

# Heritage & Museum Happenings

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021



Happy  
New  
Year!



## President's Message



Friends, members, officers, committee persons of Taneytown Heritage and Museum Assoc., we have *SURVIVED 2020*, the most unique year ANY of us have ever encountered! 'Yōō'nēk' according to Google means: the only one of it's kind - unlike anything else. And don't we all hope we can get the vaccine in 2021 and move on past the 'Covid - 19' !?

With scheduled events cancelled this past year except for the Golf tourney, we did offer a November 'Yard/Garage Sale' with a large and varied selection of items. We generated over \$550 with the late-planned money maker. Items not sold were carted off to the White Rabbit Gift Shop

(housed and owned near Carroll Hospital Center by the hospital auxiliary) or to Goodwill Industries. Our thanks to all contributors for donating or shopping with us.

Merry Christmas for THMA arrived mid December when faithful supporter, Bonnie Becker, gifted us with shares of CSX stock. WOW, THANKS! ...and our appreciation!! We have opened an account with WINDSOR Wealth Advisors, a local investment service located at New Windsor State Bank, a div of ACNB Bank at 222 E. Balto. St. We now can accept donations of investments.

Looking forward to seeing you this New Year 2021 at our museum,

...Sandy Crouse, President

## What's going on at the Museum?



Wishing everyone a happy and safe 2021. We continue to work toward opening on April 11 with hope that the virus will

be under control and we can feel safe.

We will hopefully be having an old timers' baseball game on the school property in back of the museum in early spring and Hudson day on June 19.

Volunteers are so critical to our ability to do any of the things we do as well as show our museum to the public. Several of our long-term volunteers have informed us they are no longer physically able to help. We thank those very dedicated volunteers.

We are always looking for volunteers and especially this year to greet the public when we are open. It is not a hard job and the heat feels good when it is cold out and the A/C when it is hot. All that is needed is a smile and some warmth to greet the public

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The Taneytown History Museum decorated for the holidays with window candles and lighted wreaths

## Museum Gift Shop

With us looking ahead to 2021- our gift shop has a new look plus many changes. Several items have been reduced. This year we are carrying a lot of *"new items,"* such as baseball player and cheerleader sock monkeys and "soft stress" baseballs. We continue to carry our history books, Taneytown throws, handmade Amish brooms in 10 different styles from \$4-18, along with our \$12.00 yearly ornaments dating from 2008-2020. We will soon be rolling out our new Antrim 2021 ornament. More details to come in the next issue.

Brooms are still available to buy at Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet.

Please visit our website for items and the gift shop price list... [www.taneytownhh.org](http://www.taneytownhh.org)

Over the next few winter months, if you would like to buy something from the museum you may call Diane Wilhide 410-596-9027 or Sandy Crouse 410-756-6077, or leave message at the museum 443-918-8687. We will see you do receive your items.

Continue to Stay Safe!

...Diane Wilhide

## What's going on...

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and take any questions. You do not have to know the answers to questions asked by visitors... just get their information and refer the questions to me or one of our committee members.

Pam Reed will soon be calling to see our volunteer's availability in 2021. If you know of anyone who would like to be part of our volunteer family, please encourage them to join us or let us know so we can reach out to them.

Stay safe!

...Carroll Hahn,  
Museum committee chairman



## 2020 Ornament Taneytown Memorial Park

## 2020... a 'Year in Review'

2020 started normally with work on our theme 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' under chairperson Nancy Eyler's capable leadership. The rooms were transformed with baseball pictures, objects and stories of people from our local area.

A new display being worked on in the Taneytown room, will feature architect John Augustus Dempwolf. He designed five local Taneytown businesses and homes. We have his original designs for visitors to view.

The gift shop room has been transformed as well with a new display wall cabinet and some new items. The 2020 ornament honors the 'Taneytown Memorial Park.'


An exhibit of the wood bird carvings of Dean Brown was assembled and will be featured in the Collectors' Case when the museum opens.

Cancelled was our April opening with speaker, Dan Hartzler, (rescheduled for April 11, 2021). Also cancelled were our public meetings of March, April and May (rescheduled for 2021) and the Old Timers Baseball Games (rescheduled for play at Northwest Middle School bordering our museum property to the rear).


Keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we plan for 'Opening in 2021' with more details coming on our website, Facebook, and March/April newsletter.

## Looking Back

From The History Museum 2016 Exhibit



*This whisk broom was given to Mrs. Lucy Ann Hess, by a Union soldier, for a loaf of bread, fresh from the oven...*



*Lucy Ann Hess, her husband William, and family lived on a farm off Trevanion Road. As the soldiers marched by on the way to Gettysburg, Mrs. Hess baked bread for them. Family oral history tells they would take the bread as soon as it came from the oven. One grateful soldier, having no other way to show his appreciation, offered the broom, one of his few possessions, for the bread. It was also said the soldiers found relief from the heat resting on the Hess's lawn and grassy field.*

*The broom was given to Rosella Hess Stull, the youngest of the 14 Hess children, by her mother. Mrs. Hess and Mr. and Mrs. Stull are buried in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Mrs. Stull's granddaughter is now the caretaker of the whisk broom.*

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