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Heritage & Museum Happenings

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026



President's Message



We've had a lot going on at the History Museum... artisans from around the area gathered at the Museum for our anniversary celebration August 1 for Traditional Arts Day. There was a tin smith, a chair caner, rope maker and bead maker. A textile artisan whose spinning skill was remarkable, and our own Doug Heck demonstrated his wood turning talent.

The fun doesn't stop, just because we change seasons! Mid-September (Friday, 9/18) marks our annual golf tournament "Another Round for George."

Saturday, September 26 we officially welcome Autumn with Harvest Day.

Our monthly THMA meetings will resume in September... see page 2 for all the information on the upcoming meetings in September and October.

During a recent stint as a volunteer, Myra and I met a man from Westminster who said he often passed our museum and always wanted to stop in. He spent over an hour in our museum, and he was amazed at what he saw. He wondered why he had waited so long. We have a lot to be proud of. Make sure, as you entertain loved ones, this fall from out of town, you set some time aside to visit.

See you at the Museum!

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

2026 edition of the White House Christmas Ornament "America250"

To reserve yours, call Fairy Flickinger at 410-756-2245

Museum Gift Shop

With marking the 250th Celebration in Carroll County this year, we are selling the Commemorative Carroll County Coin for \$10 each. There are pictures on both side of the coin with dates. They are in a clear plastic holder for protection.

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What's going on at the Museum?



Special Events Continue at the Taneytown History Museum

The museum has continued to host special events throughout the season, with more exciting events still to come.

Our Second Annual John Ridinger Wood Carving Exhibition was held July 11 and 12. John's widow, Betty, was able to spend Saturday afternoon with us, answering questions and sharing information about John's work and the items on display. The event was well attended, and visitors enjoyed seeing the intricate details of the carvings and marveling at the craftsmanship of the Circus Carousel.

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Volunteer Spotlight:

Fairy

Flickinger -

Over the past 20 years Fairy Flickinger, as the Reference Room Coordinator, provided outstanding service and dedication to the Taneytown History Museum. She made a lasting impact with her



commitment of establishing the reference room to preserve Taneytown's history and that of the surrounding towns. The museum is "Dedicated to Keeping Taneytown's History Alive."

With no knowledge of museum archival storage management, she willingly took on the responsibility of establishing the reference room, planning, organizing, cataloguing documents, photographs, newspaper articles, local high school yearbooks, and other memorabilia. In the initial stage she had the assistance of museum volunteer, Nancy Keefer and together they spent

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Calendar of Events

Friday Sept. 18 Golf Tournament

"One More Round For George"

8 a.m. shot gun start

Quail Valley Golf Club

Littlestown, PA

Sept. 28 & Oct. 26 • 7 p.m.

T.H.M.A. General Meeting & Speaker

Grace UCC Church, Taneytown

Sat. Sept. 26 • 1-4 p.m.

Harvest Day

History Museum Grounds

340 E. Baltimore St.

Taneytown, Md.

Nov. 18 - Dec. 12

Holiday of Trees,

Wreaths & Centerpieces

More information next month

2026-2027 Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association Membership

Enclosed are my 2026-27 dues (\$10.00 per person) Total \$ _____

I would also like to like to make a donation to T.H.M.A. Amount \$ _____

Make check payable to THMA - Total enclosed \$ _____

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City/State/Zip _____

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Sept. 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2027 T.H.M.A. Membership RECEIPT:

2026-2027 dues (\$10.00 per person) and additional donation Total \$ _____

2026 T.H.M.A. Fall Programs

The fall series of THMA meetings begins on Monday, September 28th, with speaker Elaine Shirley. Elaine grew up in Carroll County and was employed for 35 years in Colonial Williamsburg. Presently she is the curator at the Carroll County Farm Museum, where she often finds treasures hidden in their collections. She will be speaking on prohibition and the temperance movement. Her talk will feature an unusual discovery found in the Farm Museum collection.

On October 26th, THMA will wind up our 2026 semiquincentennial programs as we welcome Woodsboro resident and historian Dahl Drenning. He is a retired educator and Lutheran pastor with a special interest in genealogy and local history. He has researched and will present his findings on George Washington's travels through our area, with a special emphasis on his visit to Taneytown.

All meetings are held in the Parish Hall of Grace UCC Church, 49 W. Baltimore Street in Taneytown, with ample parking behind the church. Use the entrance on the west side of the building. Handicap parking and entrance is on the east side of the building.

Each meeting begins at 7 p.m., with a brief time for announcements. Time for questions, meeting the speakers and refreshments will follow the speaker's presentation.



One More Round For George

We will be holding our **14th Annual Golf Tournament, "One More Round For George"** on Friday, September 18th at Quail Valley Golf Course in Littlestown, PA. We will kick off the play with an 8 a.m. shotgun start in the "Captain's Choice Scramble" format. Registration is 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.

At this time, we have 30 teams confirmed, 120 players which was the total we had last year on day of play, so hopefully we can add several more by tournament day. We are setting a maximum limit of 144 total players (36 teams) in order to maintain an enjoyable tempo of play. If you know someone on the fence about playing, they should contact us ASAP to fill in the few remaining open positions.

We are very thankful for the amazing

support we have for this event. We could not do it without our volunteers and community support. We need your help so if you have not volunteered to help give us a call. Even if you cannot help on that day, you can bake a dessert for the luncheon. Please contact Michele Crouse - 410-259-2824 or Tom Lawrence - 410-259-6777 for more information

Annual Holiday Dinner

The Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association invites you to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season at our Annual Holiday Dinner on Monday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ in Taneytown, Md. The evening will feature entertainment by Larry Gray, who performs regularly at the Senior Center and Lorient. Guests will enjoy a delicious dinner of fried chicken, ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, pineapple casserole, assorted Jello salads, and a homemade ice cream bar. The cost is \$17 per person, with checks payable to THMA. Reservations and payment must be received by November 11, and should be sent to Sherrie Hahn, 4020 Walnut Grove Road, Taneytown, MD 21787. We hope you will join us for an evening of good food, great entertainment, and fellowship as we welcome the holiday season!

Volunteer Spotlight...

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hours at the museum making a record of each item and description. More recently she had the assistance of several other museum volunteers.

Fairy served on the History Museum Committee and Taneytown Heritage & Museum Association Board and for a number of years served as the Social Chair of THMA. She also volunteered her time on weekends when the museum was open to greet and meet with visitors which she enjoyed, as she has a wealth of knowledge of the history of Taneytown.

The Taneytown History Museum Reference Room is a testament to her dedication to the museum and the Taneytown community. Even though she will no longer be the Reference Room Coordinator she has willingly agreed to serve as part of the newly formed Reference Room Committee created to move the

reference room to the next stage of archival storage management. She is 92 years young and has much more to offer to Taneytown History Museum. **THANK YOU FAIRY!!**

Museum Gift Shop...

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Carroll Vista Craft Fair will be held in the clubhouse, Saturday, November 7th 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We will be attending with a table full of Taneytown History Museum Gift Shop items. Hope to see you there.

The Gift Shop is carrying a full supply of Amish Brooms, which can also be found at Crouse Ford and Wantz Chevrolet. China ornaments are available, 2008-2026, each with a different historical building of Taneytown with history on the back for \$10.

...Diane Wilhide

What's going on...

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On August 8, our Anniversary Day featured Traditional Arts Day with demonstrations of a variety of traditional crafts, including wood turning, rope making, tinsmithing, chair caning, glass bead making, and wool spinning. A steady crowd attended throughout the day and enjoyed watching the skilled artisans demonstrate these crafts and share their knowledge.

Our next special event will be Harvest Day on September 26. Visitors will have an opportunity to see farm tractors from different eras, enjoy refreshments and homemade ice cream, and listen to entertainment by the band **Better Weather**. Our neighbors, Jenn and Ron Tony, are members of the band and are pleased to be able to perform for us. We hope you will join us for this fun fall event.

We are also pleased to welcome Winona Petterson to the museum. With the retirement of Fairy Flickinger, Winona will continue the important work in our reference room and with our archival materials. Winona worked for the National Park Service at Gettysburg in many different roles before retiring as an archivist. We are very happy to have someone with her experience and knowledge join us.

We look forward to seeing you at the museum.

...Carroll Hahn,

Museum committee chairman

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