

Heritage & Museum Happenings

MAY/JUNE 2024



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Calendar of Events

May 20 • 7 p.m.
T.H.M.A. General Meeting & Speaker
 Grace UCC Church
 Parish Hall, Taneytown

Saturday June 8
1-4 p.m.
Hudson Day & Scavenger Hunt
Drawing

History Museum Grounds
 340 E. Baltimore St.
 Taneytown, Md.

Saturday Aug. 3
1-4 p.m.
Museum Anniversary & Scavenger Hunt
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President's Message



Welcome to the Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association. We have had a great start to 2024, filled with exciting ideas for our museum exhibits, generous loans from many individuals, and dedicated work from numerous volunteers. Increased exposure through social media and word of mouth has been key, culminating in a successful opening day on April 14th. We also have a lineup of fantastic programs and speakers planned for our general meetings.

I encourage everyone to ensure they are up-to-date with their membership. It's common for some members to overlook renewals. More members increase our reach, allowing us to engage more people with our programs and museum activities. Your up-to-date membership signals your support for our efforts to serve the Taneytown area. Also, membership will ensure you are receiving our newsletter and emails to stay informed about our activities and ways you can support us.

Our Rails and Tales exhibit is aimed at attracting younger audiences. This year, we are excited to invite youth volunteers to join our volunteer



What's going on at the Museum?



The museum kicked off its 2024 season on April 14th, with THMA president Doug Heck leading the program from our newly constructed deck. Mayor Miller and County Commissioner Vigliotti also shared their thoughts on the occasion. We were thrilled to welcome numerous visitors on opening day, who stayed to ask questions and reminisce.

A big thank you goes to the exhibit committee for their tireless efforts over the winter months. Despite the seeming quiet during the winter, they were hard at work preparing this year's feature exhibit "All Aboard - Rails and Tales."

One notable addition was the unveiling of our new sign, featuring larger lettering for "Museum," enhancing visibility from the street. Plus, as part of our deck project,

we've reconfigured the walkway in the back, providing more space between the garage and handrails for easier access to the parking lot.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming special event, Hudson Car Day on June 8th! While the exact lineup remains a surprise, we typically host around six classic Hudson cars from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's a fantastic opportunity to admire these beauties up close and chat with their owners,

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base. It's heartening to see young people interested in getting involved, so please encourage your children and grandchildren, and friends to volunteer to help the museum.

Don't forget to share your ideas for speakers and programs at our THMA General Meetings. You can pass your suggestions to Vice President Jim McCarron, who is also serving as our

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Taneytown Train Station Ornament

Gift Shop

The gift shop is offering a new item along the theme of 'Rails and Tales,' a wooden Train Whistle (*with our logo*) that makes realistic sounds and is fun for children and grandchildren.

We do still have some Taneytown Train Station ornaments...(20 left).

The 2024 ornament is the 'Eckenrode Building' the 17th edition, with history on the back. All ornaments are \$12.00, tax included.

Prints of Taneytown, Antrim, Trevanion and several other scenes are available. Items of history books, 'A Damn Good Town' books, and other local memorabilia may be found.

Spring is here along with a full supply of the Amish hand made brooms in many styles ranging from \$5 to \$21. They are also available at Crouse Ford, and Wantz Chevrolet. Check our web site for all listings.

Stop by for a visit!

...Diane Wilhide

Volunteers...

Thank you to all the volunteers for your continued support.

We had a fantastic response to the museum greeter orientation. This training is so important and assists in presenting "Rails & Tales" to our visitors. Also, thank you, Diane Wilhide, for the gift shop information and updates. With you, our dedicated volunteers, we will continue to provide local history with pride and enthusiasm.

For any questions call Pam Reed #410-984-2427

Looking Back

Taneytown Mail Delivery in the 1930's

Stamps were three cents for a first class letter. A zip code was unheard of. The Postal Service was just that – the handling of the mails by dedicated personnel, serving the public as efficiently as possible.

Mail arrived on The Pennsylvania Railroad. The passenger train, with its mail car, arrived twice a day, morning and evening. The train originated in York, Pennsylvania, and terminated in Frederick, Maryland. Mr. George Lemmon had a "push cart" to take the outgoing mail to the morning train, pick up the incoming mail, and take it to the post office. In the afternoon, the same procedure was repeated at the time the train was eastbound of York. Again, Mr. Lemmon brought mail from the Taneytown office to the train for further mailing.

excerpt from "A Dam Good Town"

Free Raffle Tickets To All Visitors Before August 3rd

For our "Rails and Tales" theme this year, the History Museum has a FREE raffle basket filled with the following goodies:

- \$100 gift card to the Walkersville Excursion Train (*your choice of excursion*)
- Engineer's hat
- Train whistle
- Child's activity book
- 50 Vintage train stickers
- Taneytown train station ornament
- 2-pack of car cup holder coasters



Featuring the New 2024 Ornament "The Eckenrode Building"

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

• "A Dam Good Town" booklet about Taneytown
Just fill out a slip with your name and phone number, drop in the container in our gift shop and maybe you will be the lucky person when we draw the winning ticket at our Anniversary event, August 3 from 1-4 p.m. at the museum. Good luck and see you there!

...Rhonda Danner

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Program Chair. Encourage your neighbors, classmates, nieces, nephews, and anyone else to join us. I want to extend my thanks to those who volunteer to help with refreshments at our meetings. The delightful refreshments are part of the reason many people stay after the meetings to chat. I enjoy seeing so many engaging conversations happening at the end of our gatherings.

To those who are carrying the load, "Thank you for your continued support and engagement." Thank you for shaping THMA. I look forward to a successful and meaningful 2024!

See you around town and at the museum!

...Doug Heck, THMA President

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who always appreciate the enthusiasm and curiosity of our visitors.

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

...Carroll Hahn,
Museum committee chairman

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