

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

In 2012 almost \$500,000 was pledged for our New Endowment Strategy of raising 3M. This goal was set based upon a year's operating costs for utilities and one salary. Please include the Fire Museum of Maryland in your estate planning: call Steve Heaver at 410-321-7500 ext.101 if you would like to discuss various options.

Become a member of the  
Charles T. Holloway Legacy Society.

Speaking of the future, another of our goals is to hire a full-time assistant curator; someone to learn the ropes of apparatus operation, preservation and restoration. The Fire Museum of Maryland turns out an important list of hand, horse and motor vehicles, including an operating steam engine. This is part of our educational mission! Should you be willing to underwrite such a position, or a portion thereof, please contact Steve or a member of the Board.

Need a gift of about \$35,000.

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We have the very best birthday parties here at the Fire Museum with:

- A party room (with 4 tables covered with red vinyl) exclusively for your party
- A play room (Discovery Room) – put on fire gear and climb on a real fire engine
- Fire engine rides in the parking lot\*
- Tours of the museum\*
- Visiting fireman in full gear gives safety talk\*

*\*Added Fee*

While mom is setting up the party, the kids can play in the Discovery Room putting on fire gear, climbing on a real fire engine and playing with dozens of toys.

We carry birthday party supplies and special birthday gifts in our Gift Shop. Call us early at 410-321-7500 X103 to schedule a party – or check our website at [www.firemuseummd.org](http://www.firemuseummd.org).



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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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# FIRE MUSEUM WATCHDESK

*Annual Review for 2013*



Collecting · Preserving · Educating · Interpreting



Wheels, wheels wheels: We are working on wheels and going many places! We started with two projects and ended with four. The 1899 American steamer (center and top right) wheels have been completely re-done since 2011. Three layers of designs were recorded and removed. Paint color was matched to the original and 5-6 coats of enamel were applied by brush. Then in April of 2013 two sets of 'decals' made by Ken Soderbeck were attached. Days later, master

## YEAR OF THE WHEEL!



decorator, Wayne Troyer, spent 17 days applying gold, stripes and lines. This was followed by two coats of brushed clear enamel. Exactly stunning! The decoration is a gift of Scott Ruhl.

The wheels seen lower right are from our 1916 Mack High Pressure wagon: we are preparing for its 100th birthday. Canton Bandag, Ohio, applied new solid rubber tires, but only after much work prepping the wheels. They are being painted to match the original color.



write this. A gift is needed to provide for the decorating. The 1935 Stutz (upper left) needed new brake linings and seals and the Street Car Museum turned the drums to fit modern seals. (Not shown are the new varnished benches in the hose bed for birthday parties made by John Palese.). This and much more, were paid for by the sale of the 1927 Seagrave. The 1933 Mack water tower tractor required new linings and seals; paid for from operating funds.





## EVENTS

There are so many good things to share with you for 2013 that we wish that we could present a larger, illustrated newsletter! But here are a few highlights, starting with our annual Steam Day for hand drawn and horse drawn apparatus. The fish eye photo was taken by our staff photographer, David Ruby, on the first Saturday of May. The FMM hosted several antique car shows (July & September) and of course the annual motor muster “Cruisin’ for Our Heroes” sponsored by the County Sheriff’s Dept. Lantern Night is represented by the bottom picture and this year we broke our attendance record and Columbia Bank and the Arts & Sciences Commission sponsored this event.

## EXHIBITS

A tribute to the fire fighters who became soldiers during the Defense of Baltimore in 1814 has original documents on loan from the Maryland Historical Society and Russ Sears. Also in the Rare Prints Gallery is a new exhibit on Chief Charles Holloway and the veterans’ assn that started the legacy of collecting in 1887. In the Special Exhibits Room is a display on fire boats. All of these exhibits required huge quantities of work by a team of people.

**CAMPAIGN for a new FIRE ALARM OFFICE** is well underway and we’ve raised \$37,130 to date and need \$20,000. to complete the construction. You’ll see a flyer about giving to the “Brass Railing Fund” and a way that you can help! The new office will contain elements of 1880, 1910, 1950, 1980 & 2010 to explain operating communication systems including computers and radios.



### INDICATOR NEEDED!

In the 1880s the most important device in an office or fire house was the Indicator, as seen to the left. This gadget displayed the incoming Box Number. Gongs made noise; indicators recorded numbers. A large gift of \$2,500 will allow us to have this fine Gamewell device added to our collection.



## TOUR PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

by Rob Williams, Assistant Director

“Teaching fire safety and the history of the urban fire service to students at all comprehension levels.”



Every year between 3,500 and 5,000 schoolchildren, special needs children and adults take one of the six tours and activities the Fire Museum offers as part of its educational mission. This year, our three tour guides have given over 280 tours so far. Among the new tours and new activities offered are:

**The Command and Reform Tour**, which discusses how early 19<sup>th</sup> century firemen fought fires and each other; how the citizens organized a movement to remove several rowdy fire companies; and created the paid Baltimore City Fire Department of today. This tour meets state curriculum goals in Political Science, History and Geography.

**The Character Traits of Good Citizens Tour** uses the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 to highlight traits exhibited by citizens and fire fighters as they fought the third worst fire in U.S. history. Students learn by example the meaning of traits such words as being “Brave”, having “Perseverance,” and being “Cooperative” through the actions of the citizens and firemen. They decide what traits are the most important in an emergency. This tour meets state goals in the new Character Development curriculum.

**The Fire Rescue Game** teaches children how to self-rescue and practice saving their teacher from the “burning building.” Students dress up in turnout gear and simulated SCBA packs, and do fire rescue drills. This add-on activity to the Bucket Brigade Tour was also very popular as part of the Summer Activities Programs every Friday, June through August at 11 am.





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The above photos are of the wall display and one of the mannequins of the War of 1812 exhibit: "Citizen-Fireman-Soldier". Chuck Gosnell loaned the uniform for the 5th Reg., Mechanics' Company. The flag is on loan by the Mechanical Fire Co. This exhibit was paid for by private donors (see the master list).

Photographs in this newsletter were taken by David Ruby, Lee Smith, Tom Heaver, Elizabeth and Steve.

LIGHTING for the MAIN HALL

As you know we have been struggling with replacing the 1971 fluorescent lamp fixtures for over five years. About \$15,000 has been raised to date and so something substantial will be done this January. After New Year's Day construction will begin on both the lighting and Fire Alarm Office. Watch for these monumental changes! The construction details are consuming enormous quantities of time which is partly why the newsletter is so short. We ask your forbearance and hope that you will share our excitement in these major steps. **The Knott Foundation** has made a gift to the lighting capital project.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS ROOM

In 2013 we completed the Special Exhibits Room making that into a wonderfully pleasant and flexible space. This capital project was completed with a gift from **The Leidy Foundation**.

We also installed double-pane insulated sliding windows in the office. This was paid for by the Annual Campaign.

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- Unlimited admission for one full year (including annual members-only pizza party and Christmas train garden)
- 10% discount on all museum shop purchases
- \$20 discount on all birthday parties

**FAMILY:** \$55 (includes 2 parents or 2 grandparents and children/grandchildren under age 18)  
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**SENIOR/FIREFIGHTER:** \$30  
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