

Fire Museum News

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Fire House Façade - update

In the November newsletter last year we told you about rescuing the Cast Iron façade from Baltimore City Engine Co. No.8.

More good news on that front (no pun intended). Thanks to a grant from Preservation Maryland the pieces of cast iron are currently undergoing analysis and fabrication of missing parts at Structural Preservation Systems facility in Elkridge, Md.

When the reconfiguration of the Museum occurs in 2008; if we secure funding the façade will be the gateway to the horse drawn era and the beginning of the time of the career firefighter.

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FMM'S 1st BULL ROAST & 11th ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY MOTOR MUSTER September 8, 2007



The first of what we hope will be many successful Bull Roasts took place in September as a new addition to the Annual Founders' Day Motor Muster. Board Member Merlin Hanson is pictured selling raffle tickets



Among the attendees seen enjoying Beefalo Bob's great barbecue are State Delegate & Mrs. William Frank and Marty & Gene Reid also present but not photographed was Baltimore County Councilman T. Bryan McIntire



Board President Lee Smith driving the 1927 Seagrave for the always popular fire engine rides



Crafts coordinator Ann D'Antoni had children painting the blue crab - soon to be putting in an appearance by the main gate as a fire fighter



The 1898 Hale Water Tower in action during the event



Visitors came in all shapes & sizes! One of our 4-footed friends, Emmie Tremel, is seen on duty!

2008 Dates

- May 2 - Members Night Party
- June 14 - Annual Steam Show & Bull-Roast
- July 12 - Antique Car Show
- September 13 - Founders' Day Motor Muster & Cook-out
- October 25 - Lantern Night



Education & Outreach

Enthusiasm, knowledge and experience are making a difference

In the year since Education Director Rick Bray joined the Museum staff we have seen some exciting happenings. School tours have shown a steady increase - more teachers are making this a regular part of the school year. The number of children who have participated in tours this year increased by almost 10%.

Although there is no substitute for visiting the Fire Museum and seeing our awesome collection in person, if you can't come to us, we will be happy to come to you! Here are some of the talk, slide show & lecture outreach programs currently offered:

Story of the Fire Service - as seen through the collection of the Fire Museum of Maryland

The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 - as told by photographs of the day and apparatus on display at the Fire Museum of Maryland

Decorative Arts - a look at the paintings, carvings, and castings of the Fire Museum of Maryland's collections and how they relate to changing styles and fashions

Horses, Men, and Steam Engines: how they worked together to protect our cities

People of the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904: The presentation includes historical information from diaries, newspapers and other archival materials, photographs, paintings, and other artwork that was used to document this important event

Fire Safety and Fire Gear: Firefighter Rick talks about fire safety and discusses and demonstrates modern firefighter bunker gear. The presentation includes an age appropriate fire safety video



During the 'Digging Baltimore' tour, students focus on the Great 1904 Fire. In a prepared archaeology unit, students examine primary documents and news accounts and dig for clues to discover how Baltimoreans lived and worked at that time - Ryan Whisler of Catonsville is seen taking part in a recent dig tour .

Burn CD & DVD

Annual Fund

The Fire Museum of Maryland is a non-profit organization. We rely on memberships, grants, and donations from members and friends for our operations

PLEASE HELP

**I want to support the Fire Museum's mission of preservation and education
Enclosed is my contribution to the Annual Fund of:**

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A copy of the audited financials may be obtained by writing to FMM at 1301 York Rd, Lutherville, MD 21093.
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Capital Campaign

Bids have been solicited from electrical, plumbing and HVAC contractors for the installation of air conditioning and new lighting in the main exhibit area.

Even though we have only raised half of the monies needed to complete the work, we have matched the State bond bill through a combination of foundation and individual donations. The Museum will be closed to the public in January and February in order to move ahead and start these much-needed renovations.

Special thanks go The 1772 Foundation for their generous grant towards the HVAC and electrical work.

To keep a museum open requires money, time, people, and also gifts in kind - goods & services that companies donate

We sincerely appreciate ALL donations but would like to acknowledge just a few notable gifts

Maryland Historical Trust - a grant to update the Audio Tour system
Baltimore County Commission on Arts & Sciences - continued grant support
Preservation Maryland - a grant towards the preservation of the Cast Iron fire house façade

Pittsburgh Paint and Glass Company - donation of paint for all of the vehicular restorations

AAI Corporation - education program support
Doug Huether & family - general operating support

Train Garden



Every 5 years the train garden undergoes a total reconfiguration. Our thanks go to Curt Elie, Jim Derreth & John LaCosta for their work on the 2007 layout.



Photos with Santa

Children can visit Santa when he is sitting in the Museum's Circa 1900 Stivers Tilton Cutter on November 24. Children visiting the Museum on that date will be given the opportunity to have a free photo taken with Santa in his sleigh.

Work in Progress

The loyal band of volunteers who spend their Tuesday nights working on collection maintenance and restoration were busy in 2007. Here are some of their achievements:

1947 Floodlight Wagon - Finished rebuilding engine, replaced the right rear wheel bearings

1898 Hale Water Tower - Completed fender installation, painting and gold leafing

1865 very rare Charles Hartshorn hose reel - paint analysis, painting and decorating

1920 Seagrave - Sanded frame in preparation for final coat of paint

1927 Seagrave - Installed final 2 new tires on Engine 2. These reproduction tires were a gift from Brooks Huff Tire Co. and a bequest of John Berquist

1916/17 Mack Bulldog Mack - Started restoration of this rare high-pressure engine. Sanding and repainting wheels, frame and fenders. Rebuilt carburetor and new float made.

1949 Mack (The Pride) - Removed gas tank, and had it blasted and coated for rust prevention prior to installation



In October we were delighted to welcome back our friends from Fireman's Fund Insurance for their "Day of Sharing". They spent the day polishing and cleaning apparatus and helping to catalog items in the Archives.

Thank you everyone for your help!

Unsung Heroes

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Baltimore selected the Fire Museum as a recipient of its community volunteers mission. For 2 hours every Friday, 4 elders (actually young men!) here in Baltimore as part of their 2 year outreach, don work clothes and help paint and clean and work on the apparatus.

We are most appreciative of their assistance.



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Museum Store



The Museum Store has had a facelift and a whole new array of books, gift items, jewelry, apparel and toys are available for visitors. Next year we hope to have many of these items up on the web site for purchase on-line.



Stop by on a Saturday to visit the store, see the new items on display and make those Holiday purchases



Birthday Parties



A fresh new look for the birthday party room has resulted in a

significant increase in the numbers of children celebrating their birthdays at the Museum -the children love the discovery room, and the parents love the new look and convenience of the party room! Marilyn is our party person - call her at 410-321-7500 to book a party.

As an added convenience we also carry birthday party supplies and parents can order everything from piñatas to paper plates all with a fire theme. A catalog of items is available for pre-party ordering or items can be picked up at the Museum store. For that extra special party a fire truck may be rented to give rides either here at the Museum or off site. Call for information or look at our website at www.firemuseummd.org.