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Heritage & Museum Happenings

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

Calendar of Events

Saturday, Nov. 4

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Holiday Craft Show

Carroll Vista Clubhouse

Visit
Soon!

Sunday, Nov. 19

Museum Closes for 2023

Time is limited to see the *Agri-Culture* exhibit
340 E. Baltimore St., Taneytown, Md.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 to

Saturday, Dec. 16

Holiday of Trees, Wreaths & Centerpieces

ACNB Bank, Taneytown location

Entry forms are available online at www.taneytownhh.org

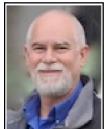
Monday, Nov. 27 6:30 p.m.

THMA Holiday Dinner

Held at Grace UCC Church



President's Message



I hope our newsletter finds you in good health and ready for the holiday season. Before we wrap up the year, I'm looking forward to hosting more visitors at the museum and seeing the beautiful trees at the Holiday of Trees.

This has been both a busy and a successful year. We have hosted many groups at the museum and held a number of events. Our Scavenger Hunt has helped attract more visitors, while giving them a little challenge during their visit. We've used our garage space well with many meetings and as an extension of our exhibit space.

The speakers for our programs at the General Membership Meetings have done an excellent job, including standing-room-only for our May program. It is good to know that we are bringing speakers of interest. Please let me know if there is a speaker or topic you'd enjoy. I'd



Happy
Thanksgiving!

be happy to add your idea to our list of potential topics and speakers.

Our Scavenger Hunt is almost complete. You have until November 19th to participate. Our final drawing will be at 2:00 p.m. on the 19th. I'd like to thank the three local businesses that helped with our prizes. They include the Laughing Coffin, Kennie's Market Place and Thunderhead Bowl and Grill. It has been fun observing visitors searching for answers throughout the museum.

Even though we're the best little museum around, our team continues to look at ways to make the community aware of the gift we continue to give Taneytown. We've increased attendance on our regular "Open" days, as well as during our special events and general meetings. You can help with this effort

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What's going on at the Museum?



Brrr! The fall winds whistle a reminder that you only have a few more weeks to see this year's wonderful display of tools and stories of Agriculture which was the mainstay of our community from the first settlers up to recent times. Speaking of whistle, I hear a faint whistle announcing the winter work of the exhibit committee working on next year's exhibit about the Pennsylvania Railroad and its wonderful years of serving Taneytown, plus other railroads in the area.

We have been working with a marketing con-
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White House Christmas Ornaments

available for \$25.00 ea.

The profits from these sales will be given to the Museum.

Call Fairy at
410-756-2245.



Museum
deck
renovation
is
underway

Demolition was
done in September
by volunteers.

Work has begun in
October 2023



Doug Heck
PRESIDENT
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Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces

The Holiday of Trees is well under way, and we will have many trees, wreaths & centerpieces on display. Please help us make this a huge success by volunteering to be a docent at the bank, bid on an item, vote on your favorite tree, or purchase some 50/50 raffle tickets. Exhibits will be on display at ACNB Bank from Nov. 22 - Dec. 16. Contact Tom or Ellen Lawrence (410-259-5370) if you have any questions.

THMA Holiday Dinner

The THMA Holiday Dinner will be held on Nov. 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Grace UCC, 49 West Balto St. The price of the fried chicken dinner is \$13.00. The meal is prepared by the ladies at the church.

All reservations are due to Fairy Flickinger, with the money by Nov. 13th. Questions, call Fairy at 410-756-2245. Mail to 12 Bankard Terrace, Taneytown, Md. 21787.

Thank you.

...Fairy Flickinger



We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the annual golf tournament a success. We would like to especially thank the committee members who worked hard all summer to assure that success. Also thank you to everyone who came out that day to manage the activities or contribute extra food items or supplies for the luncheon. We also could not achieve this without the overwhelming support of our community and business's as well as all of the players who came out that day to play golf in support of THMA.

The results of that total effort realized just shy of \$7,450 profit which will help support the programs and activities we sponsor in preserving the historical heritage of Taneytown and surrounding community. This was lower than last year's profit due to deciding not to raise entry fees along with increased cost. We will have some decisions to make next year in these areas in order to maximize the income from this event. We

also received good compliments from the participants indicating that they had fun and thought the tournament was well organized.

Please put September 20, 2024 on your calendar when we will again play "One More Round for George."

*Michele Crouse & Tom Lawrence –
Tournament Co Chair's*

President's Message...

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by sharing the good word about our Museum and about THMA.

If you are a volunteer in any capacity, I thank you for your contribution. You are needed and appreciated. The more you share in the work, the lighter the load for everyone.

Be sure to visit the Museum again before the closing date so you may take in the great "Agri-Culture" exhibit.

See you at the museum!

...Doug Heck, President

What's going on...

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sultant to draw more visitors and volunteers to our wonderful museum. One part of this is branding, the ability to have people visualize our product (museum) and know where we are located and what we do when they see Taneytown History Museum mentioned. To do this, we will focus on the outside features of our property like the high school bell and the building. There will be an effort made to make sure the building or bell appears in pictures of all events. Our new sign will feature the bell in the center and the word museum in more prominent letters. We are limited to sign location and size by the city of Taneytown Board of Zoning appeals going back to when we were given permission to have the museum in a residential zone.

Our garage was used a lot this summer for meetings and displays. I thank Linda Zimmerman for her display of antique farm items. I also thank Ron Adkins for setting up and displaying the finely detailed model of the farm he lived on as a youth. They spent a lot of hours volunteering.

By the time you read this we will have featured Trick or Treat on Halloween night. Candy and a sticker for children featuring

our building, looking a little spooky with bats flying around, was given to the trick or treaters.

The rear deck project is moving forward with the old deck already being demolished and the new footers dug and approved by the county. All the materials for the new deck are on site. I am sure it will be done before winter.

Don't forget the Museum closes on November 19th for 2023 which is also the final day for the Scavenger Hunt contest. At the end of the day several hundred dollars will be awarded to the winners in the contest.

Please tell anyone who will listen about our beautiful museum.

*...Carroll Hahn,
Museum committee chairman*



The 2024 Museum Exhibit Committee has met and chosen the theme and title for next year's exhibit. The romance of the railroad and the continuing appeal of trains to both young and old, lead them to begin planning an exhibit around the local railroad story.

The railroad came to Taneytown in 1872, and by the early 20th century, both industry and personal transportation became dependent upon the rails. "All Aboard! Rails and Tales" will share information about the local rail lines, tell railroad stories and display some railroad artifacts. A model railroad display may also be included.

As always, we need your help! Do you have any local railroad artifacts or ephemera, such as schedules or tickets, which you could lend us for this exhibit? We are also seeking model railroaders to help set up a small layout.

Please contact Nancy Eyler, exhibit coordinator, at nancyeyler@hotmail.com or 410-756-2170.