

Heritage & Museum Happenings

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Calendar of Events



Monday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

T.H.M.A. Meeting

Program by Steve McDaniel
"Save the Bees"
Grace United Church of Christ

Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

Matthew Dodd

Presents
Songs and Stories
Of the American Hobo



Appearing Live for the
Taneytown Heritage &
Museum Association
Grace United Church of Christ

President's Message



I hope everyone is doing well as we head into the third month of 2023. Our exhibit team is in gear working on the next exhibit. Please consider offering your help in this process. We need folks who can do any of the following: type, scan, research, proofread, create and mount imagery, and much more. The more hands, the lighter the work.

As we work on our next exhibit and collector's corner, please share in the responsibilities of running the organization, caring for the museum, communicating with the public about T.H.M.A. and the museum, and continue to be a good steward of our museum.

As a part of our research for the new exhibit, a group of us took a field trip to the Washington Rural Heritage Museum. We had a wonderful time and we snapped off a crazy number of pictures to aid our memory. The young lady who showed us around was helpful and we ended up trading ideas on things that might benefit us in Taneytown as well with her organization's efforts. Take the time to visit the Washington Rural Heritage Museum. It will be worth your while.

We have two good speakers lined up for March and April. Steve McDaniel will present the importance of honey bees and beekeepers for our area's agriculture and Matthew Dodd will provide a program on the American Hobo. Please share the information about our programs with others so that we fill the Parish House at Grace UCC. Bring a friend and neighbor along.

As always, thank you for the part you play with the Taneytown Heritage & Museum Association and for volunteering at the museum.

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New roof on garage



Taneytown Agri-Culture

Then & Now

Sunday, April 16 - 1 p.m.
OPENING DAY
of Taneytown History Museum
2023 Exhibit

To be included will be artifacts, pictures and local inventions for agriculture

What's going on at the Museum?



The museum is again busy with behind-the-scenes activity as we get ready for the 2023 season. The exhibit committee is busy and articles for the new exhibit featuring area agriculture are starting to appear or at least be located. It seems that Taneytown area craftsmen invented several things that contributed to the advancement in agriculture and some of those items will be on display.

The new metal garage roof has been installed and looks really nice. The new composite deck has been designed and will soon be going out for bids. If you have had good personal experience with a deck builder and can recommend, please get in touch with me. The deck will be of low maintenance material and much smaller. The hope is that we will be able to eventually relocate the concrete part of the accessibility ramp to give more space between the garage and the ramp.



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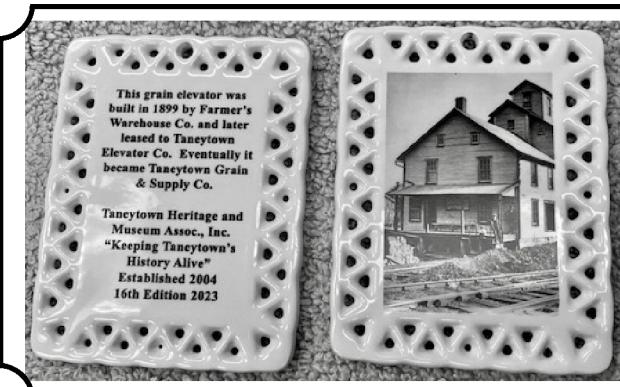
2023 Spring Programs

The spring T.H.M.A. meeting series begins *Monday, March 27* at 7 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ, Parish House, 49 W. Baltimore St. Taneytown, MD. Handicap parking and entrance is available on Cemetery Rd.

Following a short business meeting, the guest speaker will be Steve McDaniel presenting "Save the Bees." Honey bees and other pollinators are having a hard time of it. Many colonies of bees are dying every year with no obvious cause. Bees are essential to our environment and our agriculture, as fully one third of all the food we eat depends on honey bee pollination, making the honey bee our most important farm animal. What is causing this massive die-off of bees, over 50% every year since 2012? Find out what you can do to help the bees and us.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are served following the program.

The *Monday, April 24* T.H.M.A. meeting will feature "Songs and Stories of the American Hobo." Around a



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campfire in a "hobo jungle," Matthew Dodd tells the true story of the Knights of the Road who rode the rails in the early 1900's, looking for work, adventure, and a unique kind of freedom. The story is told with period songs, excerpts from hobo autobiographies and includes hobo gear, lingo and symbols.

Volunteers...

As we make preparations for opening day on Sunday, April 16, I would like to ask you to check your calendars for orientation times. Nancy Eyler, as in the previous years, will explain the new exhibit and answer any questions. Please allow at least 30 minutes for orientation, as she has a lot of information to cover.

National Volunteer Month takes place in April, a time to celebrate and promote volunteerism. Our museum would not be possible without the help of 'volunteers.' We honor and encourage volunteerism.

This is a great opportunity to ask your friends, neighbors, church family and others to volunteer 3 hours of their time every 6 to 8 weeks to help the Taneytown Heritage and Museum, Inc. We strive very hard to maintain the opening hours/days of Friday-Saturday-Sunday; but it requires all of our volunteer's support!

You may text, call or email me with your preferred time for Orientation:

Tuesday, April 11.....10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12.....10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 13.....10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Thanks so much.

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President's Message...

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Keeping our history alive through our museum takes great effort. Be a part of our history.

See you around town and at the museum!

...Doug Heck, President

What's going on...

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Hudson day will be on June 10th this year, the same day as the Taneytown Wine, Arts & Music Festival and the Terra Rubra Lions Car, Truck & Tractor Show. We consider this a big plus since we can work together to attract visitors to all three events.

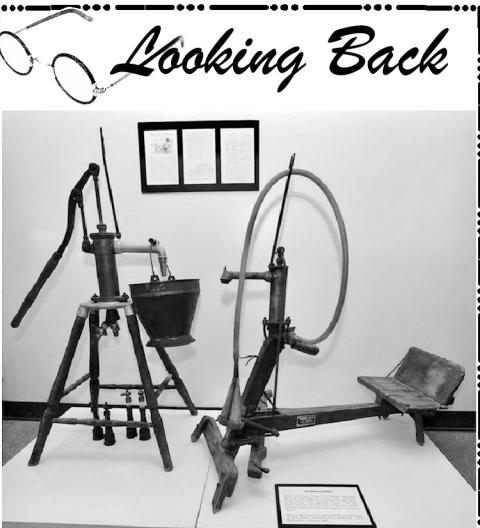
...Carroll Hahn,
Museum committee chairman

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### *Looking Back*

#### **The automatic milking machine**

developed by William Marshall Mehring of Keymar with his handpump milker, left, and a later foot-powered model (right). Both were sold extensively throughout the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. (Photo by Phil Grout)

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