

Allegany Museum First Floor Restoration Nearing Completion



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As the Allegany Museum nears the Fall 2017 opening of its Crossroads of America exhibition, many elements have converged to complete the display. The first floor renovations have removed the ‘modern updates’ revealing the beautiful architectural details, such as the vaulted ceiling and marble floors, that are original to the 1930s era building. A large flatbed truck, hauling a Conestoga wagon, made its way through the streets of Cumberland, Maryland, to the Pershing Street address where it was lifted by a crane to be placed into the exhibit. There were some moments of anxiety as the wagon was eased through the Museum’s front door, but it made it in and is ready for its debut along with a 1905 Studebaker Brothers driving wagon plus other static and dynamic displays.

The Crossroads of America exhibition tells the story of the National Road, from ancient times when Native American tribes walked the trail, through Washington’s adventures, and to modern vehicular traffic. The exhibition will provide a permanent record of this important part of America’s history for both local residents and tourists to enjoy.

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Top: The Conestoga Wagon sits in its final resting place beneath the beautifully restored vaulted ceiling of the first floor at Allegany Museum.

Bottom: Various forms of transportation will be featured in the Crossroads of America exhibit as it nears completion.

