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 340 E. Baltimore St.
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Calendar of Events

July 11-12 • 1-4 p.m.

John T. Ridinger
Circus Wood Carving
Special Exhibit in
Museum Garage
 340 East Baltimore St.
 Taneytown, Md.

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August 1 • 1-4 p.m.

Museum Anniversary/
Traditional
Arts Festival

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

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Friday Sept. 18

Golf Tournament

"One More Round For George"
 8 a.m. shot gun start
 Quail Valley Golf Club
 Littlestown, PA

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Heritage & Museum Happenings

JULY/AUGUST 2026



FIRST RESPONDER'S DAY



What's going on at the Museum?



The Museum has already hosted several successful events this season, with many more still to come.



Our Second Annual First Responder and Police Day was held on May 16th. Members of the Taneytown Police Department grilled and served hot dogs on the Museum lawn while visitors enjoyed displays from local first responders. A fire truck and ambulance were on site, along with a variety of interactive activities for both children and adults. Face painting was also available for the younger visitors. The event was well attended, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful day of community fellowship.



President's Message

Happy Summer everyone! I know many have big plans for family vacations and even though summer has just begun, it won't last long, so enjoy! Even if you're not planning an exotic adventure there is still plenty to do in Taneytown. By now everyone is aware that our nation will celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. If you are going to be in town the city will be celebrating too, with Fireworks (July 3rd) and 5K Race and other fun stuff. (check Taneytown web site for details: www.Taneytownmd.gov).

Well, we've had a lot of "fun stuff" of our own this spring. I mentioned in the last newsletter we were planning an outing to the McGrew Equipment Museum at Terra Rubra. That was a

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their owners spent the day answering questions and sharing stories with visitors. The event is especially meaningful because the Museum property

was once home to Martin Koons' Hudson dealership from the 1930s through the mid-1950s. The

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Museum Gift Shop

We are gearing up for the Taneytown High School Alumni Banquet, where we will be having a table of gift shop items for sale.

We are still carrying lots of history books from Taneytown and Carroll County, many items with Taneytown engraved on them, Taneytown High School items, China ornaments, with local historical building on front and the history on the back -- 2008 through 2026. \$10.00 each. The 2026 ornament features the Taneytown Post Office in 1905, which was located on West Baltimore Street.

Amish handmade brooms in 8 different sizes, including whisk brooms. Hand painted local church plates and Taneytown Bank plates. Framed and unframed prints of Taneytown (black and white or color)

Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet do sell the Amish Brooms for us when the Museum is closed.

You may always call the Museum at 443-918-8687 for any questions, and someone will return your call.

...Diane Willhide

President's Message...

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great day, enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the McGrew family for the invitation! Recently Mr. (Wm) McGrew had some medical issues. We ask you to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

The end of May brought Memorial Day and great Memorial Day recognition Ceremony and Parade. Our THMA float was standout! Thanks Sherrie Hahn and all who participated. Myra and I were pleased to attend the Historical Society of Carroll County's dedication of the new Helen Gorman Library. Helen, whose long-time involvement in our own museum was honored for her many hours of service with HSCC.

There's a lot more to come before summer is over. I'm looking forward to our Anniversary Day on August 1st, with local craft's people, and before that we will have an encore of the Ridinger Circus Day



exhibit that proved such a success last year. If you have friends or relatives visiting this summer, make sure you plan to visit the Museum. I know they will be impressed.

Pam Reed tells us that she has had good success getting volunteers to staff the Museum during the "open" hours. Thanks to all our volunteers! One volunteer we'll miss is Fairy Flickinger who will be "retiring" as our Reference Room coordinator. Thanks Fairy, a job well done. One volunteer position we're anxiously trying to fill is the recording secretary for the THMA Board meetings. No experience needed, we will provide all the training you will need.

See you at the Museum!

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

*Thank you to Fairy Flickinger
for more than 20 years
of dedicated service to the
Taneytown History Museum*

What's going on...

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garage still contains the original workbench used during those years, providing a direct connection to Taneytown's automotive history.

On July 11th and 12th, we will host the Second Annual John Ridinger Memorial Wood Carving Exhibit. The display will

feature many of the handcrafted creations of the late John Ridinger, including his remarkable working carousel and numerous circus-themed carvings. This popular exhibit showcases the extraordinary talent and craftsmanship of a beloved local artisan.

Anniversary Day, scheduled for August 8th, will feature a variety of artisans demonstrating traditional crafts and skills, including rope making. Additional craftsmen and exhibitors are being added, so be sure to visit our website for the latest updates and event details.

I would also like to personally thank Fairy Flickinger for her more than 20 years of dedicated service managing activities in our Reference Room. Fairy has decided to step down from that role, but we are pleased that she will continue to remain active with the Museum. Her countless hours of service and commitment to preserving our local history are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the Museum.

...Carroll Hahn,

Museum committee chairman

Looking Back

Notable people in Taneytown history

Taneytown was home to **Fr. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin**, Catholic priest, missionary, and Russian prince during the late 18th century.

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Taneytown was the headquarters of **Union Army General George Meade** for a period during the American Civil War. Fellow Civil War general Jacob G. Lauman was born in Taneytown.

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Congressman Joseph A. Goulden of New York was from a family with a house in Taneytown, where he usually stayed during the summer. Goulden was present in Gettysburg when Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, and Goulden heard the speech in person.

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Actor Fred Gwynne, star of TV's *The Munsters*, died in Taneytown on July 2, 1993, after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

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Explorer Rogers Birnie was born in Taneytown in 1851. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Wikipedia

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