



# ALLEGANY MUSEUM

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# Friends of the ALLEGANY MUSEUM



Allegany Museum

was voted one of the

**10 BEST  
SMALL TOWN MUSEUMS  
ACROSS THE U.S.!**

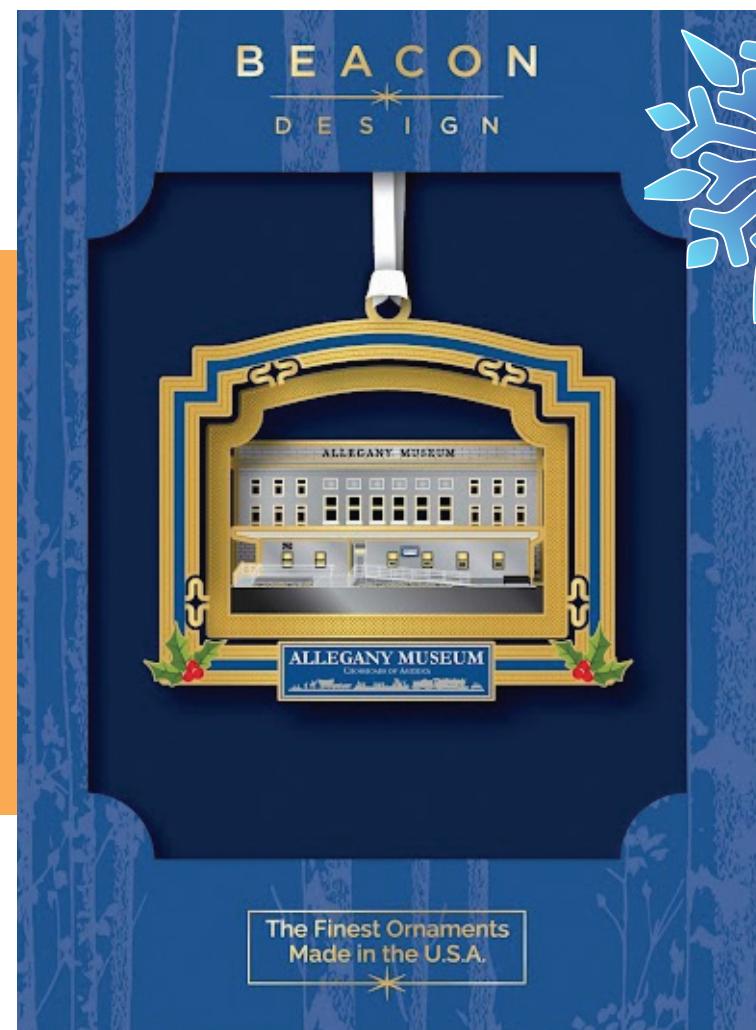
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"Museums that focus on a small town or region can offer a unique perspective on the history, culture, and identity of a place, and they're often some of the most interesting spots to check out when you're traveling. These 10 small town museums — selected by an expert panel and voted by readers as the best in the country — showcase the local stories, traditions, and achievements of an area, providing fascinating community insight to visitors."

— USA Today 2024



The Allegany Museum is proud to have been voted the second-best small-town museum in the United States in a poll conducted by **USA Today** in 2024. We believe the broad community support we enjoy, as well as the positive, welcoming attitudes and hard work of our volunteers, are the key to our success



## Celebrate the Allegany Museum!

Celebrate the holidays with this unique ornament depicting the Allegany Museum. Available for only \$25.

To order visit our website at  
[www.alleganymuseum.org](http://www.alleganymuseum.org).



**More than a Museum!**  
We are a Vibrant Activity Center  
Serving our Community



# ALLEGANY MUSEUM

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*Pictured: Christopher Logsdon, President, Mike Fetchero, Treasurer, John Deniker, Secretary, Victor Rezendes, Vice President.*

The Allegany Museum is more than just an artifact repository. It plays a crucial role in the community. This year it served as the temporary City Hall, hosting the Cumberland City Council and other commissions during the renovation of City Hall. We also hosted community meetings on such topics as the River Project and creation of the Will Creek State Park. The Museum is an integral part of the downtown redevelopment project. The project will also serve as a catalyst for reinvestment of in businesses and upper-floor residences downtown. We are part of the city's Arts and Entertainment District and Canal Place, Maryland's first designated Heritage Area. Canal Place sees as many as 100,000 tourists a year who ride on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad train or bike along the C&O Canal Towpath. We are at the heart of the tourist attractions in the city.

As a premier tourist attraction, we are contributing to the revitalization of our community.



## Events

The Museum Ballroom continues to be an elegant venue for weddings, reunions, meetings and other events. Please contact [info@alleganymuseum.org](mailto:info@alleganymuseum.org)

## More Exciting Changes are Coming! Future Creative Expressions Center



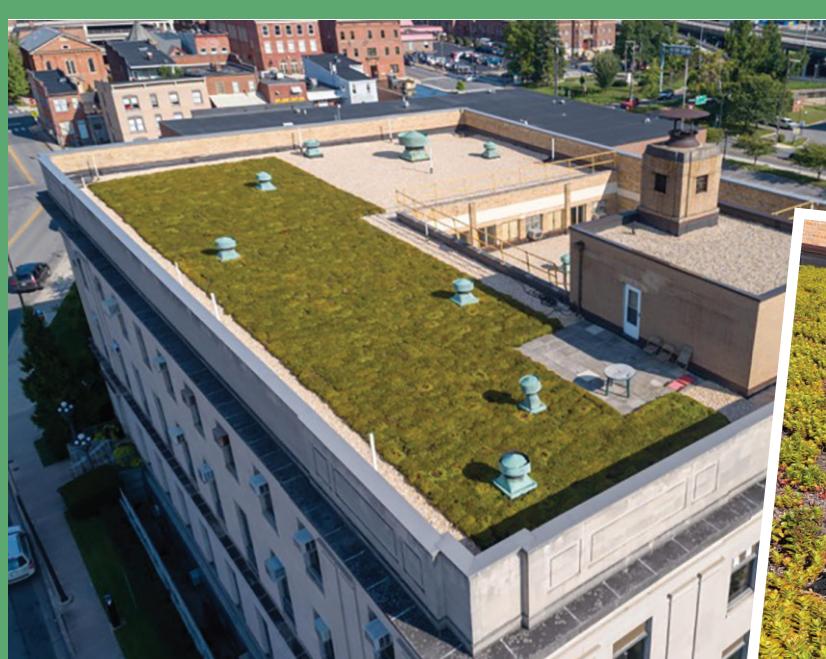
*Left: Artist's Rendition of the proposed Creative Expressions Center. Right: Museum's lower level before renovations.*

We are currently constructing a new center focused on the Appalachian traditional arts of Western Maryland. The center will include various traditional arts workshops taught by local artisans as well as interactive exhibits for visitors. For many years, we focused on preserving artifacts and educating the community about our history. We now recognize that preserving

our cultural heritage includes more than artifacts. It includes intangible culture such as folklore, music, craft knowledge, traditions, language, and regional knowledge.

## We are going Green!!

Our green roof saves energy!



## Events at the Museum

### Finding Your Roots

Dr. Henry Lewis Gates, a celebrated community native, filmed an episode of his PBS TV show "Finding Your Roots" at the Museum. This episode focuses on Jane Gates' and her family's history.



### Whiskey Rebellion Fest

Our annual major fundraiser continues to sell out each year. It offers tastings from 15 national and local distillers, great food, colonial games, cigar tent, beer and wine, reenactors, and much more. Held on the same weekend as Heritage Days in September, it promises a fun way to kick-off the weekend!



### Murder at the Museum

A great evening in collaboration with the **Embassy Theater**. The event provides a specially written local murder mystery.



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### Allegany High Students recreate Cumberland Main Street

Allegany High School Research Methods Class students, reveal their exhibit on the history downtown Cumberland.



### Smithsonian Exhibit "Crossroads of Change"



Board member, Dr. Kara Rodgers Thomas explains the traveling Smithsonian exhibit on the **Crossroads of Change in Rural America** to Jane and Carl Belt. This was the Museum's fourth traveling Smithsonian exhibit.



Board members, Mayor Ray Morriss, John Wunderlick, and his wife, Jan, discuss the traveling Smithsonian exhibit.



## Community

The Cumberland Woman's Civic Club visited the museum. We host many local and out of town groups. We will gladly provide a free tour for your organization. To schedule a tour, call 301-777-7200 or email us at [info@alleganymuseum.org](mailto:info@alleganymuseum.org)

## Education

Garrett County School group learns about George Washington and the French Indian War. Each year about 400 students tour the museum. To schedule a tour, call 301-777-7200 or email us at [info@alleganymuseum.org](mailto:info@alleganymuseum.org)



## Ready to volunteer?

Volunteering is an enriching experience that goes beyond just contributing your time. It's an opportunity to become an integral part of preserving and sharing the rich history and culture of the Allegany region.

For more information on Volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Susan James at: [susan.museum.2022@gmail.com](mailto:susan.museum.2022@gmail.com)



## Join the Friends of the Museum!

We would like to invite you to join or renew your membership!

*Please use the form below or visit us online to sign-up. Your membership matters, and we appreciate your support!*

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\* I am enclosing a check for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\* In addition, I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to help construct and furnish the new exciting Creative Expressions Center focused on Western Maryland traditional arts in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Yes! I would like to volunteer, please contact me at:



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