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Heritage & Museum Happenings

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President's Message



After a snowy winter, we all are looking forward to spring! We've endured a year of COVID-19, are welcoming vaccines, but must still adhere to the wearing of masks, staying 6 ft apart, washing our hands often,



staying connected to family and friends virtually, and planning outdoor activities. With business restrictions continuing, – we have again canceled our April 11th museum opening of 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' and the general March and April meetings at Grace Church. All will be rescheduled when we are allowed. The Taneytown area info on ball players, pictures and mementoes' sit in waiting along with John Dempwolf's architecture shown in area buildings and Dean Brown's bird carvings.



The 2021 ornament will be 'Antrim.' "Antrim Estate was built in 1844 by Major Ege named in honor of County Antrim, Ireland. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, it is now a historic

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**New for 2021!!
Pop up tent
...with sides on
or off.**

We are anxious to show off our new tent at events... we will not be missed!!



What's going on at the Museum?



A stirring of new life outside and a hope for the return of pre pandemic life floats around me as I write this afternoon. Frustratingly our committee felt it best to indefinitely postpone our April 11th opening date. We will continue to assess the pandemic situation and do what is safest for everyone. At the same time you can help us make sure our museum and our activities stay fresh in everyone's mind by talking about our museum and letting everyone know we are ready to reopen as soon as it is safe.

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Please Help Support Our
History Museum and Keep
Taneytown's History
Alive!!

**T.H.M.A. Membership
(\$10.00)**

Dues are just \$10.00 a year –
Sept. 1 through Aug. 31

Mail your check to
T.H.M.A.

340 E. Baltimore St.,
Taneytown, Md 21787

Only current members can
**VOTE at the upcoming election
in May for new officers!**

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inn." This is the 14th ornament in a series that still sells for \$12.00 and coming this spring.

The T.H.M.A. bi-yearly election will be held in May. To volunteer for the nominating committee or if you would like to be a candidate for any office, contact, call or email Nancy Eyler 410-756-2170 or nanceyeyler@hotmail.com

Offices open are: President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretary's, Treasurer. The Ballot will be presented in April.

We have several openings for property committee members: inside and outside, and always volunteers for tour guides and general committee persons, and interviewees' who can share early Taneytown memories.

Keep in touch with us on our website and Facebook, listed at the bottom of this page. Hoping to see you soon!

...Sandy Crouse, President

T.H.M.A. Volunteers

We've missed all of you and hope this spring/summer, we will be sharing in some museum events!

This is a great time to tell all your friends, families and neighbors about giving some of their time to the Taneytown Heritage and Museum Assoc. Your continued dedication is so greatly appreciated!

Hopefully we will see you soon...PAM REED 410-984-2422 or pamireed@email.com

What's going on...

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I want to personally thank our neighbor for voluntarily taking care of timely snow removal.

Stay safe!

...Carroll Hahn,
Museum committee chairman

The History Museum Gift Shop

Coming this spring, is the 14th ornament in a series which will be "Antrim," still selling for \$12. Orders may be placed by calling Diane Wilhide at 410-596-9027 or leave a message at the Museum... 443-918-8687, Your order will be filled and arrangements will be made for delivery. We also have older ornaments ranging from 2008 for \$ 12.00.

We are still carrying our Amish brooms, 10 styles ranging in price from \$4 - \$18.00. Currently being sold at Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet.

History books, Taneytown throws, sock monkeys and wooden toys are still available for sale. Visit the "Gift Shop" on the web to view a list of items available, at <http://www.taneytownhh.org>. To order you may call me or the museum.

Stay Safe!

.....Diane Wilhide

Looking Back

From The History Museum 2016 Exhibit

Lantern, c. 1890...

Many fraternal, Masonic, and social organizations functioned in Taneytown in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

This lantern originally hung outside of the building that first housed the hardware store of Milton H. Reindollar (presently the Country Kitchen). The upstairs room was used as a meeting hall for those "lodges" and "societies."

Glass plates bearing the initials and emblem of each group were placed in the lantern depending upon which group was meeting that evening,



at nightfall, the lantern was lit, illuminating the glass plates.

A special box was made to house the various plates when they were not in use. Among the plates, one can find the following groups: M.W.A. – Modern Woodsmen of America; K.P. – Knights of Pythias; I.O.O.F. – Independent Order of Odd fellows; P.O.S.A. – Patriotic Order Sons of America; I.O.H. – Independent Order of Heptasophs; A.F.&A.M. – Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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