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# Heritage & Museum Happenings

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## President's Message



How will 2024 shape up to be the best year ever for our Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association? That is entirely up to you. Many of you are contributing in some fashion to our new exhibits at the museum. A number of you are contributing program ideas and contact information for our general meetings, as well as refreshments. Many of you are inviting

everyone you see to our Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association meetings and to a variety of events at our Taneytown History Museum. And others are sharing our news with our sister-organizations throughout the county. That's how. We're building on a great 2023.

Many of us are discussing how to attract a younger audience to the museum and we wonder "Are kids really interested in history?" Earlier today, February 24th, a few of us from the Museum Committee and the THMA Board participated in the Celebrating America History Expo at Westminster High School. At the Expo there were hundreds of kids involved with a great many history projects. Many of the students were very enthusiastic to talk



Taneytown History Museum back deck and walkway/ramp renovation 2024

with us about the subject of their project. Today's event should give us hope that we can draw in more youth. Attracting more youth will certainly add to our success this year.

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The railroad came to Taneytown in 1872...



## 2024 Featured Exhibit

*At The Taneytown  
History Museum*

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 and a new scavenger hunt, with great prizes, will be included.

**Visit this unique new exhibit and join in  
the new: SCAVENGER HUNT  
April 14 - November 17, 2024**

**Exhibited At  
Taneytown History Museum**

340 East Baltimore Street  
Taneytown, Md.

Friday 10 - 1 • Saturday & Sunday 1 - 4

**FREE ADMISSION**

<http://www.taneytownnhh.org>  
email: [THandMA@gmail.com](mailto:THandMA@gmail.com)



## What's going on at the Museum?



Seems like winter-time shouldn't be so busy but lots of activity is going on unnoticed. The beautiful new deck and reworked walkway is finished. All that remains is some landscaping. Currently the exhibit committee is very busy creating the displays for 2024. Nancy Eyler spends an inordinate number of hours this time of the year leading the effort. As part of my work for her committee about the railroad through Taneytown, I have been researching some handed down stories that the bridge that carries Roberts Mill Road over the railroad tracks was made from the PA railroad turntable at Keymar. One source of information is "The Carroll Record" The paper was published from 1894 through 1967. We are so lucky that Mr. Eric Glass acquired hard bound copies of the newspaper and has gen-

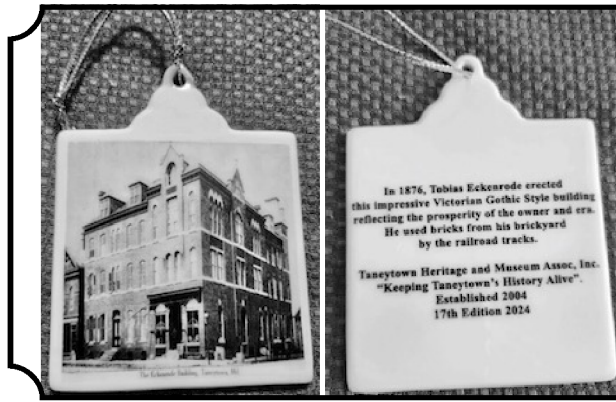
erously had them copied and available on this website: [www.emmitsburgchronicles.com](http://www.emmitsburgchronicles.com). I found an article in the September 27, 1929 edition that describes a new bridge being constructed by P.R.R. Co. to replace an old wooden bridge. The bridge was to have concrete abutments with steel girders and a wooden floor. Unfortunately, nothing about whether the steel girders came from Keymar although I did find the remains of the concrete ring that supported a turntable at Keymar. I mention this because it is interesting research and I want everyone to know the newspaper has been preserved and available

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We will also be offering a  
**FREE RAFFLE TICKET**  
to all our visitors this spring  
for an excursion on the  
Walkersville Southern Railroad.

The **Scavenger Hunt** is continuing  
with a **prize for each child**  
completing the search.



Featuring the New  
2024 Ornament

**"The Eckenrode  
Building"**

The 17th edition...  
still \$12 each.

## President's Message...

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This year's programs will be wonderful. I might need help pulling chairs from throughout the church for our March 25th meeting because I expect the parish hall at Grace UCC to be full. Everyone I talk to about our program is excited. *Matthew Dodd, who provided our program last year on the American Hobo, will be presenting Songs and Stories of Old Railroad Days.* On a related note, I thank Jim McCarron for taking on the role of organizing our programs this year.

If you can spare a little time and effort, please step up and lend a hand. Many hands make light work. To those who are carrying the load, "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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for anyone to use free of charge.

While exploring "The Carroll Record" I also found an ad for the first Taneytown Fire Co. carnival June 16 to 21, 1924. Please help the fireman celebrate the 100th year of their annual fundraiser this summer.

Hopefully before opening day April 14th, I will know if the bridge story is a tale or a fact.

*...Carroll Hahn,*

*Museum committee chairman*

## Gift Shop

The gift shop has several items for sale about Taneytown. These include church plates, history books about Carroll County and farming and also prints from a local artist of all sizes, framed and unframed (some matted), plus many more items.

The 2024 ornament displays the Eckenrode Building, which sits on the corner of Frederick and West Baltimore Streets. The history is on the back. We do have many past years of Taneytown ornaments still available. All ornaments are \$12.00 each and are available for purchase at Crouse Ford and Taneytown History Museum. We are continuing to sell the handmade Amish brooms in 8 different sizes with prices \$5.00 - \$21.00. They are available for purchase at Crouse Ford,

Wantz Chevrolet and Taneytown History Museum. If you are looking to make a purchase at the museum when we are closed you may call and leave a message or call my cell 410-596-9027 and we will be glad to help you out.

Hope to see you on opening day!

*...Diane Wilhide*

## Calendar of Events

**March 25 • 7 p.m.**

**T.H.M.A.**

**General Meeting & Speaker**

Grace UCC Church  
Parish Hall, Taneytown



**April 14 • 1-4 p.m.**

**Opening Day Taneytown  
History Museum**

340 East Baltimore St.  
Taneytown, Md.



**April 22 • 7 p.m.**

**T.H.M.A.**

**General Meeting & Speaker**

Grace UCC Church  
Parish Hall, Taneytown




**May 27 • 7 p.m.**

**T.H.M.A.**

**General Meeting & Speaker**

Grace UCC Church  
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### Looking Back

~ A NEW EXHIBIT FOR 2024 ~  
**George Washington Slept Here**

On July 1, 1791, George Washington recorded in his diary that he "lodged at Tawneytown" on a journey from Fredericktown to Philadelphia.

The 18th century door latch/lock from the Adam Good Tavern is on loan from the Historical Society of Carroll County for the duration of the 2024 exhibit. Come and learn about the facts and legends surrounding Washington's visit.

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