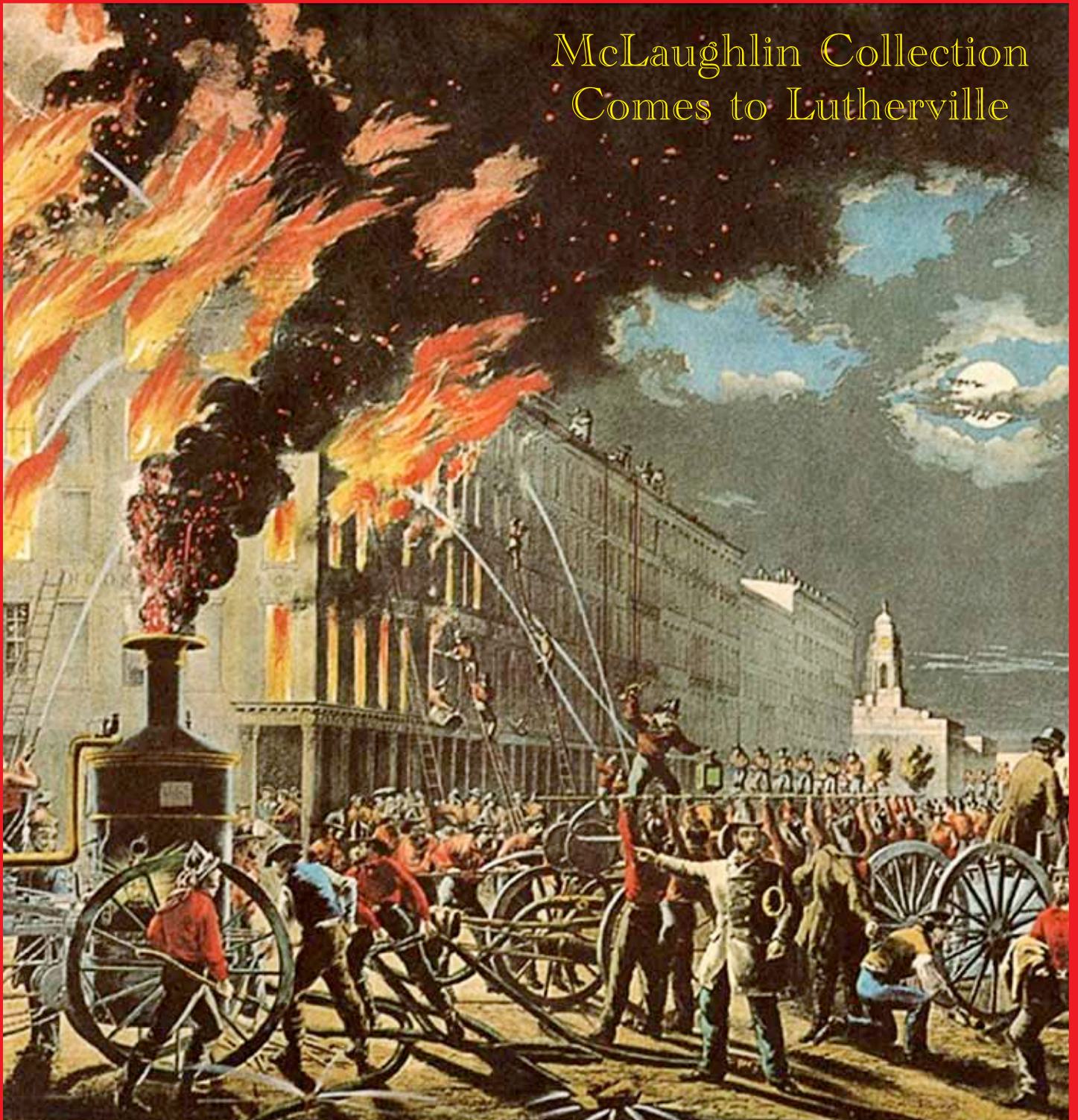


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Annual Review 2016



McLaughlin Collection
Comes to Lutherville

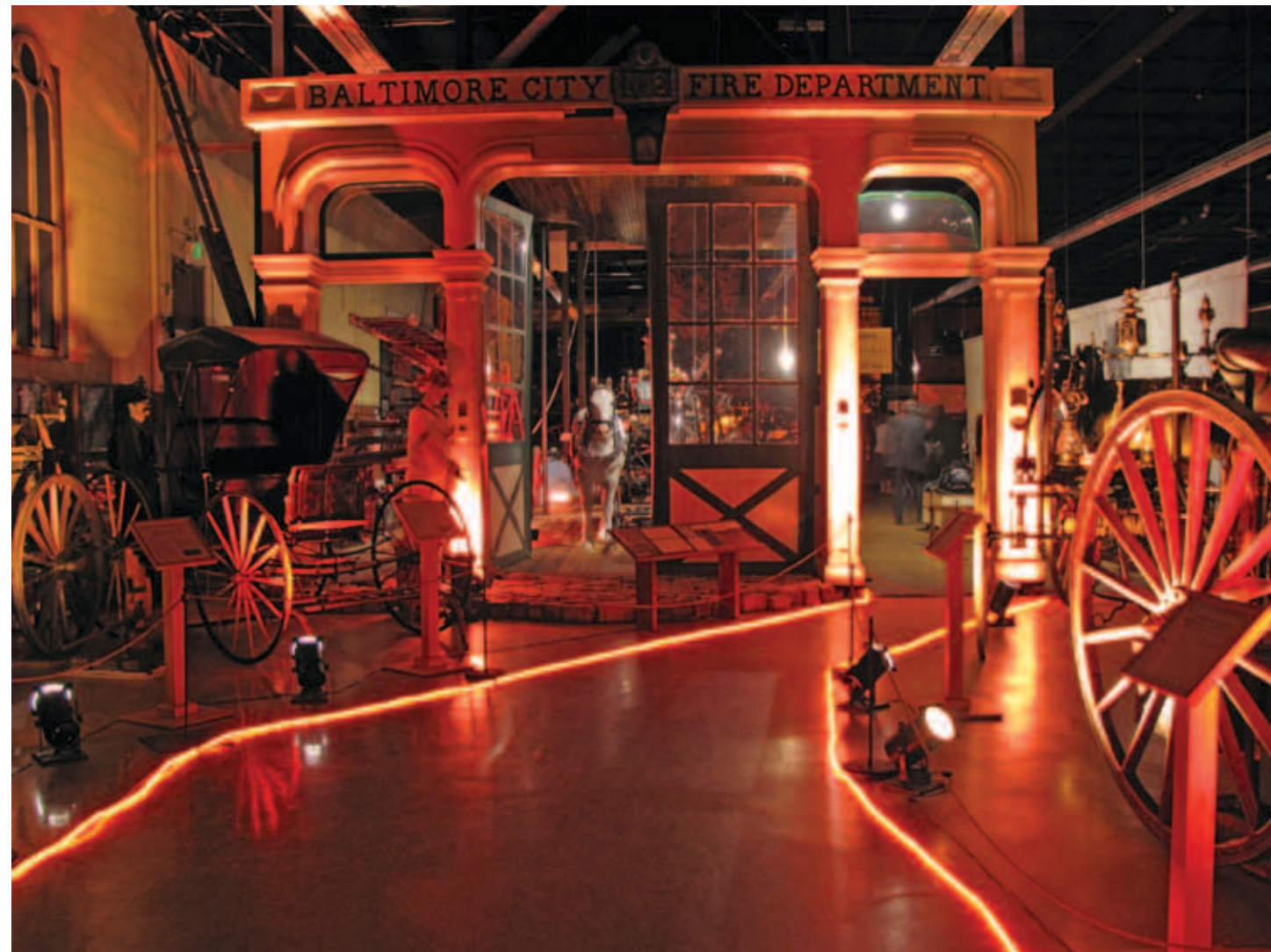


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McLaughlinCollectionArrives!

byMelissaHeaver

In April of 2011, the Fire Museum was approached by Carol and Ted Pappas, who owned the McLaughlin Insurance Company of Washington, DC. They were moving out of their offices to a smaller space in Rockville, MD. They offered the Museum a number of items that came from the original fire memorabilia collection of John McLaughlin, the founder of the insurance firm. He had been an avid antiques dealer in Alexandria, VA, and at the time of his death, gave his collection of fire marks, prints, models, parade hats and other items to his insurance firm. In 1976, Ted Pappas joined the McLaughlin Company, and eventually purchased the stock of the existing stockholders. After Mr. Pappas sold the company in 2015, he and his wife, Carol, donated the rest of the McLaughlin Collection to the Fire Museum in 2016.



The McLaughlin gift is an example of what a number of insurance companies collected over the last two centuries. From the Baltimore Equitable Society to the Insurance Company of North America (now CIGNA) and the Mutual Assurance Company, these businesses collected pieces of apparatus, parade hats, company archival materials, fire paintings, and much more.



Parade Fire Hat Washington Hose Co. #3



Leather Fire Bucket with owner's name, Robert L. Evans / Relief and image of house on fire.



In honor of the Pappas' gift, an exhibition was installed over the summer by Steve Heaver, Curator, and Alex Guerrieri, Assistant Curator in the Rare Prints Gallery.



APPARATUS IN ACTION

by Alex Guerrieri

On August 28th, the Fire Museum hosted the opening of the McLaughlin Collection Exhibit with a presentation to Carol & Ted Pappas for their wonderful donation. The festivities included music by guitarist Flavio Sala, a whiskey tasting, and a chance to see the fabulous collection that is now on exhibition.



Baltimore County Fire Department Division Chief Francis "Skip" DiPaula Looking at Exhibit



Fire Museum Director Steve Heaver & MC David DeBoy



Steve Heaver Making Presentation to Ted & Carol Pappas

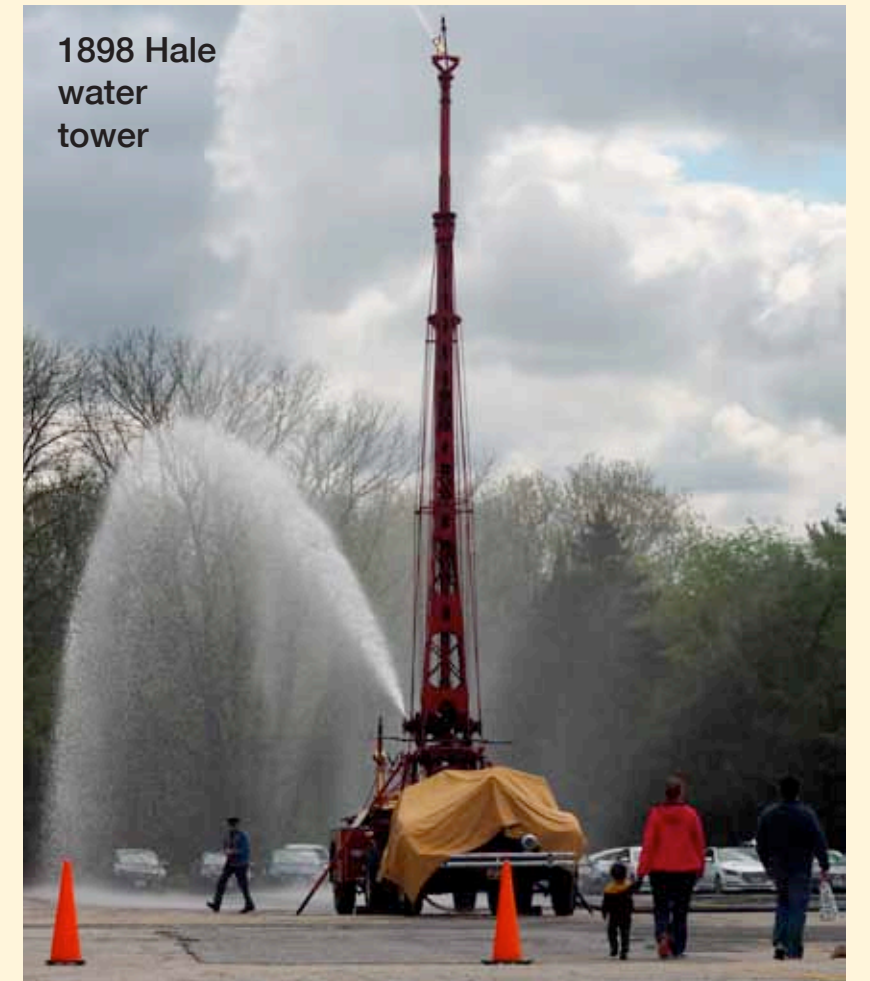


Each year, we strive to actively demonstrate a portion of the Museum's collection to the public. We try to use different pieces of apparatus from year to year, so that there's something new for our visitors to see. This year was a banner year for us in terms of variety, as we were able to successfully operate several pieces that have not been shown in some time.

The opportunity to operate a piece of historic fire apparatus is not one that we take lightly. Each occasion is not only a chance to show the public how these vehicles operate, it is also a classroom session for the staff and volunteers. Our more experienced staff members use the various events that we host or attend to teach the practical aspects of using our collections. In May, this took the shape of running through "evolutions" with Water Tower 1 (WT1), our 1898 Hale water tower, which was used to fight the Great Baltimore Fire in 1904.

The water tower uses water pressure to raise and lower the mast. Because it does not have a pump of its own, WT1 requires a fire engine to provide that water pressure. In previous years we

1898 Hale water tower



"Agencies at the Principal Cities and Towns" Middleton, Strobridge & Co., Lithographers, Cincinnati; shows Aetna Insurance of Hartford

APPARATUS IN ACTION

(continued)

have used our 1899 American steam fire engine, but circumstances prevented that this year. Nevertheless, with modern pumping power, we were able to raise and lower the mast several times, allowing several staff members and volunteers to learn how the apparatus operates.



1853 Smith hand engine

The May Steam Show was also an opportunity for us to bring out our 1853 Smith hand engine, which had not been pumped in several years. We were even able to have a pumping contest between the Smith and the c1880 Gleason and Bailey hand engine, with an impressive showing by both engines and their crews.

In order to attend all of these events, we work hard throughout the year to repair and maintain the apparatus to the best of our abilities (and budget!). Our primary mechanic, Brian Fiedler, works tirelessly to keep each piece of apparatus in operating condition. Just in 2016, he has: rebuilt the transmission and replaced the piston rings in Engine 23, as well as worked to improve the engine cooling system; finished rebuilding the manifold valve on WT1, allowing us to raise and lower the mast; and spent a considerable

amount of time on Engine 35, as it is our most-used piece of apparatus. We would like to express our gratitude to Brian for his quality work, constant smile, and very impressive depth of knowledge. We'd be in serious trouble without him!

If you haven't had the opportunity to experience one of our events, we encourage you to come out and visit us during one of our shows. You can find a calendar of events elsewhere in this newsletter.

APPARATUS IN ACTION

(continued)

Last year, our plans to participate in the Towson, Maryland Fourth of July parade were foiled by Mother Nature. This year, despite overcast skies and brief mists of rain, we were successful in turning out Truck 1, a 1918 Mack "Bulldog" tractor pulling a 1908 Hayes aerial ladder; and Engine 35, a 1935 Stutz fire engine. It was the first time in nearly a decade that we had the Mack in the parade, and we were able to

have many of our volunteers and other friends of the Museum ride along with us.

Rides are provided on an 1898 horse-drawn hose wagon, handdrawn and operated pumping engines are demonstrated, and you'll also see hose reels and other devices brought by friends such as Frank Tremel, Frank Schmersal and Lou Klepitch.



1918 Mack "Bulldog" tractor pulling a 1908 Hayes aerial ladder



T1 rear ladder with E35

APPARATUS IN ACTION

(continued)

One of our other significant events each year is our annual motor muster, and this year's event, "Honoring Our Heroes," was another great show. We had Engine 23 pumping into Truck 1, and succeeded in both putting up the ladder of Truck 1 for the first time in more than a decade, and flowing water through it for the first time in the Museum's history! A few brave souls even took the opportunity to climb up the ladder, which provided some impressive views and a few weak knees. It was not a climb for the faint of heart!



A Board Member Profile:

A Rose among some thorny issues...



Rose Matricciani is one of the Fire Museum's long-time friends, financial supporters, and a dedicated Board member. She also serves on the Development Committee. In her other life she is a busy lawyer and registered nurse who focuses her practice on healthcare. A partner at Whiteford Taylor Preston, she has experience in representing healthcare providers before multiple-license boards. Ms. Matricciani received a Governor's citation for her work in family violence. The Fire Museum benefits from her wise counsel and broad experience and we appreciate her can-do attitude and sense of humor! Thank you.



THE CITIZENS OF
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**Keeping Our
Community Safe**

By William Roulett

There are thousands of things to keep in mind when it comes to keeping your family safe. Household evacuation plans, fire safety, and disaster situations are just a few. With the help of our partners, the Fire Museum of Maryland's Family Safety Day addresses some of these concerns. And thanks to the generosity of Baltimore County's Commission on Arts and Sciences, we can offer free admission on this day!

In 2016, the third annual Family Safety Day expanded its scope by inviting more exhibiting partners. New partners allowed us to offer a better-rounded event, which addressed more safety related issues. As a few examples: Fireline offered fire extinguisher demonstrations and recharging, University of Maryland's Fire Protection Engineering department shared information about their unique graduate programs, Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company displayed their modern firefighting equipment, and Maryland Emergency Management Agency provided handouts on resources available during disasters.

The fourth annual Family Safety Day will be held on Saturday, March 4th, 2017. We will have lots of information for parents and hands-on activities for children. As always, this is the one day of free admission. See you there!

LAYING THE STEPPING STONES

Shhhhh...a quiet campaign is in progress

During the past year, while the Fire Museum quietly slipped into the home stretch toward its 50th Anniversary (2021), a huge engine has been building up steam. This one does not require frequent applications of Brasso, but it does take fuel and can put out raging fires. Those of us who have been losing sleep wondering how to fix the leaking roof, upgrade the HVAC, resurface the parking lot, re-organize and protect the archives, improve exhibits, build a sprinkler system and envision a brilliant future for this national treasure are no longer alone. We now have help.

In June, the Museum's Board of Directors hired Vince Connelly Associates, a fundraising expert in our area, to conduct a feasibility study for a \$1M Capital Campaign to help the Museum address these issues. That study, due to be completed before year end, will provide fuel to build a case for fundraising – with state and county government support, sponsorship from small businesses, corporations, foundations, individuals and volunteers like you, we can, we think we can, we will be the little Museum that survives the ravages of time and pulls through the inferno to a bright, shining future. This is the time to get on board with a donation, no matter how modest. The urban history of American firefighting is more important than ever – to preserve, to teach, to understand and share.

- Mary Brady, Development Consultant, Volunteer, Buggy Raffle

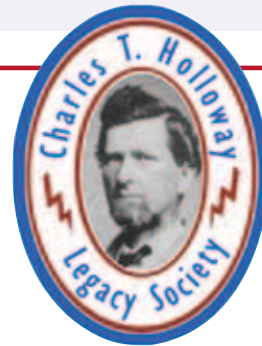


Staff Wish List

- Refrigerator
- Multi-media projector
- Laptop computer
- Pick-up truck

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

JOIN THE HOLLOWAY LEGACY SOCIETY! Help us plan for the future of the Fire Museum by leaving cash or property to the Museum. Your lawyer can make a Codicil to your Will making your intent known to help the Fire Museum of Maryland. Such gifts can offset estate taxes and ease the burden on survivors. We are available to discuss ideas.



Advancing STEM Education

by William Roulett

In 2015, the Fire Museum premiered its first STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program for visiting groups. Our Electricity Lab introduces students to the concept of a circuit by having them make one, which functions as a telegraph key. Understanding this technology allows students to better appreciate how the fire service put it to use in our Fire Alarm Office. The Motorola Solutions Foundation recognized the value in our approach and awarded us with a generous \$20,000 Innovation Generation grant for our Full STEM Ahead initiative in May, 2016.

I spoke to Sirisha Yadlapati on the phone recently about Motorola Solutions Foundation's priority funding areas. Sirisha is the Senior Program Director at Motorola Solutions Foundation, which is based in Chicago, Ill. Motorola Solutions Foundation's two key areas of giving are STEM education and public safety.



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION



After our grant application was submitted, it was reviewed formally by an employee grant review committee as well as the Motorola Solutions Foundation team. According to Sirisha, the Fire Museum was an obvious choice to receive an Innovation Generation (STEM education) grant because of our mission to connect the dots between the important work of first responders and STEM principles. Sirisha stated, "Exposing students to technology concepts by way of first responders is an innovative approach to making STEM fun and applicable as well as improving community trust. This is why the Fire Museum's Full STEM Ahead initiative was so attractive to Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Full STEM Ahead consisted of Summer STEM Club on Wednesday mornings in the summer, free STEM Labs for visiting groups, and events as part of the Maryland STEM Festival in November. So far, 376 people have been reached by Motorola Solutions Foundation-funded STEM programs at the Fire Museum with another 511 scheduled before the end of 2016. Call me at 410-321-7500 x102 for more information.

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Some of the Tuesday night staff that volunteers to work on machinery and do a hundred miscellaneous items: skill building 101 through 419.

A CHECK-LIST OF RECENT COLLECTIONS PROJECTS

by Steve Heaver

When referring to collections, I like to call the fire apparatus ‘rigs’ for short, but they really are large artifacts on wheels. Frank McKelvey once called them ‘gross mechanical devices’. In any case, these forty-some machines constitute a wondrous array of materials from cast iron and brass to glass and paint, each of which holds an amazing selection of smaller, portable artifacts. Ask Melissa, our Registrar, about how to track a hundred items on just a running board. During 2016 the staff tackled some big projects that I’d like to tell you about.

The 1916 Mack ‘Bulldog’ had been experiencing engine cooling problems for several years. Since 2016 is its 100th birthday, we felt it was due special attention! The last aspect of this problem, the most awkward, was undertaken by removing the four jugs or heads from the upper block and sending them out for acid and pressure cleaning. It finally made its debut at our September Motor Muster, pumping into the 1918 bulldog pulling the 1908 Hayes aerial.

Gilding and black and scarlet painting progress on 1850 Rodgers. Oct.2016



Cleaning Day: Polishing E23 1916 Mack



Josiah Wagener cleaned and coated this gem of original scrolling



The main project this year has been the dismantling and removal of the boiler from the 1899 steam pumping engine. The boiler is too weak to continue in service so a new boiler builder was found up in Maine, and fund raising pushed along. A CrowdRise system augmented the traditional funding for the first time in the Museum’s history. About \$38,000 is needed and we are almost there! After the boiler went to Maine in Jim Melia’s diesel pick-up, the machinery had to be overhauled and there are 7 people working on this. As of November we are ahead of schedule and will be ready to re-install all of the pieces on the new boiler in February-April. Meanwhile, we really didn’t know what color red was used on the frame and pump and so we had ‘defaulted’ to Carmine. John Findlay discovered an immaculately preserved 6” round section on the frame (under a pressure gauge) of the original red and a bit of

a scroll! Talk about your red letter day, this find is already transforming the way we think about decoration of the 1890s!

There were many small jobs and projects including oil seeping into the crank case of the 1933 Mack and a broken valve spring on the 1935 Stutz. Our mechanic, Brian Fiedler, keeps us running and Ass’t Curator Alex Guerrieri finds replacement parts on the internet. Another small job but one which culminated a 20 year dream to have a 19th c. street light working in front of the 1871 façade, came to light on Lantern Night on 29 October. See if you can find its picture in our assembly of late 2015 to October 2016 photos displayed within this newsletter. We could really use a volunteer editor for next year’s production. If you are interested in helping, please contact Director Steve Heaver.

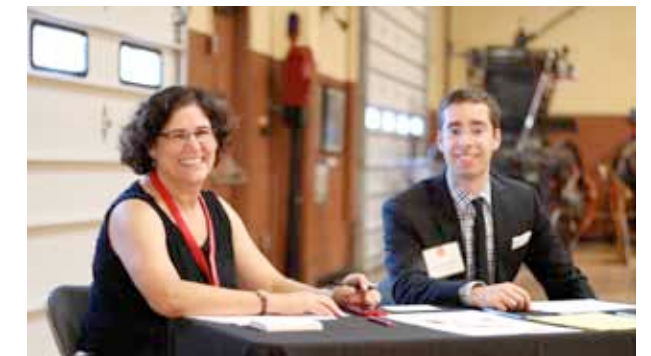
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Left: Water pistons with drawing



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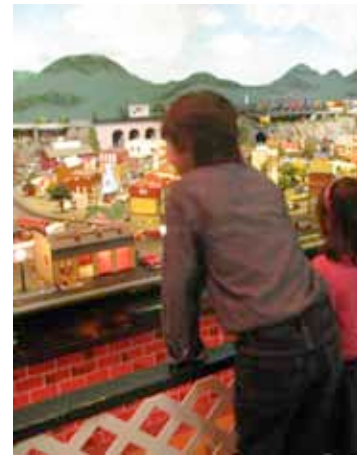
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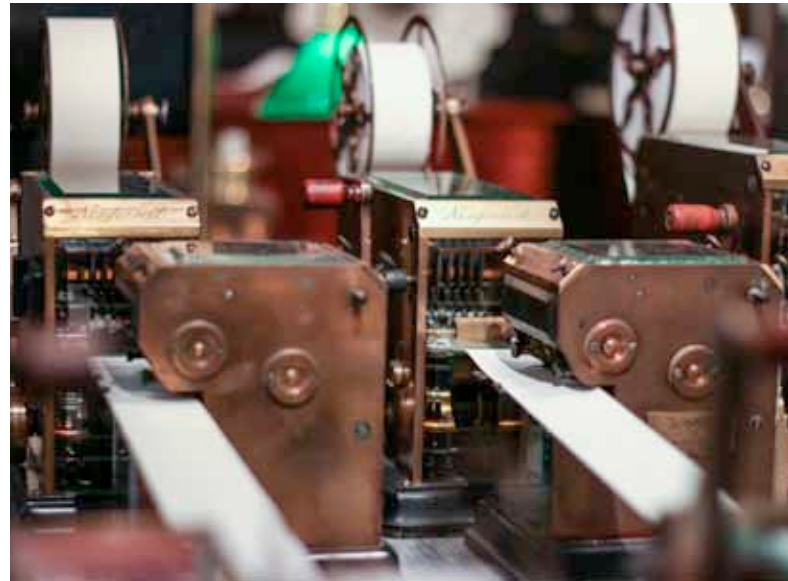
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CHRISTMAS GARDEN

This year's Train Garden and Santa's visit to the Fire Museum is sponsored by the Fairgrounds Plaza Branch of the Columbia Bank



MEMBERSHIP

Membership continued at a steady pace during the year, with our \$75 family membership our most popular choice. Membership dues help strengthen our education programs and activities.

Members receive unlimited admission

- A 10% discount in our gift shop
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For membership information, visit www.firemuseummd.org, or call 410-321-7500, X103



Events

The Museum hosted several unique events this year. We had a bar mitzvah in the spring, with about 150 guests. The DJ kept the party moving as kids and adults hit the dance floor. Many of the guests were volunteer firefighters, who enjoyed strolling through the Museum. We also had the Alarm Room open during the cocktail hour and it was packed the whole time. In the fall, we kicked things off with a big family birthday party. The party featured a huge buffet of Indian treats, and guests in saris made a colorful sight. We also hosted a Polytechnic High School class reunion, with lots of laughs and fellowship among the engines. And holiday bookings are looking quite promising. If you are looking for a new place to hold your next event, give us a call.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Birthday parties are going strong here at the Fire Museum

Our two-hour birthday package includes:

- A private party room with tables covered in red vinyl tablecloths
- Play time in our always-popular Discovery room, where the guests dress up in kid-sized turnout gear and climb on a real engine.
- Our visiting firefighter and engine ride are popular add-ons

More and more parents are finding out about us through Google searches. Also, word of mouth is a big factor: parents often tell us their child enjoyed a friend's party so much, that they are now booking one of their own.

Plus, we have a nice selection of party supplies and gift bag goodies in our gift shop. Call 410-321-7500, x103 for information and to schedule a party.

FIRE MUSEUM OF MARYLAND

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The mission of the Fire Museum of Maryland is to collect, preserve, display, and interpret historically significant apparatus and related artifacts, memorabilia, and records of the fire service in the United States; and to educate the public about the history, people, equipment and techniques of the fire service and about fire prevention and safety.

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Feb. 5 – Great Fire Coach Tour

Mar. 4 – Family Safety Day – Free Admission

May 6 – 40th Annual Steam Show

May 19 – Members Only Night

July 8 – Antique Car Show

Sept. 9 – Motor Muster

Oct. 28 – Lantern Night

Nov. 25 – Train Garden Opens; Santa photos

Train Garden Open all Saturdays in December

Dec 27-30 – Train Garden Open

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