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Spring 2001

RENFREW SET TO OPEN ON APRIL 22nd

Earth Celebration Day & Community Open House Kick-Off 2001

Renfrew will begin its season in grand fashion with **Earth Celebration Day** and a **Community Open House** on Sunday, April 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Admission is free and everyone is invited to come out and help us open the 2001 season!

Earth Celebration Day is an annual event at Renfrew. This year, we have combined this Institute program with our Spring Museum opening. Due to the weather on

April 7th, the Institute's **Fun Fly** will also be held on the 22nd, making for a full day of family fun!

Some of the items on our opening day schedule include: environmental exhibits, great music, a foodstand by the Waynesboro Area School Band Auxiliary, Free Tours of Renfrew Museum, featuring an exhibition by the Waynesboro Studio Club, and a School Clothesline Exhibit.



Slim Harrison brings his "Good Time Mountain Music" as part of our Earth Celebration Day 2001 at Renfrew Museum and Park.

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This program is sponsored by Renfrew Institute for Cultural & Environmental Studies and Renfrew Museum and Park. It is underwritten in part by *IESI PA Corporation, Curbside Incorporated, and the Franklin County Planning Commission*. For more information, please contact the Institute at 717-762-0373 or the Museum at 762-4723.



Becky Dietrich holds one of her works that will be on display at Renfrew as part of the Waynesboro Studio Club's Gallery Exhibition. The exhibit will begin with the Museum's opening on April 22nd and run through the end of June.



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Staff & Board Changes

- Tammy Wetzel Joins Renfrew's Staff -

Renfrew is pleased to announce that Tammy Wetzel of the Blue Ridge Summit/Waynesboro area has joined the staff as Supervisor of Visitor Services. She has been a life-long resident of this area and graduated from the Waynesboro Area Senior High School in 1993. Upon graduation, Tammy went on to Hagerstown Junior College and Shippensburg University to receive a Bachelor's Degree in History/Secondary Education in 1997. She substituted in various school districts around the area and decided to return to Shippensburg in order to acquire her Master's Degree in History, which she received in the Spring of 2000.

During her Master's program with Shippensburg, Tammy was involved in an internship with the Waynesboro Historical Society and at the Nicodemus Center for Ceramic Studies, stationed at the Mont Alto Campus of Penn State. During her time at these two places, she was involved in archaeological work, helping to create a database for cataloging old newspapers, arranging files to be used in setting up an historical district in Waynesboro, archival work, and genealogical projects. Through working at these two establishments, Tammy had shifted her career goals to pursuing a career in museum work. Upon graduation from Shippensburg, she continued to substitute but also found a seasonal position at Gathland State Park in Maryland. During her time there, the park won the right to become the first State Battlefield Park in Maryland.

Tammy has recently moved to Waynesboro with her fiancée, Philip A. Mickley, Jr. He is employed at NVR, Northern Virginia Ryan



Homes, in Thurmont, Maryland. Their wedding date is set for May 12, 2001. When she is not at Renfrew, Tammy enjoys hiking, visiting family and friends, reading, swimming and shooting pool.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Tammy as you attend Renfrew's programs this Spring and Summer. She is really looking forward to meeting and working with our dedicated volunteers and friends.

Staff & Board Changes Continued Calendar of Events

Renfrew's management body, Renfrew Committee, Incorporated held its reorganizational meeting in March. During the session, Borough and Bank board member appointments were announced, and board members selected their alternates and representatives to serve on the Renfrew Executive Committee. Below is a listing of Renfrew's Boards of Directors for 2001-2002.

Renfrew Committee, Inc.

Directors

John W. Keller, President * Vick Jo Huff, Vice President
George Buckey * Becky Dietrich * Delmos Oldham
Ardie Winters * Open Seat (member to be appointed)

Alternates

Willard Rahn * Thomas O. Moore * James Oliver * Alice McCleaf * Richard Starliper * David Hykes * Open Seat

Donald Bollinger, Treasurer * Alice McCleaf, Secretary

Renfrew Executive Committee

David Hykes, Chairman * Matthew S. Hurley * George Buckey * Becky Dietrich * Thomas Moore * Delmos Oldham * Willard Rahn

The staff and boards of directors of Renfrew Museum and Park wish to acknowledge the resignation of former RCI President, Kinney Stouffer. Kinney was the first President of RCI and was instrumental in the creation of Renfrew's management body when it was incorporated in 1996. Thank you, Kinney, for your leadership and dedication to Renfrew.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RENFREW

- * Renfrew Fun Fly - Saturday, April 7th (*postponed to 4-22*)
- * Earth Day Celebration & Community Open House
Sunday, April 22nd
- * Bird Walks at Renfrew - Saturday Mornings in April
and May - 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- * Renfrew Institute Bay Supper - Saturday, June 23rd
- * Society for Creative Anachronism's Renaissance Faire
Saturday and Sunday, June 30th and July 1st
- * Civil War Encampment at Renfrew - Friday, Saturday
and Sunday, August 10th-12th
- * Cumberland Valley Guild of Craftsman Show
Saturday, September 1st
- * Pumpkin Festival - Saturday, October 20th



☆ In The Spotlight - Volunteers ☆
 Bridge Rails Replaced

Renfrew is pleased to announce that the side rails on the foot bridge over the Antietam were recently replaced by a volunteer work crew led by Bill Shank. Joining Bill in the installation of the rails were: John Frantz, George Buckey, Jim Oliver, David Hykes and George Kirk. Working as a team, this group replaced both bridge side rails in one morning.

All of us at Renfrew are grateful to Bill and the crew for completing this project. Replacement of these bridge rails had been on our list of needed park improvements for many years. The former railings were not wide enough to allow some of our park maintenance equipment to pass over the bridge. Due to this limitation, Renfrew staff had to drive mowers and leaf collection equipment along Route 16 to access the lower areas of the Park. In addition, the design of the existing rails did not prevent visitors from walking and sitting on the outside edge of the bridge, posing a potential safety risk. The previous rails were installed years ago with the intent that they would serve as a temporary safety feature until a more permanent system could be designed and constructed.

Bill did the design and fabrication work for the rails at his home. Renfrew supplied the materials. The various sections were then delivered to Renfrew semi-assembled where they received a treatment of water sealer. The six men completed the entire installation in a single morning.

Please make a point of checking out this improvement the next time you visit Renfrew. You will be surprised at how different the bridge looks now! In one move, these volunteers improved the park's safety, accessibility and general appearance. Thanks again to these Friends of Renfrew for a job well done!



The volunteer crew that installed new bridge railings at Renfrew. From left to right: George Kirk, George Buckey, Bill Shank, David Hykes and John Frantz (Jim Oliver is absent).

☆ In The Spotlight ☆
 Clean-up Day 2001

Renfrew Clean-up Day 2001 is now a part of history. Once again the weather was cooperative and so were our volunteers! We are thrilled to report that over 40 people turned out to help over the course of the day. Thanks to this great response, we were able to clean many areas of the park.

Listed below is a roster of those who signed in for the event. We apologize in advance to anyone we missed! Special thanks also go out to **Ken Pryor** of Waynesboro Tree Service for use of his skid loader, **Martins Food Store** and **Wayne Distributors** for donating soda, and **Becky Dietrich** for photography.



Volunteer Workers - Clean-up Day 2001

Jeff, Max & Emily Bliemeister, Danny Blount, Don & Dorothy Bollinger, Cameron & Judy Bricker, Kim Bricker, George Buckey, George Crouch, Phyllis Croson, Christopher Firme, John, Jean, Louise & Harrison Frantz, Doris Goldman, Dwight Hastings, David Hykes, Edgar Hykes, John W. Keller, George Kirk, Dennis Kuhn, Frank Larson, Alice McCleaf, Mary Mahr, Tom Moore, Debbie & Bill Pflager, Willard Rahn, Amber, Angela, Austin and Donna Rock, Ashlee, Kellee & Daniel Schade, Melodie Anderson-Smith, Eunice Statler, Roy Stoner, Jeffrey & Andy Teets.





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Renfrew To Receive PCC Grant For Fahnestock Restoration

We are delighted to report that Renfrew Museum and Park is the recipient of a Pennsylvania Conservation Corps grant for 2001-2002. This grant, will bring a work crew of young adults to Renfrew for one year to restore the Fahnestock House and complete a series of other site improvement, historic preservation and environmental protection projects throughout the Park. The grant also provides \$20,000 in funds for training and supplies.

According to the Pennsylvania Labor and Industry Secretary, 1.2 million dollars has been earmarked for 15 PCC projects across the state. Renfrew and the Tayamentasachta Environmental Education Center in Greencastle are the two sites in Franklin County that will host a work crew beginning this July.

The PCC was formed in 1984 as a part of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Its mission is to develop the workplace skills, life skills and self-confidence of corpsmembers and instill an ethic of citizenship through the completion of significant conservation and historical preservation projects of public benefit.

PCC Corpsmembers are Pennsylvania residents - both men and women - between the ages of 18 and 25. Members typically complete a year of service then leave the Corps for positive reasons; many find outside employment, others enter the military or return to school. During the course of their time at a work site, Corpsmembers receive on-the-job training in carpentry, masonry, landscaping and other trades. In addition, they are also offered services such as adult literacy tutoring, life skills training, vocational education and job search workshops. While at Renfrew, the crew members will be treated as adjunct staff members, interpreting historic preservation and environmental protection to our visitors.

The Fahnestock House, one of the key restoration projects to be undertaken by Renfrew's PCC work crew beginning this July. Once completed, the House will see immediate use for Renfrew Institute school programs and special events.



PCC Grant - Continued -

In addition to the restoration of the Fahnestock House, PCC Crew members will also construct and install animal stalls in the Fahnestock Barn (top, right), repair shutters and doors on the Museum House, construct educational stations along our hiking trails and complete streambank stabilization projects.



Renfrew's staff and boards of directors are excited to have this opportunity to work with the PCC. We hope you will join us this Summer in welcoming our work crew!



**HELP
WANTED!**



Renfrew Museum and the PCC are looking for a Crew Leader for our upcoming grant projects. The Crew Leader directs a team of young adults in preservation, site improvement and environmental projects at Renfrew Museum and Park.

The job begins in July of 2001 and goes for one year. It is full-time with a pay rate of approximately 10 dollars per hour. Interested individuals should have some general experience or background in the construction and building trades, and an interest in sharing their skills with enthusiastic young men and women.

All interested parties are invited to apply. Please contact Jeffrey Bliemeister, Curator or John Frantz, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at Renfrew Museum (762-4723) for more information. Thank you Friends of Renfrew, for helping us spread the word about this unique and exciting opportunity.



Renfrew Tidbits Park Update - Calling All Dog Owners

Renfrew is the only public park in Waynesboro that allows visitors to bring their dogs. The rules are simple: dogs must be on a controlled leash at all times, and owners must cleanup after their pets (Renfrew is a carry-in, carry-out park). Most people who visit the park with their pets obey these rules, helping to make Renfrew clean and safe for all.

However, some of our visitors are not as strict as they should be when it comes to monitoring their pets. Staff regularly discovers dog droppings on the trails and in areas that are used by children visiting with school groups. It's not hard to imagine the mess and embarrassment that is caused when a visitor comes into accidental contact with a pet's droppings. This situation is even worse when the person is a child.



Above: Sign that is to be placed in Renfrew Park to raise awareness of dog owner's responsibilities.

Renfrew Tidbits Renfrew's Wish List

As part of our long range planning, the staff and boards of Renfrew have compiled a master list of repairs that need to be done on the buildings and items we need to better do our job. Beginning with this issue of *der Wetterhahn*, we will run a list of our needs.

Renfrew's needs come in all shapes and sizes. Some items must be purchased new, while others *need* to be old. We also need manpower! Please review the list below (**and continued on page 6**). All contributions to Renfrew are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Thanks for your help!

- *Chain Saw, 18inch (new or used)
- *Bubble Glass for Museum Window Panes
- *Fiberglass Step Ladder, 4 to 5 foot (new or used)
- *Metal Folding Chairs
- *Oak Show Case for Gift Shop Use
- *Matching Antique Style Lights for Museum Porches

To help combat this problem, Renfrew is set to begin using the sign shown to the left. This message, produced on cardboard stock, will be attached to a plastic stake and placed at various points throughout the park.

Thank you to all of you who already assume responsibility for your pets. We appreciate your help in maintaining Renfrew Park. We hope all Friends of Renfrew will help us spread the word. It is our desire to keep the park clean, safe and inviting for all who visit - including dogs!

Renfrew Museum and Park

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FRIENDS OF RENFREW - Application for Annual Membership

Name _____ Address _____ City/Town _____ State and Zip Code _____ Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Membership Categories</i></p> Life \$1,000 _____ Bell Society* _____ Curator's Associates* _____ Sustaining \$125 _____ Family \$50 _____ Donor \$25 _____ Individual \$15 _____ Student (ages 6-15) \$5 _____ 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.
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Please send me information on volunteer opportunities at Renfrew: _____



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RENFREW WISH LIST 2001

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**Wooden Shutters for Fahnestock House and Museum (sponsorship to have them reproduced) *Volunteer Tour Guides *Maintenance Assistant (paid position to assist the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds) * PCC Work Crew Leader (paid position - see story on page 4) - please call the Museum at 762-4723 and ask to speak with either Jeff Bliemeister, Curator or John Frantz, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, for additional information on the two jobs listed above.*

PAVILION RESERVATIONS

Renfrew is now taking pavilion reservations for the 2001 season. Our pavilion is the perfect place to hold a family reunion, church event, wedding reception or community program. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to call now while summer space is still available.



Becky Dietrich, Renfrew's Volunteer Gift Shop Manager, with some of the items she recently procured for our gift show case. Becky reorganized the gift shop last year and it is now full of Renfrew souvenirs and objects made by local craftspeople. Please stop in the Visitors Center and have a look at what Becky has done. You will like what you see!

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