



Work will begin January 10th on *All Aboard! Rails and Tales*, the Museum's featured exhibit for 2024.

The Exhibit Committee is still searching for information, personal experience stories, pictures and help in setting up a small model railroad. If you have stories, artifacts or information to share, please contact Nancy Eyler (410-756-2170 or nancyeyler@hotmail.com) or join us at the Exhibit Committee meeting on January 10th, 10 a.m., in the Museum garage.



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Holiday of Trees, Wreaths and Centerpieces 2023

This year we celebrated our 17th year of The Holiday of Trees, Wreaths & Centerpieces. It was an overwhelming success as we had 31 entries including 18 trees, 8 centerpieces, and 5 wreaths. There were 101,689 votes cast with the following results by category:

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President's Message

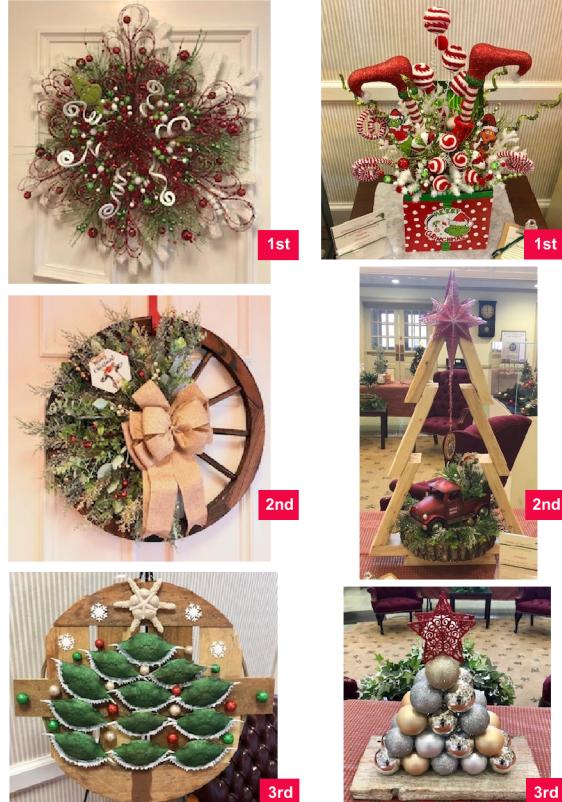


Happy New Year from the Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association! I hope that your holiday season has been filled with joy and that you are looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that the new year brings.

As we enter 2024, I wanted to take a moment to thank you again for your dedicated commitment to preserving and sharing the rich history of Taneytown. Your efforts play an important role in helping to educate and inspire current and future generations. Your efforts help maintain the integrity of who we are as the people of the Taneytown area.

I am asking for your help in planning events and activities for the coming year. Do you have any ideas for topics and speakers that you would like to see at the museum or at our general meetings? Your input is valuable and we would love

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What's going on at the Museum?



As I reflect on last year and look to a new year of challenges and opportunities for the museum, I'm optimistic. We had a good year in 2023 and I look forward to building on that foundation. The number of visitors was up, and we added a few new events. The nice thing about the events was how people hung around, renewed old friendships, and talked about things of the past. How can we expand on that?

The new deck is in place and very nice. We have a few loose ends to tie up to satisfy the county inspectors. The biggest addition to what exists will be handrails along the east

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Holiday of Trees...

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Trees:

1st – J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating

2nd – Sorrel Farms, LLC

3rd – Designer's Edge Hair & Nail Studio

Wreaths:

1st – J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating

2nd – Sorrel Farms, LLC

3rd – Crabby Scott's Seafood

Centerpieces:

1st – J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating

2nd – Sorrel Farms, LLC

3rd – Crabby Scott's Seafood

Thank You Sponsors:

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Bronze – Robert & Jo Ann Boone

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year a success. Your help and dedication made a difference. A special thank you to ACNB Bank for hosting our holiday event again this year.

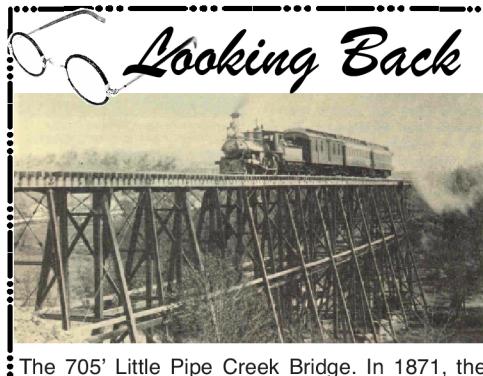
...Ellen & Tom Lawrence

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to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see in the coming year.

Please invite others to join in as a Museum volunteer. We need help with defining, designing and assembling our next exhibit, including researching more information of interest for the exhibit. Bring your research and phone-calling skills to help the exhibit committee set up another great display. We also need your help on generating ideas and activities to bring more people out on a regular basis. If you use social media, such as Facebook or Instagram, please share all the good news about THMA and the Taneytown History Museum. Help us keep the buzz going. The best way to strengthen and



The 705' Little Pipe Creek Bridge. In 1871, the Frederick & Pennsylvania Line Railroad began construction of a bridge to cross Little Pipe Creek near Keymar, MD. In 1896, the Pennsylvania Railroad acquired ownership of the Frederick & Pennsylvania Line RR and began rebuilding this bridge. By 1903, the bridge was replaced with steel plate girder span which stands today.

expand our effort is through active involvement of our community.

Thanks again to ACNB Bank in Taneytown for hosting our Holiday of Trees event. They provide such a nice venue for the event. It was another success. Thanks too to those who sponsored and decorated all the beautiful trees, wreaths and centerpieces. Please thank and support our Holiday of Trees sponsors: Evapco; Kiser & Sons Construction; Mason-Dixon Auto Parts; the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce; and Robert & Jo Ann Boone. And a big thanks to Ellen and Tom Lawrence for their leadership on the Holiday of Trees.

We're looking for a new Social Committee Chairperson in 2024. To make that role easier, one of my goals for 2024 is to line up teams of 2 or 3 to arrange refreshments for each of our general meetings, beginning in March. We all enjoy the refreshments, but they don't happen without a little effort. Men and women can help make refreshments happen this year. In the interim, contact me to sign up.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Thank you for taking the opportunity to take part in shaping THMA. I look forward to a successful and meaningful 2024!

See you around town and at the museum!

...Doug Heck, President

What's going on...

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and west sides of the new walkway, a new county requirement. I expect full approval by the end of January.

Last year we decided to help out Elaine Hoover who spends many hours getting our information to any place that will publish her articles and information. We contracted a marketing consultant to add to Elaine's great work.

We have implemented some of the ideas in 2023 and have more to come in 2024. We have started using a lot more pictures and short posts on social media: trying to use real time posts during events, even short videos and using little "did you know" posts to keep the museum out there all the time. If anyone uses social media and would like to help with posts, get in touch with me.

We will be having a training session on using social media soon and I will reach out to all with an invitation. Don't be bashful, I'm the first to need training on social media.

The other big thing you will notice will be a new sign. Marketing involves branding, we want potential visitors to immediately and positively connect specific images and colors with the museum, to that end, we're using the bell as our main icon so that every time they drive or walk past our building they know exactly who we are and what we do! It might also be worth mentioning we're fixing the name, Historical Museum, on the sign, which we think has been a significant source of confusion among residents who tend to think we're more of a research center than a museum. Believe it or not we still have people who do not know we exist or where we are located. The existing clock logo will remain as the artwork for the Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association.

As always, I appreciate all the hard work our volunteers do.

...Carroll Hahn,
Museum committee chairman

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