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Heritage & Museum Happenings

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Holiday of Trees, Wreaths & Centerpieces

The 2025 Holiday of Trees, Wreaths & Centerpieces was a huge success.

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~ Top Winners ~



Trees:

1st - Sorrell Farm, LLC



2nd - J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating



3rd - Taneytown Sunoco



President's Message

Happy New Year everyone! I hope the new year has started with a BANG! I trust you all had a blessed Christmas with friends and family. Our Christmas was a bit untraditional this year, as Myra and I planned to visit our children and families, instead of having them all come here. Plus most of our grandkids will be coming to our home for our first annual "Grand Kids Day." Sounds like fun! (I'll let you know next issue). Time marches on, so must we.

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Wreaths:

1st - J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating



2nd - Sorrell Farms, LLC



3rd - Pheasants Forever Carroll County



Centerpieces:

1st - Sorrell Farm, LLC



2nd - J E Turnbaugh Plumbing & Heating



3rd - Wantz Chevrolet, Inc

What's going on at the Museum?



The sleigh and Dasher kicked off the holiday season in festive style on December 12th at the Taneytown Fire Company's popular Breakfast with Santa, delighting children and families with plenty of cheerful photo opportunities. Later that day — snow or no snow — Sherrie climbed aboard as the sleigh made its merry journey across town on a flatbed trailer to the museum's front yard. There it now proudly sits, spreading holiday cheer until

after New Year's Day. While the museum may appear to be resting for the winter, there is plenty of exciting activity happening behind the scenes. Planning is well underway for our 2026 exhibit, and a dedicated committee is creating a brand-new trifold brochure to help spread the word about the museum and its programs. At the same time, dates are being finalized for an exciting lineup of 2026 events.

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Sherrie Hahn riding in the sleigh

Holiday of Trees...

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We had 11 business sponsors.

Platinum sponsors were Evapco, Inc., Myers-Duboraw Funeral Home and The Taney Corporation.

Silver sponsor was Taneytown Chamber of Commerce.

Copper sponsors were Bounds Accounting & Tax Services, LLC and Kiser & Son Construction, Inc.

Bronze sponsors were ACNB Bank, Carroll County Farm Museum, Design Associates, Jo Ann & Robert Boone and the Taneytown Senior Center Site Council.

The display included 20 trees, 3 wreaths and 5 centerpieces. The bidding, voting and 50/50 raffle netted a profit of \$6900.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us make this a successful event.

...Ellen & Tom Lawrence

Museum Gift Shop

We ended our year by going to Carroll Vista for their annual Craft Show and next was The Holiday of Trees. Both events were well attended and lots of fun.

While the museum is closed over the winter months, if you would like to purchase anything, you may call the museum @ 443-918-8687 and leave a message, or call myself, Diane Wilhide @ 410-596-9027 ...we will be glad to help you out. Our Amish brooms will still be for sale at Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet.

Our newest 2025 ornament for sale is The Taneytown Post Office. Ornaments from 2008-2025, each with a short history on the back, are available for \$10 each.

Thank you for the many hands who have helped me to get ready for this past season, especially Sandy Crouse, Pam Reed and Carroll Hahn. We appreciate the staff at Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet for the sales of brooms and also to all the visitors who have come though the gift shop.

Thanks for supporting our Gift Shop. See you in April.

...Diane Wilhide



The USA's 250th anniversary (America250) in 2026 will feature a year of nationwide celebrations. As a history museum in Taneytown, Md we will be celebrating not only America's 250th year, but also 22 years before...when Taneytown began in 1754.

The exhibit committee, led by Nancy Eyler, has been busy creating the Taneytown History Museum 2026 Exhibit, and finding volunteers to compile information. Please forward any information you have to the appropriate person:

- Carroll Hahn**Manufacturing**
- Mimi Ashcraft.....**Military conflicts**
- Rhonda Danner...**Community volunteer organizations**
- Patty Fazenbaker & Doris Hull....**Transportation & Education**
- Judy Fuller.....**Architecture**
- Doug Heck.....**Recreation**
- Peggy Keeney.....**Agriculture**
- Jim McCarron.....**City of Taneytown**
- Paul Kluth.....**Business**
- Volunteer needed...**Religion**

President's Message...

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As the new year begins, I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. In my first year as your president, I have been overwhelmed with our organization, from many stand points. Our members and volunteers are incredible. What a great help you have been to me. The love and dedication is so evident, for our very special community. It is truly inspiring. We all had a super year in 2025, but I know 2026 will even be better. What we have accomplished, together, is amazing. Our museum is planning big things for

America's 250th birthday. Nancy Eyler and her team have plans that will celebrate our 250 years as Americans in fine style. You know we are somewhat unique and privileged to live in an area that pre-dates our county's independence by twenty-two years. Our forebearers have helped shape the very fabric of who we are as a nation. Taneytown's contributions have been many and that is what we celebrate in 2026, along with all Americans, nationwide.

...Jim McCarron, T.H.M.A. President

What's going on...

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Highlights already on the calendar include Police and First Responder Day, Hudson Day, the John Ridinger Memorial Wood Carving Weekend, Anniversary Day, and Fall Harvest Day—with more details and additions coming soon. Be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter and our website so you don't miss a thing! I will be giving a five minute talk of untold stories of Cambridge Rubber Company at the Historical Society of Carroll County's Shaken & Stirred event at Covalent Spirits in Westminster on January 8th starting at 6 p.m. If you're looking for a rewarding way to get involved in 2026, we would love to have you join us. Volunteers are always welcome — whether you can give a little time or a lot, every helping hand truly makes a difference. Please contact me or any association member to learn more. I wish everyone a great 2026.

...Carroll Hahn,

Museum committee chairman



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