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RENFREW SET TO KICK OFF 25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR PREVIEW OF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2000

Welcome to the new Millennium! With the new century comes a new chapter in the history of Renfrew Museum and Park as we celebrate the institution's first 25 years of public service. This first quarterly newsletter for the year summarizes some of the activities that took place during the final months of 1999, and offers an early glimpse on what is planned for our special celebratory season. We have added some new programs for the year, particularly a series of speakers, conducted jointly between

Renfrew Museum and Renfrew Institute, and sponsored in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. The offering is entitled, the "Rediscover Renfrew Program Series." It is based on subjects that are at the core of Renfrew's history and mission. Over the year we will feature speakers on topics such as: Caring for Your Antiques and Treasures, What Makes An Object Collectible, Renfrew's Gardens, Furniture and Decorative Arts From The Collections and a Humanities sponsored series on Pennsylvania German Culture. Our changing galleries will also focus on Renfrew, and our first quarter century of history with displays that showcase some of our hidden treasures. In addition, a special photographic exhibition entitled "The Making of A Museum," will show what Renfrew Museum was like prior to its public opening in 1975. We hope our schedule includes something for everyone!

Please make plans to join us in 2000. Over the last 25 years, Renfrew has undergone dramatic restoration and growth. Our past success is a credit to the Friends of Renfrew and the continued support you have shown. The Museum and Park are here for all to enjoy and we welcome your presence and ideas. You are invited to help us as we set the path for the next 25 years of Renfrew history.

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Renfrew's Victorian era PA- German Bank Barn in Winter by Waynesboro artist, Robert Morrow. This, and many other Renfrew originals will be on display in the Museum's Changing Gallery from the end of April to





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Calendar of Events - 2000 25th Anniversary Year

The following is a tentative list of events for Renfrew Museum and Park for the year 2000. Some programs, such as speakers sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, have not yet been confirmed. All dates are correct at the time of printing. Any changes or additions will be noted in the Spring issue of *der Wetterhahn*. Please mark your calendar now and make plans to join us over the course of the year!

March 16th (Thursday), 7:00 pm. *"The Pennsylvania Dutch: 17th Century to Today," a Pennsylvania Humanities Council Program featuring David Valuska, Ph.D., Director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University.* The program will discuss the immigration years from 1683 to 1808 and trace the patterns of groups coming from Germany, France, Switzerland and Austria. The theological differences among the various German religious groups and distinctions between church people and the varying sects - Mennonites, Amish, Brethren, Schwenfelders and Moravians are also program topics. The lecture will also cover Pennsylvania German culture and traditions that endure today. **Please note: this is a requested program date; it must be confirmed by the Humanities Council and the presenter. If you are interested in attending his program, please call ahead for confirmation.* Thank you.

March 18th (Saturday), 11:00 am. *Natural Egg Dying Workshop.* Last year's popular favorite returns! Join Shirley Baker in the Museum's classroom and decorate some Easter eggs in time for the holiday. There is a small fee for materials and space is limited. Call for your reservations today!

March 25th (Saturday) 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Renfrew's Annual Clean-up Day. Join the staff, board and Friends of Renfrew Museum as we spend the day preparing the grounds for Spring. We welcome volunteers of all ages to help us rake leaves, remove debris from the picnic grounds and tidy-up around the Fahnestock complex. Please bring your own hand tools, gloves and energetic spirit; we'll supply the refreshments.

April 1st (Saturday) 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Renfrew Museum and Park's Second Annual Spring Gardening Symposium. Get ready for spring with a series of speakers in our Visitors Center and demonstrators and vendors outside. This is the perfect opportunity to find out what's new in gardening for 2000. Please call the Museum office in March for a symposium schedule.

April 22nd (Saturday), 1:00 pm. Join the Brothers of

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the Brush as they hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Renfrew Park. Admission is open to all and there is no charge.

April 28th (Friday), 7:00 pm. Exhibition Preview for Friends of Renfrew. Join us at the Museum as we preview a special series of works by Waynesboro artist, Robert Morrow. Our changing gallery will be filled with a collection of paintings, most done within the last few years, that cover the architecture and natural beauty of Renfrew Museum and Park. Renfrew is proud to offer this outstanding gallery display as its first exhibition of 2000; what an appropriate way to begin our 25th Anniversary Celebration!

April 29th & 30th (Saturday and Sunday). The Museum opens for the season with our annual Spring Fest Weekend. Take a step back in time as Renfrew turns back the clock to the 19th century. On hand will be dozens of traditional craftspeople demonstrating their techniques and offering their wares. This program includes everything from blacksmiths to sheepshearers! There is no charge for admission and Renfrew Museum will be open for complimentary tours.

May 4th (Thursday), 7:00 pm. *"The Pennsylvania German Farmhouse," a Pennsylvania Humanities Council Program featuring Irwin Richman, Ph.D., Professor of American Studies and History, Penn State University, Harrisburg.* "Why do German houses often have two front doors?" During this presentation, Irwin Richman will answer this and many other puzzling questions about the distinctive PA German farmhouse. In this slide-illustrated presentation, he explores the continental origin of the unique house forms and traces them as they have been adapted over the years. **Please note: this is a requested program date; it must be confirmed by the Humanities Council and the presenter. Please call ahead for confirmation.*

June 1st (Thursday), 7:00 pm. *"The Pennsylvania Germans: 'A Persistent Minority'," a Pennsylvania Humanities Council Program featuring John B. Frantz, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Penn State University, University Park.* Arriving in Pennsylvania as early as 1683, PA Germans came in ever-larger numbers throughout the Colonial Period. Often called "Dutch" - probably because immigration officials mistranslated the word "Deutsche," which really meant "German" - this "persistent minority" has preserved its distinctive culture for over three centuries. John Frantz focuses on the background of German and



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Swiss emigration, the settler's development in PA, and the preservation of PA-German culture. **Please note: this is a requested program date; it must be confirmed by the Humanities Council and the presenter. Please call ahead for confirmation.* Thank you.

June 30th - July 2nd (Friday - Sunday). The Society for Creative Anachronism returns to Renfrew for the weekend with its Renaissance Fair. Please call for details on this fascinating program that will take you back in time.

August 11th - 13th (Friday - Sunday). Civil War Encampment weekend. Join us for the annual Encampment of the 139th Pennsylvania Infantry at Renfrew Museum and Park. A special feature of this year's encampment will be a "barn dance" on Saturday evening featuring period music and atmosphere. Please call for a schedule of demonstrations and events.

September 2nd (Saturday), 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Cumberland Valley Guild of Craftsmen's Annual Show. Visit Renfrew for this juried show and shop for some of the finest crafts in the county.

October 21st (Saturday), Annual Pumpkin Festival. This program, co-sponsored by Renfrew Museum and Renfrew Institute, returns after a one year hiatus. Let's hope for a good pumpkin crop!

November 4th (Saturday), 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Renfrew's highly successful Antique Appraisal Day returns for the third year. Bring in your antiques and collectibles for an honest evaluation from our friendly and knowledgeable appraisal staff.

November 18th (Saturday). Renfrew's Annual Open Hearth Thanksgiving. This program offers participants a chance to learn about the Thanksgiving traditions of our ancestors while enjoying a delicious meal. Space is limited. Call the Museum for reservations or additional program information.

December 2nd - 3rd (Saturday & Sunday) Renfrew's annual Yuletide Christmas Program. Details to follow in subsequent newsletters.

Renfrew will also be hosting a *Gingerbread House Making Seminar* sometime in November. This program will coincide with the Gingerbread House Contest held in conjunction with the Yuletide Christmas celebration.

In The Spotlight Yuletide Christmas Review

Renfrew wishes to offer a sincere thank you to the following individuals or organizations for helping make our annual Yuletide Program a success. Your volunteer support of this event is greatly appreciated.

Louise Kyser	Nancy Savage	Louse Morningstar
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The Kitchenaires	The Waynnares	M/M LeRoy Maxwell
Hodie Recorder Ensemble		Little Heiskel Ringers

Gingerbread House Contest

Judges: *Mike Mahr*, Executive Chef, Grove Worldwide and *Jeff Mace*, Proprietor - Parlor House Restaurant

Prize Winners: Best of Show/Adult 1st Prize - *Jenifer Bliemeister*, Waynesboro; First Place Family - *Davis Family*, Chambersburg; First Place Age 6-12 - *Cory Davis*, Chambersburg; First Place Age 12-16 - *Martina A. Pfeuffer*, Waynesboro; Visitor's Choice Award - *Maggie & Molly Serpi*, Waynesboro. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who participated in this contest. We are glad you were a part of our Christmas celebration. Your hard work is much appreciated!



"Fixer-Upper" Gingerbread House made by sisters Maggie and Molly Serpi of Waynesboro. This house, winner of the "Visitors Choice Award," was created from the pieces of a larger, more elaborate structure that collapsed during assembly! The creative sisters added a "For Sale Cheap" sign along with a realtor's card and made the best of the situa-



Friends of Renfrew Museum and Park, 1999 - 2000

Renfrew Museum and Park is pleased to publish its membership roster for 1999-2000. This list includes everyone who is a "paid" Friend of Renfrew. It is an alphabetical list, not broken down by category or level of giving. Many thanks to everyone who contributes to our effort. We rely on your support for many of our activities and programs.

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As we begin our 25th anniversary celebration, we would like to ask for your help. It is our hope to make 2000 the year that people in the community "Rediscover Renfrew" and all that the Museum and Park have to offer. When you are finished with your newsletter, please pass it along to a family member, neighbor or friend. As a Friend of Renfrew, you are our best ambassador in the community. Thank you in advance for helping us spread the word.



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(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.



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“Renfrew Tidbits” - Collections Inventory Project

Collections Inventory Project: During the last year, Jeffrey Bliemeister, Museum Curator, began working on an inventory of all the objects in the permanent collection. Each object is being recorded and documented with a photograph from Renfrew’s digital camera. Do date, approximately 1,000 of the Museum’s estimated 4,000 objects have been completed. Assisting Jeffrey on a regular basis are Alice McCleaf and Richard Mohn. Many thanks to these individuals and all others who have contributed to this project which is slated for completion by the end of the summer. Look for some “newly cataloged” objects in this season’s series of temporary exhibitions.

Long Range Planning Committee Formed

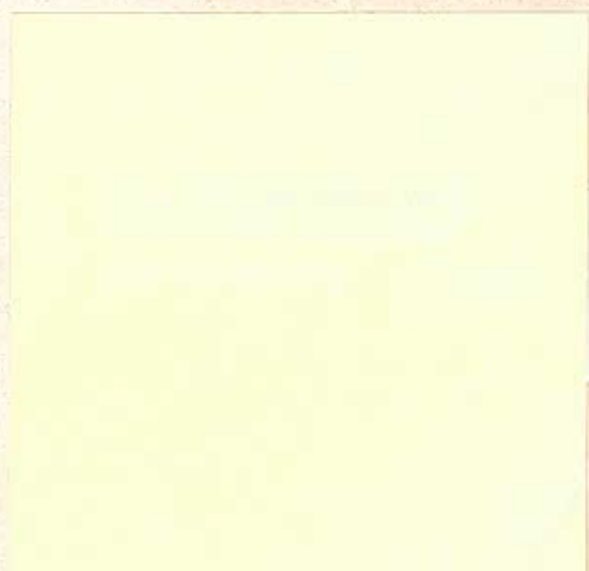
To help plan for Renfrew’s future, a long range planning committee was recently formed. This group will work on establishing project priorities and possible timelines for implementation at the Museum and Park. The committee, which will meet about 4 times per year, will serve as a working segment of Renfrew Committee, Incorporated, offering recommendations to the managing boards of directors. Thank you to the following individuals who have agreed to serve on this body: Kinney Stouffer (RCI President), George Buckey, Maggie Cisar, Jeff Mace, T. O. Moore, David Hykes, Alice McCleaf, John Frantz, and Jeffrey Bliemeister



Renfrew’s front porch is currently undergoing a major renovation. The project is scheduled for completion this spring.

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