with youth, adult, high school, professional and/or college baseball or softball in the Taneytown area, we want to hear your stories. Also, if you have artifacts, such as pictures, uniforms, programs, etc. that you would be willing to lend for exhibit, the committee would like to know what is available.

Please contact the Exhibit Committee Chair, Nancy Eyler, at nancyeyler@hotmail.com or 410-756-2170. Thank you for your help in keeping Taneytown's history alive!

Ways & Means 2020 Ornament

We are getting ready to roll out our new 2020 Taneytown ornament for sale when the museum opens in the Spring. More details to follow in the next issue.

If you need anything from the gift shop while we are closed over the winter, please call the museum @ 443-918-8687 or Diane Wilhide @ 410-756-2747. Leave a message and your call will be returned and we will see that your items are delivered. I want to thank you for supporting our gift shop while visiting the museum this past year!! Be sure to follow us on our website: www.taneytownhh.org

Happy New and Blessed Year.

...Diane Wilhide

Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces 2019

This year we had 4 more entries than last year totaling 31 with 16 trees, 3 centerpieces, 7 wreaths & 5 combo's.

There were 40,813 total votes cast with the following results by category:

Trees:

1st - J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating

2nd - MacDowell Enterprises / Taneytown Collision

3rd - Designer's Edge

Wreaths:

1st - Jo Ann Boone

2nd - J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating

3rd - Michael Sell

Centerpieces:

1st - J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating

2nd - City of Taneytown

3rd - PSJ Orthodontics

Combo's:

1st - Exxon/Subway

2nd - Silver Fancy Garden Club

3rd - Monocacy Auction Co.

Thanks to everyone who did their part in making this year a success. Your help and dedication made the difference. We would also like to thank our Platinum, Copper & Bronze sponsors and NWSB Bank, A Division of ACNB Bank, for hosting the event.

...Ellen & Tom Lawrence



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up the "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" exhibit. If you like to paint and can help please contact Sandy, Nancy or me.

During the off-season we have a planning meeting to talk about how we are doing and what we could do better. If you have any ideas we should consider, please let someone on the museum committee know.

Opening day will be April 19th.

...Carroll Hahn,
Museum committee chairman



Excerpt from "A Dam Good Town"
by Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum

Interestingly, Taneytown is "a town built on a hill." On all four sides of the compass, you ascend to the heart of the town – the square.

On another elevation in an alley – now known as Riffle's Alley – was a water tower which we called "the Stand Pipe." Water was pumped from a station on Piney Creek into this standing receptacle.

Slightly below this vertical structure was "the lard can" – a round metal structure that served as a jail. There was a door and a lock, and an opening or aperture for air and sunlight. I do not know anyone who was incarcerated there at any time. It was just a temporary holding cell, until the miscreant was transported to the jail at Westminster, the County Seat of Carroll County. Both structures have served their purpose and have since been razed.

A happier place nearby was the summer playground, conducted by Mrs. Francis T. Elliott for the children of the community. Five days-a-week, the tots were invited to come there for the morning hours – playing games, making crafts, and doing whatever was offered that particular morning. This kept the youngsters busy and made their summer vacation a learning experience. Mrs. Elliott was a pioneer in setting up the program for children; it ran for several years.

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