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## SECOND ANTIQUE APPRAISAL DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 6th THANKSGIVING & YULETIDE PROGRAMS TO FOLLOW

**R**enfrew Museum and Park is pleased to offer its own version of the popular "Antiques Roadshow" when it hosts its second **Antique Appraisal Day** on Saturday, November 6th from 10 am to 4 pm.

During this period, visitors may bring just about any type of antique or collectible to Renfrew for an honest

evaluation by knowledgeable professionals. For a fee of \$3.00 per object you will receive a verbal evaluation. A written certificate will also be available at a cost of \$5.00. Our appraisal staff, taken from the ranks of antique dealers, auctioneers, educators and specialty collectors, have all agreed to donate their services for the day; all proceeds benefit Renfrew Museum and Park. This is one event that is truly a winning situation for everyone involved!

### *Antique Appraisal Day Staff for 1999*

**G. Craig Caba** - G. Craig Caba Antiques & Auctions, Enola PA \***Clarke Hess** - Authority on PA German Antiquities, Lititz PA \***John Hykes** - Hykes Antiques, Waynesboro & Shippensburg \***Matt Hurley** - Matthew S. Hurley Auction Company, Waynesboro PA \***Emma Lohman** - Open Hearth Antiques & Greencastle Antique Mall \***Budd Moore** - Educator & authority on American Pottery & Glass \***Carl Ocker** - Auctioneer/Owner, Kenny's Auctions, Chambersburg PA \***Alesia Permansu** Greencastle Antique Mall \***Phyllis Potter** - Antique Crossroads, Hagerstown, MD

\*In the interest of fairness to everyone, you will be limited to two objects per person for each appraisal session. Of course, you are welcome to register for additional appraisals after completing your first session!

### IN THIS ISSUE

*Feature* - The second Antique Appraisal Day program takes place in Renfrew's Visitor Center on November 6th from 10 am to 4 pm. Read the details of the program, then begin picking out treasures you want to bring in for appraisal!

*Calendar of Events* - Renfrew's 1999 Yuletide Celebration schedule highlights our seasonal offerings. Our annual Open Hearth Thanksgiving program, set for November 20th, is sold out!

*In The Spotlight* - Learn about another one of the wonderful people who contribute to Renfrew; plus a special feature on our first student member.

*Renfrew Tidbits* - "From Tin To Gone With The Wind: Antique Lighting Devices" is the current display in the changing exhibition gallery. Also...

\*Renfrew's Stream Bank Stabilization Project is dedicated.

\*Archaeological Society begins new Park project.

\*Christmas Help Wanted! Check out Renfrew's volunteer classifieds and see how you can have fun while offering some much-needed assistance

\*Consider giving a Christmas gift of Renfrew membership. We'll even handle the details - see page 5 for more information!

**Antique Appraisal Day 1998** This year, a camcorder and TV monitors will broadcast some of the ongoing appraisals. Refreshments



will also be available. Visitors are encouraged to bring a mailing label, if possible, to help speed-up the registration process.





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**Calendar of Events  
Holiday Season 1999**

Please mark your calendars now to join us on the weekend of December 4th-5th for Renfrew's annual Yuletide Christmas Celebration. Many people are already working to bring you a *Century of Christmas*, featuring decorative themes from the last 100 years. As always, our program will also include a host of musical performers. **Our schedule for the weekend...**

**Friday, December 3rd: 6:30 to 8:30 pm** - *Friends of Renfrew and Members of the Boards of Directors*

**Saturday, December 4th: 2:00 to 5:00 pm** - *General Public (Open House)*

**Sunday, December 5th: 5:00 to 8:30 pm** - *General Public (Open House)*

*\*The Museum will also be open the following weekend (Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 pm) with regular admission charged.*

**Musical Performance Schedule**

**Saturday:** *Little Heiskel Ringers*, 2:00 to 3:00 pm in the Visitors Center; *Dr. Terry Musselman*, Psaltry and other vintage instruments - all day in the Museum; *Dan Mack*, Wandering Troubadour, in his 14th consecutive year at Renfrew - both days in the Museum.

**Sunday:** *Hódié*, recorder ensemble from the Hagerstown area - 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Visitors Center; *Madelaine MacNeil*, dulcimer and vocals - 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Visitors Center; *Kitchen Band* under the direction of Marilyn McCarney - local Waynesboro entertainment and old-fashioned fun - 7:00 pm to 8 pm in the Visitors Center; *Dan Mack*, Wandering Troubadour - Museum.

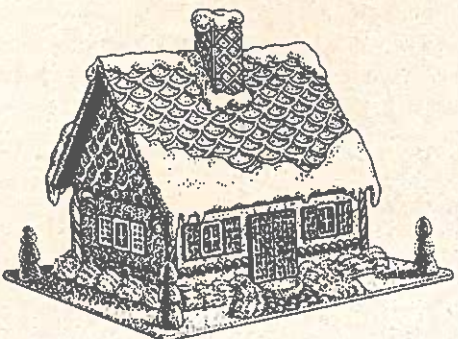
**Calendar of Events  
-Gingerbread House Contest Set-**

**The Little Heiskel Ringers** are a community handbell choir from Hagerstown, Maryland. The group is composed of 11 (sometimes 12) ringers from various denominations and backgrounds, including homemakers, teachers, church choir directors and musicians. The ringers range from 2 to 14 years in experience in handbell ringing.

**Madelaine MacNeil** lives in the Shenandoah Valley near the Holy Cross Abby. For some 24 years she has been using her voice to perform throughout the country, accompanied by a mountain dulcimer, an instrument of wood and four strings that originated 200 years ago in the Southern Appalachian area. She also uses a hammered dulcimer. Maddy, as she is called, who is now a nationally know folk singer and instrumentalist, was kicked out of piano lessons as a child because she was told she had no talent!

Renfrew's third annual **Gingerbread House Contest** will also be a feature of this holiday season. Learn how to create your own house at our **Gingerbread House Making Seminar on Tuesday November 16th at 7:00 pm** (free and open to all but please call ahead to confirm your space). Then, get your creative energies flowing and design your own house! The houses will be displayed in our Changing Exhibition Gallery during the two Yuletide weekends. Judging will be based on creativity and use of natural ingredients. Use the form below to register your entry by November 24th. Please call for more details or to reserve your space at the seminar.

**YULETIDE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST**  
**1999 Entry Form**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check one)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Entry/Judging Category (please check one)

Age 6 to 12 years \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Age 12 to 16 years \_\_\_\_\_ Group Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_ Group Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_





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## In the Spotlight Renfrew's Volunteers



In this issue of *der Wetterhahn*, we are delighted to introduce you to two more of Renfrew's dedicated friends - interpretive guide Patti Ridenour, and our first Student Historian, Martina Pfeuffer.

**P**atti Ridenour is just finishing her second season as one of Renfrew's volunteer interpreters. Originally from Ohio, she has called Waynesboro home for the past three years. She enjoys living in Waynesboro for many reasons, particularly because it reminds her of the small town in which she grew up.



Prior to joining us as a guide, Patti enjoyed walking Renfrew's trails. She is also interested in antiques and historic houses, making her a natural Renfrew volunteer. Since joining our staff in 1998, she has assisted with the Antique Appraisal, Annual Park Clean-up and decorating for the Yuletide program.

Patti is employed with the Washington County Mental Health Authority. She is also a full-time student at Shippensburg University where she is currently six classes shy of her Bachelors of Social Work degree. Upon graduation, she wishes to continue her career in social work with the adult population.

On top of all of her professional, educational and volunteer commitments, Patti is also a new homeowner. All of us at Renfrew are grateful that she is able fit us into her very hectic schedule.

**M**artina Pfeuffer has the distinction of being Renfrew Museum's first Student Historian. She is an eighth grade student at Waynesboro Middle School where she is involved in many different activities, including music and theatre.

Martina enjoys spending time at Renfrew walking the trails and imagining what life might have been like here in the past. She enjoys dressing up in different types of period clothing to interpret history. According to Martina, "the younger generation has the ability to make history fun for themselves, if they want to."

## Let's Put You In the Spotlight Renfrew's Volunteers - Continued

Over the last year, each issue of the *der Wetterhahn* has featured short articles on some of the wonderful people who contribute their time and talents to Renfrew Museum and Park. Eventually, we hope to give all of Renfrew's volunteers their their turn "In The Spotlight."

If you have an interest in history, perhaps you might like spending a few hours each month guiding our visitors through the Museum. We also have need for individuals to assist with all kinds of different projects. As you might imagine, right now, our emphasis is on decorating the Museum for the holiday season!

If you have an interest in Renfrew and a bit of free time, why not become involved? For our 25th year of operation, we are inviting people to "Rediscover Renfrew." Join us in the new century, and let us put you "In The Spotlight," too!

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While at Renfrew in her "official capacity," Martina assists Shirley Baker, Director of Visitor Services, with the various aspects of our student tours. She likes children and this really shows as she helps conduct historic games and serves as Shirley's assistant with living history tours of the herb garden and the creation of old fashioned "black" toothpaste.

During Waynesboro's Bicentennial celebration in 1997, Martina participated in the special Fashion Show. Her rendition of the Renfrew Girl won her the award for Best of Show! Her love of history also takes her to the Oller House where she often volunteers along with her mother. While there, she sometimes exercises her artistic abilities sketching historic costumes.

Martina says she would like to pursue some kind of a career that includes photography, possibly as a teacher. For now, we are glad to have her cheerful spirit at Renfrew helping bring history to life for our young guests.







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## Renfrew Tidbits- Stream Bank Stabilization: A Lasting Memorial

Renfrew Museum and Park is pleased to announce that the stream bank stabilization project, begun this past summer and slated for completion later this fall, has been dedicated to the memory of **William J. Francis**.

As many Friends of Renfrew are well aware, Bill left us in April of 1992 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Thurmont. After his death, his family designated Renfrew Museum and Park as the recipient of his memorial contributions. Over the course of the following year, more than 50 contributors sent funds in Bill's name totaling over \$2,000. Some of these funds were used initially to help create the Memorial Trail near the Fahnestock House. The majority of the fund, however, was held for a future project.

This dedication seems like a natural match. According to parents, Bruce and Delores Francis, "Bill began fishing at Renfrew at about the age of 3, and from age 10 or 11 until his graduation, he spent countless hours fishing in the stream." Bill was a true outdoorsman; he hunted and trapped, but fishing was his real love. His parents recall an incident where he was fishing at Renfrew at the slate ridge, and asked for their attention. Moments later he pulled a trout from the stream using nothing but his bare hands!

Bill and his friends were young conservationists, particularly at Renfrew where they often spent time doing clean-up projects. "They were not opposed to



Bruce & Delores Francis stand above the recent stream-bank stabilization work done at Renfrew. Later this fall, additional stone work will be done at the two deflectors, just past this area. The improvements are being done by Jeff Smith.

## Renfrew Memorials Gifts for the Future

politely asking others, even adults, to pick up their own trash," states Bruce.

Bill was concerned about ecology in general and focused his energy on maintaining and improving the things around him. Having spent some time working outside this area, he was well aware that not every town had a public place like Renfrew.



Bill and Delores have come to view their son as a gift they had for 24 years. Bill certainly loved Renfrew and considered the stream a very special place. This current repair and maintenance work is really a gift for the future. The project will help insure that subsequent generations have the same opportunities at Renfrew that Bill enjoyed so much. It seems only fitting that this stream bank stabilization work be dedicated to the memory of William J. Francis.

This dedication came about through discussions held during meetings of Renfrew's Park Committee. This group meets several times each year to discuss issues related to the maintenance and improvement of the park and its buildings. Committee recommendations are then forwarded to Renfrew's Boards of Directors for action.

Over the last year, this group has studied various ways to recognize memorial contributions and other significant donations made to Renfrew Museum and Park. At some point, a "Memorial Book" will be created to honor all contributions. The Book will likely be housed in the Visitors Center where it may be viewed by the general public.

**Thank you to all who contributed to the William J. Francis memorial. For more information on memorial contributions at Renfrew Museum and Park, please write or call.**





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## Renfrew Tidbits The Perfect Christmas Gift!

The staff of Renfrew Museum and Park will help you take the guesswork out of gift giving this holiday season. Treat your friends and family to a present they can enjoy all year long - membership in the **Friends of Renfrew Museum and Park!**

If you purchase a gift membership between now and Christmas, we will send the recipient a special holiday gift card bearing your name as part of their introductory membership package. If you place your order in November, we will also include an invitation to Renfrew's traditional Yuletide Celebration on Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th. This annual holiday gala is the perfect way to introduce a new member to the Museum.

All membership categories include complimentary Museum admission for members during normal hours of business, a one year subscription to to Renfrew's quarterly newsletter, *der Wetterhahn* (the Weathervane) and personal invitations to our exhibition previews and special programs. All membership categories above the level of Individual also include a provision for bringing guests with you on your complimentary Museum tours. Life, Bell Society and Curator's Associates levels also have additional benefits and special characteristics. Please call the Museum for additional information on these programs.

All memberships in the Friends of Renfrew Museum and Park are tax-deductible as allowed by law. With our

## Renfrew Tidbits "Updates"

### RENFREW ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG ON TAP

The Cumberland Valley Archaeological Society Chapter 27 of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc., which holds its monthly meetings at Renfrew, will be conducting a new project at the Park this fall. Beginning on November 7th, the Society will execute a series of "test pit" digs at Renfrew with the ultimate goal of finding one or more of the original log structures that once stood on the farmstead. Once discovered, the Society will then conduct a full-scale dig on the site as part of our 25th Anniversary Celebration.

The Society, which was featured in a past issue of *der Wetterhahn*, is an all volunteer organization. The test digs will continue each Sunday this fall, weather permitting. New members are always welcome. Please call either Renfrew Museum or Archaeological Society President, Doug Stine, for additional information.

25th Anniversary year just around the corner, there has never been a better time to become involved in Renfrew or renew a former interest in the Museum and Park.

If you would like to give a holiday gift of membership in Renfrew, please complete the form below. Mail it to us with payment and a note stating how you would like your gift card addressed - we will take care of the rest and send you a receipt as well. Thank you for thinking of Renfrew, and Happy Holidays!



### Renfrew Museum and Park

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### FRIENDS OF RENFREW - Application for Annual Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional Information:*

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Categories

Life \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Bell Society\* \_\_\_\_\_

Curator's Associates\* \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Student (ages 6-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_

(Endowment Fund Donations help to build Renfrew's future. They are invested for long-term growth, not incorporated into our operating budget). Bell Society and Curator's Associates are categories with unique benefits and characteristics. Please call for more information.

Please send me information on volunteer opportunities at Renfrew: \_\_\_\_\_





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**Christmas Help Noted...and Wanted!**

Renfrew is pleased to acknowledge the following individuals and organizations for making a commitment to help decorate the Museum for the Yuletide season. If you catch the holiday spirit early, give us a call and we will be glad to add you to this list!

Blue Ridge Garden Club: *Virginia Rahn* (coordinator), *Pat Muir*, *Elaine Larson*, *Helen Cobb*, *Joyce Maurer*, *Eunice Statler*, *Angela Rockshriver*, *Linda Lundy* & *Inez Lewis*.

*Maggie Cisar* (and associates, *Selina* & *Nina*), *Judy Bricker* (and *Friends and kin*), *Nancy Savage*, *Louise Kyser* (Chairperson of Decorations), *Shirley Baker*, *Phoebe Hauber*, *Louise and Harry Morningstar*, *Blanche Dukehart*, *Mary Bittner* & *Patti Ridenour*.

**From Tin to Gone With The Wind: Early Lighting Devices** is the final historical display of 1999 in Renfrew's Changing Exhibition Gallery. This exhibition features approximately four dozen different antique lighting devices, ranging in age from about 1750 to 1870. If you have not yet seen the display, you still have one more chance. Although we close for the season at the end of October, the Museum will be open for tours on the day of the Antique Appraisal Program, Saturday, November 6th. Stop by for a tour; it's well worth your time!



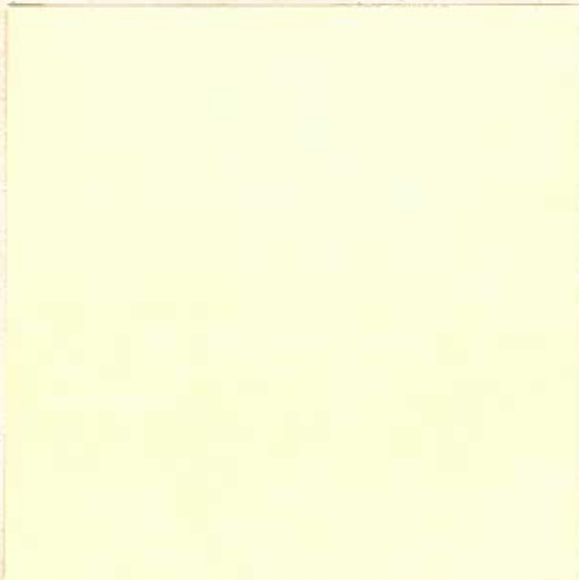
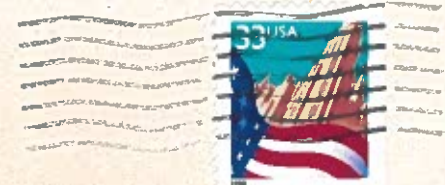
Special thanks to the following individuals who graciously loaned their antique lighting devices for this exhibition: *Anthony Hann*, *David Thomas*, *John McClellan*, *Jean Woods*, *John & David Hykes*, *Emma Lohman*, *Mr. & Mrs. John Frantz*, *Mr. & Mrs. Terry Martin*, and *Rebecca Dietrich*.

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