

Heritage & Museum Happenings

MARCH/APRIL 2026



**Museum
Garage
Repairs**

Calendar of Events

March 23 • 7 p.m.
T.H.M.A.

General Meeting

Program by Mr. Jesse Johnson:
"From Grain to Glass"
...will give us insight into the
history and process of brewing
Grace UCC Church
Parish Hall, Taneytown



April 12 • 1-4 p.m.
We the People
Taneytown 250+
1754 - 2026

Opening Day

Taneytown History Museum
340 East Baltimore St.
Taneytown, Md.



April 27 • 7 p.m.
T.H.M.A.

General Meeting

Program by Mr. Sam Riley:
"Colonial Taverns"
Speaking about the many
taverns located at the crossroads
here in Taneytown
Grace UCC Church
Parish Hall,
Taneytown



President's Message



Greetings all! Here it is March and I don't think anyone could be as happy as I that spring is just around the corner. Nevertheless, we have been busy during the winter downtime preparing for what promises to be a great year. Our museum opens April 12th. We will highlight the opening with a special exhibition of an eighteenth-century tavern. HSCC has generously shared this traveling exhibit, and I am looking forward to seeing it. Speaking of taverns, our first General Membership meeting will feature as the speaker, Jesse Johnson, the owner of Taneytown's own Brewery Fire microbrewery. Jesse will speak to the group on the history of the brewer's art. Other fun things are planned, including a tour of the Terra Rubra Machinery Museum, coming this spring. Stay tuned for more details and the times and date. The tour will be open to the membership.

At the board meeting in February, we were presented an updated (& eye catching) version of our museum's tri-fold brochure and a piece for a pamphlet rack highlighting our new exhibit this year "We the People," celebrating Taneytown's 250+ birthday. If you have a place at your work or business where these could be distributed, please contact Nancy, I'm sure she could provide as many as needed.

We have such a great organization and member-

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What's going on at the Museum?



With a hopeful eye toward warmer days, we've already completed our first project of the year! The sill plate beneath the west side of the garage—long ago reduced to little more than a termite-damaged shell—has been fully repaired. Thanks to the skill and hard work of Denny and John Perry, the wall was carefully supported, the damaged sill plate and studs were removed, and everything was rebuilt and secured.

The right side of the garage was constructed in the late 1920s by Martin Koons, with the left side added sometime later. Mr. Koons sold Hudson Motor Car Company vehicles and

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April 12 - Nov. 15, 2026



Come play
the new
**SCAVENGER
HUNT**
Win
Prizes!!

At The Taneytown History Museum

"KEEPING TANEYTOWN'S HISTORY ALIVE"

T.H.M.A. General Meetings

It's time for the spring series of T.H.M.A. meetings to begin, and the speakers for each have been announced. All meetings are held in the Parish Hall of Grace UCC Church, located at 49 W. Baltimore Street in Taneytown. There is ample parking behind the church and entrance is through the door on the west side of the building. Handicap parking and entrance is on the east side of the building. The meetings begin at 7:00, with a few announcements. After each evening's presentation, refreshments are served, providing an opportunity to meet the speaker.

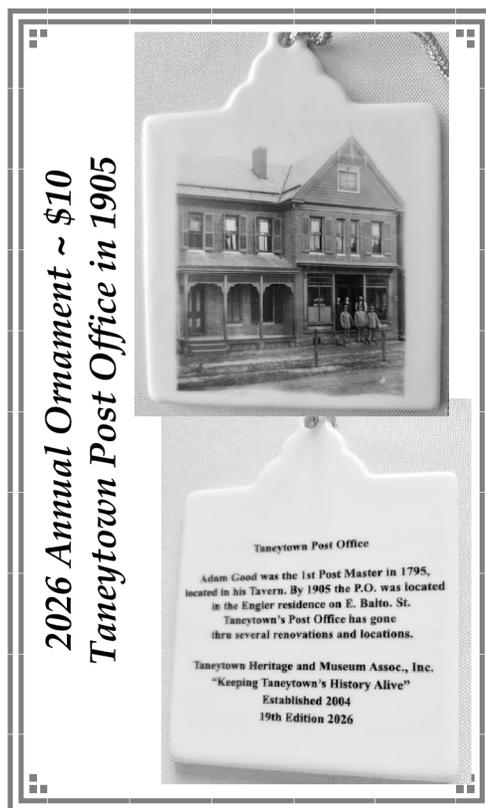
Mr. Jesse Johnson will speak at the **Monday, March 23rd** meeting. His talk, "From Grain to Glass," will give us insight into the history and process of brewing. A Carroll County native, working nearly 20 years in health and human services, Mr. Johnson changed direction in 2019 and opened Brewery Fire, here in Taneytown.

Keeping with America's 250th birthday theme, the **April 27th meeting** will feature a talk on colonial taverns. Taverns served, not only as an inn and dining place, but as the public gathering place for religious meetings, a courthouse and the post office. Mr. Sam Riley will speak to us about the many taverns located at the crossroads here in Taneytown. Mr. Riley is an attorney, a historian and serves as President of the Union Mills Homestead Foundation.

Volunteers/Greeters

As we are getting closer to opening date of Sunday, April 12, please mark your calendars for our orientation training in early April. Dates and times as follows:
 ~ Tuesday, April 7.....10 a.m. or 2 p.m.
 ~ Wednesday, April 8..10 a.m. or 2 p.m.
 ~ Thursday, April 910 a.m.
 ~ Saturday, April 11.....10 a.m.

PLEASE plan to attend one of these sessions, as Nancy Eyler has a lot of information on *We The People, Taneytown 250+* display. A new exhibit is always challenging and exciting, and as volunteers, we accept and look forward to our open-



ing and welcoming our loyal visitors to the Taneytown History Museum.

Thanks so much and hope to see all of you soon.

You may call or text me at 410-984-2427 OR email pamireed@Email.com

...Pam Reed

Museum Gift Shop

The museum Gift Shop is ready for opening day! Our 2026 Ornament is Taneytown Post Office when it was on East Baltimore Street. Our 19th Edition has a picture on the front and history on the back. All ornaments 2008-2026 are \$10.

Other items, including history books, Taneytown prints (color and black and white), framed and unframed, several Taneytown church plates and items from Taneytown banks, are for sale.

We continue to carry a full line of Amish brooms in 8 sizes. They are always available for purchase from Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet.

Until we open April 12th, call the museum 443-918-8687 with your message or call Diane Wilhide, 410-596-9027.

...Diane Wilhide

President's Message...

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ship dues have been steadily coming in. When you think about it, why not ask a friend, neighbor or relative to join.

We were recently blessed with an anonymous gift. The generosity of our members and supporters is amazing. Sadly, we lost a true friend recently with Kenneth Crouse's passing. He was instrumental in organizing our annual golf tournament and was a great supporter. Please keep Doris and the Crouse family in your thoughts and prayers.

See y'all on opening day April 12.

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

What's going on...

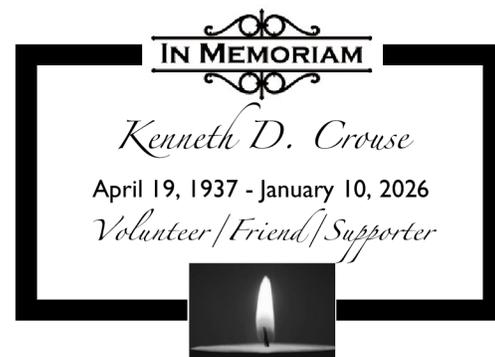
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serviced many other brands. By 1943, he had sold more than 160 cars. While we don't know how many he sold before retiring from auto sales and service in the early 1950s, his workbench still stands as a reminder of those busy days. However, the one-inch-thick layer of dirt and oil has been removed, the floor painted, and heating and air conditioning have been added. Today, the garage serves as a comfortable gathering space for meetings and special events.

Our first event of 2026 will feature a 10-by-10-foot traveling exhibit of an early tavern, created by the Historical Society of Carroll County. The display will open on April 12—our opening day. Be sure to mark your calendar! The exhibit will only be here for a short time, so opening day is the perfect opportunity to see it.

...Carroll Hahn,

Museum committee chairman



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